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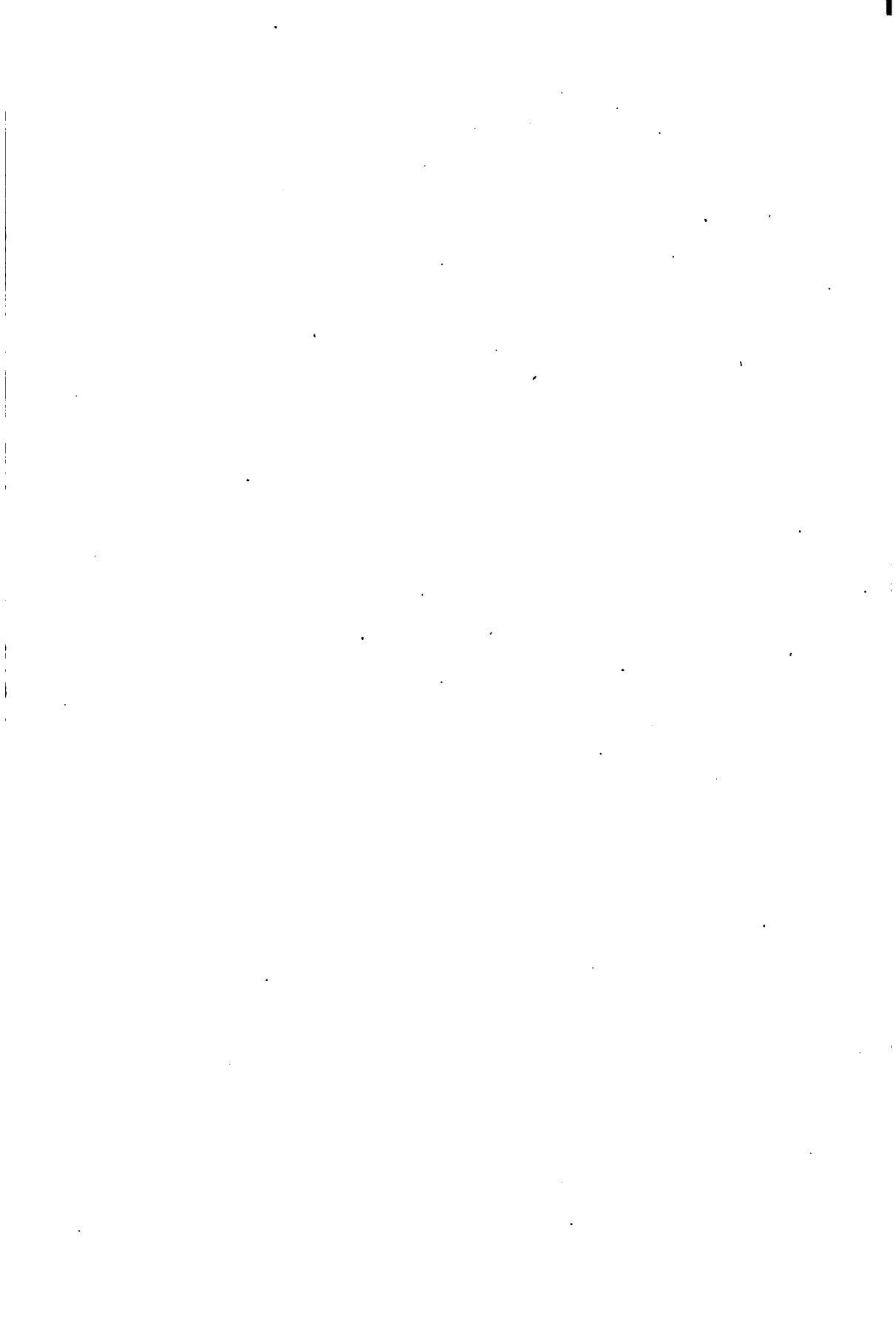


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WITH THE JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY FROM MAY 18, 1778,
TO APRIL 28, 1780,
AND
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PREFACE.

This publication comprises the record of eight sessions of the General Assembly of Connecticut, between May, 1778. and May, 1780, and contains the remaining hitherto unprinted portion of volume one of the manuscript *Records of the State of Connecticut*, with the April session of 1780 from volume two. The records of the Council of Safety for the two years are also included, arranged in the same manner as in the former printed volume.

The record of the ordinary Council is not known to exist.

From May, 1779, the journals of the Lower House of the General Assembly are in our archives. The journals of the Upper House are not preserved.

I suspect that sundry of the errata mentioned on page 580 may be accounted for by the fact that the record is not always in the handwriting of Secretary Wyllys himself.

The journal of the Hartford Convention, printed in the appendix, is from the Rhode Island archives. The recommendations of the convention were published in some of the newspapers of that time.

The journal of the Philadelphia Convention is from the archives of Massachusetts and I am indebted for it to the kindness of C. B. Tillinghast, Esq., the State Librarian. I do not know that it has before been printed. It was not practicable to accomplish the object for which the convention was called.

My attention has been drawn to the following resolution found in our archives, *Revolutionary War*, viii, doc. 242, which, though regularly passed in the latter part of October session, 1777, as appears by the memoranda of the Secretary and of the clerk of the Lower House subjoined to it, for some reason not clearly apparent, was not entered on the record. It does not seem to have been repealed. The resolution is in the handwriting of Roger Sherman, and is endorsed :

Bill granting Liberty to Sandemanian Disciples to abide in this State upon Parol or depart with their Families.

Oct. 1777.
p. u. h. 30 p. m.
p. l. h.

Whereas it appears to this Assembly that Daniel Humphrys, Titus Smith, Richard Woodhull, Thomas Goold, Joseph Pyncheon, Theophilus

Chamberlain, Benjamin Smith and William Richmond, disciples of the late Robert Sandeman, residing in New Haven, have imbibed an opinion that they owe allegiance to the King of Great Britain, and that they are bound in conscience to yield obedience to his authority, and have signified their desire if they may not continue at New Haven to remove to some place under the dominion of said King:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said persons and each of them may be at liberty to continue in this State upon giving their parole of honor, that they will not do anything injurious to this State or the United States of America, or give any intelligence, aid or assistance to the British officers or forces at war with this and the other United States, or if they decline giving such parole, they with their families, household goods, apparel, and provisions sufficient for their passage, may remove to any place subject to the government of the King of Great Britain, or to New York, now occupied by the said King's troops. Except the daughter of the said Richard Woodhul who is heiress to a considerable real estate in said New Haven descended to her from her mother deceased, who shall not be removed therefrom, but she and her estate shall be under the care and guardianship of William Greenough, Esq', of said New Haven, during her minority.

Pass'd in the Upper House. *Test.* GEORGE WYLLYS, Sectr.
 Concurred in the Lower House. *Test.* BENJA. PAYNE, Clerk.

The fact that it is not recorded was not noticed in time to refer to this resolve in the former printed volume which covered the year 1777.

In one or two instances, as on pages 395 and 399, I have been able to supplement the record from other sources.

HARTFORD, August 30, 1895.

C. J. H.

THE PUBLIC RECORDS
OF THE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MAY (BEING THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH) AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS UNTILL THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT FOLLOWING, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1778.

Present :

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, *Governor.*

The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esquire, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq ^r ,	}	<i>Assistants.</i>
Jabez Huntington, Esq ^r ,		
William Pitkin, Esq ^r ,		
Abraham Davenport, Esq ^r ,		
Joseph Spencer, Esq ^r ,		
Richard Law, Esq ^r ,		
William Williams, Esq ^r ,		

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz. :

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.

Capt. Isaac Pinney, Mr. Samuel Fuller, for Stafford.

Maj^r Gad Stanly, Mr. John Tredwell, for Farmington.

Capt. Reuben Sikes, Mr. Aaron Houghton, for Somers.

Colo. Noah Phelps, Mr. Daniel Humphrey, for Symsbury.

Colo. Nath^l Terry, Mr. Edward Collins, for Enfield.

Mr. Ebenezer White, Colo. John Penfield, for Chatham.

Mr. Gideon Granger, Mr. Phineas Sheldon, for Suffield.

Colo. Solomon Willes, Colo. Samuel Chapman, for Tolland.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Mr. John Dickinson, for Middletown.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Hezekiah Brainerd, for Haddam.
Colo. Jabez Chapman, Capt. Israel Spencer, for East Haddam.
Mr. Samuel Carver jr., Mr. Saul Alvord, for Bolton.
Colo. Henry Champion, Mr. John Waterous, for Colchester.
Capt. Henry Allyn, Colo. Roger Newberry, for Windsor.
Capt. Timothy Pearl, Mr. Seth Crocker, for Willington.
Mr. William Wolcott, Gen' Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Ezek' Williams, Capt. Elizur Goodrich, for Weathersfield.
Mr. Neziah Bliss, Mr. Elijah Kellogg, for Hebron.
Mr. Sam^l Bishop, Mr. Encas Munson, for New Haven.
Capt. Thomas Fenn, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.
Mr. Gideon Buckingham, Capt. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Gen^l James Wadsworth, Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
Gen^l Andrew Ward, Mr. Samuel Robinson, for Guilford.
Mr. Samuel Barker, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Capt. Samuel Street, Capt. John Hough, for Wallingford.
Mr. David Deforest, Mr. Bradford Steel, for Derby.
Mr. Nath^l Shaw jun', Maj' William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Capt. Jabez Perkins, for Norwich.
Colo. William Worthington, Capt. Edward Shipman, for Saybrook.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Mr. Benja. Coit, for Preston.
Colo. Marshfield Parsons, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Capt. John Williams, Mr. Peleg Cheesborough, for Stonington.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Capt. William Williams, for Groton.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Capt. Samuel Gale, for Killingworth.
Mr. Thaddeus Burr, Capt. Samuel Squire, for Fairfield.
Colo. Stephen St. John, Mr. Caleb Raymond, for Norwalk.
Mr. John McKay, Mr. Benja. Mead jun' for Greenwich.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford jr., Mr. William Heron, for Reading.
Capt. Abraham Brinsmade, Capt. Stephen Burroughs, for Stratford.
Colo. Charles Webb, Maj' John Davenport, for Stamford.
Mr. Timothy Keeler, Mr. William Forrester, for Ridgfield.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
Maj' Caleb Baldwin, Capt. Joseph Smith, for Newtown.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell, Mr. John Page, for New Fairfield.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Capt. Ebenez' Mosely, for Windham.
Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, Mr. Jedediah Morse, for Woodstock.
Colo. Jeremiah Mason, Capt. James Pinneo, for Lebanon.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Maj' Elias Buell, for Coventry.
Capt. Benja. Bacon, Capt. Joseph Rainsford, for Canterbury.
Maj' Benja. Clark, Capt. Simeon Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. Simeon Learned, Colo. Wm. Danielson, for Killingley.
Colo. James Gordon, Capt. Robert Dixon, for Voluntown.
Capt. John Weld, Capt. Samuel Craft, for Pomfrett.

Capt. John Cady, Mr. William Robinson, for Plainfield.
 Mr. Constant Southworth, Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
 Maj^r Andrew Adams, Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
 Colo. Increase Mosely, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
 Colo. Joshua Porter, Mr. Hez^k Fitch, for Salisbury.
 Maj^r Ebenezer Gay, Mr. James Parly, for Sharon.
 Maj^r Jethro Hatch, Capt. Joseph Carter, for Kent.
 Mr. Abner Marshall, Mr. Aaron Austin, for Torrington.
 Colo. Benja. Hutchins, Mr. Eleazer Ensign, for Hartland.
 Capt. Samuel Nash, Colo. Ebenezer Norton, for Goshen.
 Capt. Edward Rogers, Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
 Capt. John Wilson, Capt. Daniel Catlin, for Harrington.
 Mr. Samuel Comstock, Mr. Reuben Booth, for New Milford.
 Mr. Timothy Hurlburt, Capt. John Watson, for Canaan.
 Capt. Giles Pettibone, Mr. Hosea Wilcox, for Norfolk.
 Colo. Seth Smith, Maj^r Aaron Austin, for New Hartford.
 Colo. Nathan Denison, Mr. Anderson Dana, for Westmoreland.
 Benjamin Huntington, Esq^r, Speaker } of the House of Repre-
 Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, Clerk } sentatives.

This day being appointed by the laws of this State for the Election of the publick officers of the same, *viz.*: Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Treasurer, and Secretary, proclamation was made in manner accustomed and then the votes of the freemen were given in to the persons appointed by the Assembly to receive, sort and count them and to declare the names of such persons as shall be chosen to any of the forementioned offices, according to law; which persons so appointed were: Jabez Hamlin, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Abraham Davenport, Joseph Spencer, Richard Law, William Williams, Esq^{rs}, Mr. Payne, Colo. Newberry, Mr. Bishop, Gen^l Ward, Colo. Worthington, Capt. Perkins, Colo. Cook, Colo. St. John, Capt. Mosely, Mr. Southworth, Colo. Mosely, Mr. Fitch, and Colo. Denison, who were all sworn to a faithful discharge of that trust. And the votes of the freemen, being brought in, sorted and counted,

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, is chosen Governor of this State for the year ensuing.

The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esquire, is chosen Deputy Governor of this State for the year ensuing.

Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Sheldon,* Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Richard Law, William Williams, and Titus Hosmer, Esquires, were chosen Assistants for the year ensuing.

John Lawrence, Esq^r, is chosen Treasurer of this State for the year ensuing.

* Elisha Sheldon resigned his "public office" Oct. 21, 1778, on account of declining health. *Rev. War*, xiii, 42. He died at Litchfield Sept. 1, 1779, in his 70th year. *Courant*, No. 766.

George Wyllys, Esq^r, is chosen Secretary of this State for the year ensuing.

The Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duly administered to His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, now chosen Governor of the State of Connecticut, who thereupon took the Governor's chair.

The Deputy Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duly administered to the Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, now chosen Deputy Governor of this State, who thereupon took the Deputy Governor's chair.

The Assistant's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duly administered to Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Richard Law, William Williams, and Titus Hosmer, Esquires, now chosen Assistants over this State, who thereupon took their seat at the Council Board.

The Treasurer's oath appointed by the law of this State was duly administered to John Lawrence, Esq^r, now chosen Treasurer of this State.

The Secretary's oath appointed by the law of this State was duly administered to George Wyllys, Esq^r, now chosen Secretary of this State.

Ordered, That Samuel Bishop and Eneas Munson, Esq^{rs}, return the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev^d M^r Chauncey Whittlesey for his sermon delivered before the Assembly on the 14th instant, and desire a copy thereof that it may be printed.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, to be Chief Judge of the Superior Courts in this State for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Pitkin, and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, to be Judges of the Superior Courts in this State for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the County of Hartford for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint James Wadsworth, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the County of New Haven for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the County of New London for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the County of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the County of Windham for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the County of Litchfield for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Zebulon Butler, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the County of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of East Hadam the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Middletown the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Pinney, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stafford for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Whitman, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Farmington for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Owen, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Symsbury for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Whiting, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Elliott, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Guilford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norwich the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stonington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Sturgiss, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Platt Cook, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Williams, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Pomfret the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Sherman, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Woodbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Denison, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Caleb Hall, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Wallingford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Adams, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield during the absence of Gen^l Oliver Wolcott out of this State the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Wolcott, Samuel Talcott, Erastus Wolcott, and Joseph Spencer, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of Peace and Quorum for the County of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Oliver Elsworth, Benjamin Colton, George Pitkin, Jonathan Wells, Elisha Williams, Thomas Belden, Solomon Wells, John Chester, Henry Allyn, Roger Newberry, Peletiah Mills, Daniel Ellsworth, Mathew Talcott, Nathaniel Chauncey, Solomon Whitman, Jared Lee, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee jr., Stephen Hotchkiss, Noadiah Hooker, John Treadwell, Ichabod Norton, John Curtiss, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphrey, Asahel Holcomb, Daniel Humphry, Jabez Brainerd, Joseph Brooks, Nehemiah Brainerd, Elizur Talcott, Jonathⁿ Wells of Glastonbury, Alexander King, John Leavitt, John Harmon jun^r, Jabez Chapman, Dyer Throop, Samuel Huntington (East Haddam), John Chapman, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion of Colchester, Elias Worthington, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert, Neziah Bliss, Ephraim Terry, Edward Collins, Benjamin Talcott, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman, Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, David Sage, Nathaniel Freeman, Ebenezer White, Thomas Pitkin, Reuben Sikes, Roger Riley, Giles Miller, Eliphalet Terry, Peter Reynolds, John Dickinson, Charles Churchill, Elias Williams, Hezekiah Brainerd, Elijah Kellogg, Philip Mortimer, Elijah Tredway, and James Hooker, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of Peace within and for the County of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Bishop jun^r, Samuel Barker, Joseph Hopkins, and Andrew Ward jun^r, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the County of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint James Wadsworth, John Whiting,

Daniel Lyman, Caleb Beecher, Lamberton Smith jun^r, Eneas Munson, William Grenough, David Austin, Thomas Mansfield, Bazil Munson, Ephraim Strong, Gideon Buckingham, John Dibble, Charles French, John Daviss, Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Thomas Clark, James Beard, Thomas Mathews, Timothy Judd, Jonathan Baldwin, Samuel Lewiss, Phineas Royce, Caleb Hall, Aaron Lyman, Reuben Atwater, Oliver Stanley, Caleb Cook, Samuel Beach, Daniel Hall, Nathaniel Ruggles, Timothy Todd, John Burgess, Samuel Brown, Timothy Hill, Josiah Rogers, James Barker, Ebenezer Russell, Edward Russell, Amos Morriss, Isaac Miles, Samuel Treat, John Holbrook, John Hough, Augustus Collins, Dan Johnson, and Eliakim Hall, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace within and for the County of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Coit, William Hillhouse, Elisha Lathrop, and William Noyes, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum within and for the County of New London for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Jonathan Lattimer, John Hemsted, Joshua Raymond, Winthrop Saltonstall, Marvin Wait, Guy Richards, Thomas Mumford, Nathaniel Shaw, William Whiting, Ebenezer Hartshorn, Elisha Fitch, Simon Tracy, Benjamin Huntington, Elijah Backus, Christopher Leffingwell, Samuel Tracy, Rufus Lathrop, Daniel Bishop, Samuel Leffingwell jun^r, Jonathan Huntington, Nehemiah Huntington, Benjamin Coit, Samuel Mott, Robert Crary, Roger Sterry, John Tyler, Jeremiah Halsey, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Nathaniel Minor, Stephen Babcock, Joseph Palmer, Jonathan Palmer jun^r, Peleg Cheeseborough, William Williams of Groton, William Avery, Benaddam Gallop, Robert Geer, Ebenezer Ledyard, David Avery, Samuel Ely, John Lay 2d, Eleazer Mather, Ezra Selden, Moses Warren, John Shipman, Justus Buck, William Worthington, Samuel Field, Aaron Elliott, John Pierson, Hezekiah Lane, George Elliott, Jonathan Brewster, John Avery jun^r, William Denison, William Williams of Stonington, Richard Wait jun^r, Hezekiah Whittlesey, and Benjamin Williams, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of Peace in and for the County of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Robert Fairchild, Joseph Platt Cook, Andrew Rowland, and John Chandler, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum within and for the County of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do [appoint]* John Read, Samuel Adams, Daniel Judson, Daniel Fairchild, Abraham Brinsmade, Stephen Burroughs, Samuel Whiting, David Wilcoxson, Elisha Mills, John Judson, Jonathan Sturgiss, Gold Selleck Sylliman, Samuel Squire, Joseph Strong, Nathan Bulkley, Thaddeus Burr, Abraham Andrews, George Burr,

* The Secretary began to write, but did not finish, the word establish.

Samuel Wakeman, Increase Bradley, Thomas Fitch, Thaddeus Betts, Stephen St. John 2d, Clap Raymond, Samuel Cook, Sylliman, Nathaniel Benedict, Daniel Betts jun^r, Charles Webb, Benjamin Weed, John Davenport jun^r, Abraham Weed, Peter Mead, John Mead, Messenger Palmer, David Wood, Samuel Olmsted, John Benedict, Daniel Cooley, Philip Burr Bradley, Daniel Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Thaddeus Benedict, Ely Mygatt, Lemuel Sanford jun^r, Henry Peck, Jabez Botsford, Caleb Baldwin jun^r, Ephraim Hubbell, Thomas Brush, Nehemiah Beardsley, Alexander Stewart, Zacheus Towner, John Brooks, Daniel Bennet, and Samuel Bradley to be Justices of Peace in and for the County of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Joshua West, Ebenezer Williams, and Ebenezer Devotion, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the County of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gray, Jedidiah Elderkin, Nathaniel Wales jun^r, Hezekiah Manning, Jacob Simons, John Clark, Jonathan Trumbull jun^r, James Pinneo jun^r, Joseph Storrs, John Salter, Constant Southworth, Thomas Moffitt, James Bradford, Phineas Strong, Ephraim Root, Abraham Burnapp, Eliashib Adams, David Payne, Samuel Stewart, James Gordon, Jacob Dresser, Bryant Brown, William Danielson, John Grosvenor, Samuel Craft, Nathan Frink, Samuel Child jun^r, Jedidiah Morse, Charles Church Chandler, Elijah Whiton, Benjamin Sumner, Abner Sessions, Solomon Wales, Elisha Child, Benjamin Leavins, John Pierce, John Dixon, Jonas Frost, Benjamin Clark, Ebenezer Kingsbury, and Jesse Root, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Windham for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Joshua Porter, and Samuel Canfield, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of Peace and Quorum within and for the County of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, David Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everet, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Thomas Warner, Edward Hinman, Bushnel Bostwick, Joseph Ruggles, William Cogswell, Abel Hine, Daniel Lee, Nathan Elliott, Ephraim Hubbell jun^r, Jethro Hatch, Daniel Griswold, John Canfield, Joseph Lord, John Hutchinson, Charles Burrall, Elisha Baker, Samuel Forbs, Thomas Russell, Heman Swift, Thomas Porter, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, John Cook, Epaphras Sheldon, Abijah Catlin, Daniel Catlin, Mathew Gillett, Zebulon Merrells, Giles Pettibone, Nehemiah Andrus, John Calhoon, Benjamin Spees, Jedidiah Hubbell, Abiel Camp, Lott Norton, and Hosea Wilcocks, to be Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Denison, Christopher Avery, Obadiah Gore, and Zerah Beach, to be Justices of Peace and Quorum in and for the County of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Zebulon Butler, William McKarrican, Asaph Whittlesey, Uriah Chapman, Anderson Dana, Ebenezer Marcy, Stephen Harding, John^r Franklin 2d, Joseph Hambleton, and William Judd, Esq^r, to be Justices of Peace in and for the County of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

An Act for confiscating the Estates of Persons inimical to the Independence and Liberties of the United States within this State, and for Payment of their Debts, and directing Proceedings therein.

Whereas it is earnestly recommended by Congress to the several States, as soon as may be, to confiscate and make sale of all the real and personal estates therein of their inhabitants and other persons, who have forfeited the same and the right to the protection of their respective States; and to invest the money arising from the sales thereof in Continental Loan-Office Certificates to be appropriated in such manner as the respective States shall hereafter direct; and in consideration of the justice and reasonableness of said recommendation it is judged fit and expedient that it should be enacted, and,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all estates, real and personal, lying and being within this State which belong to any person or persons whatever who have heretofore voluntarily gone over to, joined with and screened themselves under the protection of the enemies of the United States of America, or have aided and assisted them in their hostile measures against said States, and have continued so to do, untill the passing of this act, or who shall hereafter voluntarily go over to, join with and screen themselves under the protection of, or shall aid, abet and assist said enemies in their measures as aforesaid, shall be forfeited, to and for the use of this State, be proceeded with, confiscated, held and improved as in this act is hereafter directed; and it shall be the duty of the selectmen of the several towns in this State to give information as soon as may be to the next assistant or justice of the peace of all such persons of or lately of their respective towns owning estates within this State, which is or ought to be forfeited by any of the conduct of their owners as aforementioned, or are within the description aforesaid; and such assistant or justice shall on receiving such information forthwith issue a summons therein reciting the substance of such information and notifying the party against whom to appear if he see cause, before the county court to which the same shall be made returnable to shew reason, if any he has, why such estate should not be adjudged and declared forfeit; which summons shall be directed to some proper officer and served by leaving a true and attested copy thereof at the last usual place of abode of the person so informed against, if such he has had within this State, at

least twelve days before the sitting of the county court to which the same shall be returnable, whether it be a stated, adjourned or special session thereof, and said summons shall be duly returned with the service endorsed to said court; and the selectmen preferring such information or such of them as shall be agreed on by them shall appear and lay before such court all the evidence to be obtained and necessary in the cause; which said court at any session thereof as aforesaid, are authorized, impowered and directed to take cognizance thereof and proceed duely to enquire into the truth of the facts alledged in such summons, and on finding the same to be justly founded and true shall give judgment and sentence that all the estate, real and personal, of such person shall be forfeited to and for the use of this State; a copy of which judgment shall be by the clerk of such court forthwith transmitted and certified to the court of probate of the district wherein the estate so adjudged forfeit, or the greatest part thereof is contiguous, shall be, or in case the judge of said court be so related to the late owner of such estate, as that he might not lawfully judge in his case, then to the court of probate of the next adjoining district, which court shall thereupon, as soon as may be, grant administration of such estate to some faithful and meet person or persons, taking sufficient bond with surety as in case of intestate estates, for a due and faithfull performance of his or their duty as administrator according to law; and said administrator shall within twenty days after such appointment exhibit to said court an inventory of all the estate, which shall come to his knowledge that did belong to such inimical person, and as apprized by such persons under oath, as shall be appointed by said judge; and said estate shall be holden, used and disposed of by such administrator as by this act is provided.

And it is further enacted, That said judge of probate shall at the time of granting such administration appoint two or more judicious, disinterested persons, commissioners to examine and adjust the claims of the creditors to such estate who shall proceed in the same way, have the same powers and be under the same regulations as commissioners on insolvent estates by law have and are, and shall make return of their doings to said court in such time as said judge shall limit, and on such return said judge of probate shall make such allowance to the wife and family of such person, if such there be, as on consideration of their circumstances shall appear reasonable and just, and also give order for payment of all the just debts found due from said estate in manner and under the regulations aforesaid; and when there is not personal estate sufficient such courts are authorized to order the sale of real estate to an amount sufficient for payment of such debts, and all necessary costs and charges to be allowed by said court, in the same manner, as is by law directed in case of insolvent estates of deceased persons; but in case such estate shall prove insolvent, such court shall order the whole to be sold as afore-

said, and, first deducting such costs and charges, taxes or other debts due to this State, and such allowance to the wife and family as aforesaid, a distribution of the residue to and among the creditors in proportion to their respective demands allowed as aforesaid; and if any remainder shall be in the hands of any such administrator, he shall pay the same into the treasury of this State.

Always provided, That if any person shall be aggrieved by any order, sentence or decree of any court of probate touching any matter or thing relative to the premises in this act contained, he or they shall have the same liberty of appeal to the superior court, under the same limitations and restrictions as allowed by law in any other probate matters.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any administrators appointed by virtue of this act shall have the same power to bring forward and maintain any suit in law or equity for the redemption of any mortgage, and for the recovery of any estate belonging to or debt due to the person on whose estate they administer as administrators on intestate estates by law have.

And whereas it may be very difficult, without special provision therefor, for such administrators to recover debts due to such persons, the evidence thereof being generally not in the power of such administrator,

Be it therefore enacted, That such administrators may institute suits in equity for the recovery of any debts due to the persons they represent against any debtor, and the court before which the cause may depend may proceed to enquire into the merits thereof, by evidence, and examining the debtor, or supposed debtor, on oath as occasion may require, which oath such courts are empowered to require and administer, and on such enquiry to give such judgment as shall appear just and reasonable.

And whereas by the statutes already in being the personal estate of some of the persons described in this act have been seized and disposed of and the avails thereof paid into the treasury of this State,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in such instances where it shall appear by the proceedings in this act before directed, that the estates of such inimical persons, real and personal, which such administrators can avail themselves of, shall not be sufficient for payment of the just debts due from such persons and made out as aforesaid, such costs and allowances as aforesaid deducted, such court of probate shall certify to the Treasurer of this State such deficiency; whereupon said Treasurer shall pay out to such administrator such sum as shall be wanting to make up such deficiency or so much thereof as he shall have received of the avails of such inimical person's estate, deducting all the charges of the former prosecution, sale, &c., and which shall be received and used by said administrator towards paying said debts as aforesaid in just proportion as aforesaid.

And whereas in some instances prosecutions have been, by virtue of statutes already in force, instituted against the real and personal estates of such inimical persons, some of which prosecutions are terminated and others now pending and undetermined,

It is therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any administrator shall be appointed on any such estate by force of this act, such prosecution then undetermined shall cease, and the charges which have arisen therein shall be paid by such administrator and allowed to him in settling such estate; and such administrators shall receive the rents and profits of such estates as have been letten by order of law, and have the care and management of such estates, and shall settle accounts with and receive whatever may be due from those to whom the care and oversight of said estate had been committed, and from time to time account for the same as said overseers were by law liable to do.

And whereas, there are and may be estates lying within this State belonging to persons who are within the description of the first paragraph of this act, who never had any abode within said State, so that the proceedings respecting them before directed cannot in all respects be adopted,

Be it therefore enacted, That the selectmen of any town where there is any such estate belonging as aforesaid shall and they are hereby directed to make information, as before in this act is directed, of such persons and estates as aforesaid, directly to such county courts and lodge the same with the clerk of said court, at least twelve days before the sitting thereof; and thereupon the same mode of proceeding in all other respects shall be adopted and pursued as is directed in this act concerning estates belonging to persons who have had a residence and abode in this State; and such estates be liable to payment of debts in the same manner, and the said administrator, who shall be appointed by virtue of this act, shall immediately give notice of such his appointment in two of the public newspapers in this State for three weeks successively; after which during the continuance of such administration no other administrator on the same estate shall be appointed, and no other mode of proceeding for the recovery of debts from such inimical persons or their estates other than that hereby directed shall be allowed.

An Act for suspending an Act entitled An Act for the Regulation of the Prices of Labour, Produce, Manufactures and Commodities within this State.

The Honorable Continental Congress having resolved as follows, viz:

In Congress, June 4th, 1778.

“Whereas by a change of circumstances in the commerce of these States the regulation of prices lately recommended by Congress may be unnecessary; and the measure not being yet adopted by all the States: therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the legislatures of the several States that have adopted it to suspend or repeal their laws made for that purpose."

Which resolve being approved: therefore,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the act entitled An act for the regulation of the prices of labour, produce, manufactures and commodities within this State be and the same is hereby suspended untill the rising of this Assembly in October next.

An Act for reviving two certain Acts of this Assembly, the one entitled An Act for punishing and preventing Oppression; the other entitled An Act in Alteration of the Act entitled An Act for punishing and preventing of Oppression; which said Acts were repealed by this Assembly in December Anno Domini, 1778.*

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the before described acts be revived and the same are hereby revived in all the parts and paragraphs thereof, and shall be and continue in force for the future.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entitled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the towns of New Hartford, Hartland, Winchester, Barkhemsted, and Colebrook, shall be one entire regiment, distinguished and called by the name of the Twenty-sixth Regiment; and shall be under the same rules and orders and have the same powers, privileges and advantages as other regiments of this State by law have, and belong to the Sixth Brigade.

Whereas, the act of this Assembly passed in their sessions at Hartford on the thirteenth day of August last for regulating and restricting the distilling of brandy or spirituous liquors from cyder has been found beneficial in its effects, which act was to continue in force untill the rising of the General Assembly in May then next and no longer.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act be and is hereby revived and shall continue in full force untill the rising of the General Assembly in May next.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the lists in the several towns within this State shall receive, make up and transmit to the General Assembly, and lodge with the town clerk,

* The first in revision of 1750 or edit. 1769, p. 184. The second passed May, 1776. *Col. Rec.*, xv, 288.

the list of such towns respectively in the following form and order, viz:

A True List of the Polls and Estate of of the Town of rateable by law on the 20th Day of August, 17—

No.	Articles rateable and Sums stated by law to each annexed.	£. s. d.			£. s. d.			
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
	Male Polls from 16 to 70 years not specially exempted, at	18	0	0				
	Oxen four years old and upward	at	4	0	0			
	Cows three years old and upward	at	3	0	0			
	Steers three years old	at	3	0	0			
	Steers and Heifers two years old	at	2	0	0			
	Steers and Heifers one year old	at	1	0	0			
	Horse-kind three years old and upward	at	3	0	0			
	Horse-kind two years old	at	2	0	0			
	Horse-kind one year old	at	1	0	0			
	Swine one year old and upward	at	1	0	0			
	Acre and parts of an acre of plow land	at	0	10	0			
	Ditto upland mowing and clear pasture	at	0	8	0			
	Ditto Boggy meadow	at	0	5	0			
	Do. of Meadow land in Hartford county	at	0	15	0			
	Do. of other Meadow land	at	0	7	6			
	Do. of Bush pasture	at	0	2	0			
	Dwelling House	{ first or highest rate second do. third do. fourth do.	at	3	0	0		
			at	2	0	0		
			at	1	10	0		
			at	1	0	0		
	Tons of Vessels, each ton	at	0	15	0			
	Riding Wheel- } Curricles or chaise &c covered	at	5	0	0			
	Carriages } Curricles or chaise &c. open	at	8	0	0			
	Cattle let out six p ^r cent on their just value							
	Sheep let out six p ^r cent on their just value							
	All money on interest at six p ^r cent on the sum lent							
	Assessment of Faculty of } Traders							
	Total Amount of rateable Polls, Property and Assessments							

Form of List

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act passed by this Assembly in February last for raising two Brigades for the Defence of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That each non-commissioned officer and soldier who have already inlisted or shall enlist into any of the said battalions at or before the 12th of June next and furnish himself as by said act is required shall be entitled to and shall receive as bounty the sum of thirty shillings p^r month, for every month he shall be called to and engaged in actual service either in or out of this State, in addition to all the other bounties and encouragements provided and given by said act to be paid together with the wages stated by said act; and all the officers belonging to said battalions and companies are required to exert their utmost care and diligence in recruiting and filling up the same; and

His Excellency the Governor with his Council of Safety are hereby directed to dismiss such supernumerary officers as shall then remain after the expiration of said 12th of June. And in order to further the filling up said battalions, and to put the militia upon the best footing for an immediate exertion in case our enemies should turn their expiring vengeance towards these eastern states,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there be a general muster of all the militia and alarm list companies within this State, on Monday the eighth day of June next, and the respective militia and alarm list officers are hereby directed to issue out their orders accordingly and to take special care that their respective companies are well armed, accoutered and equipt, as the law requires, and ready to march on the shortest notice, and also to use all their influence and give all aid and assistance in their power to the respective recruiting officers in filling up the battalions aforesaid.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That two regiments, to consist of seven hundred and twenty-eight men each including officers, be forthwith raised by peremptory detachment from the regiments and companies of militia and alarm list, and the independent companies within this State in just proportion, the twenty-fourth regiment of militia only excepted, of such able-bodied and effective men as are by law liable to do duty out of the State; the one of said regiments to be detached as aforesaid from the regiments and companies belonging to the second, fourth and sixth brigades, and the other of said regiments to be detached as aforesaid from the regiments and companies belonging to the first, third and fifth brigades, and when detached as aforesaid to be marched under their proper officers to be appointed in the following proportion, *viz.*: one major, three captains, five lieutenants, and three ensigns in the second brigade; one colonel, two captains, 6 lieutenants and two ensigns in the fourth brigade; and one lieutenant colonel, three captains, five lieutenants and three ensigns in the sixth brigade; also one lieutenant colonel, 3 captains, 5 lieutenants and three ensigns in the first brigade; one colonel, 2 captains, 6 lieutenants and two ensigns in the third brigade; and one major, three captains, five lieutenants and three ensigns in the fifth brigade; the field officers to be designated by the respective brigadiers general or commanding officers of brigades as herein apportioned, and the commissioned officers to be designated by the colonels or commanding officers of the respective regiments as shall be apportioned by said brigadiers, the officers and soldiers to be entitled to the same pay, wages and rations as is allowed to those of the same rank and condition in the continental army, and the same refreshments while in service out of this state, together with the addition of such bounty to each non-commissioned officer and soldier so drafted as aforesaid, as shall amount to

the sum of forty shilling per month during the time they shall continue in service, and that the said battalions shall continue and be holden in service for the term of two months after their arrival at the place of their destination unless sooner discharged, and shall be subject to the orders of this Assembly or, in their recess, of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety; and that the sum of twenty shillings money of the first months bounty of such non-commissioned officers and soldiers be advanced to each one respectively before they march.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three companies of light dragoons consisting of sixty men each, exclusive of the officers, be forthwith raised by peremptory detachment from the several regiments of horse on the west side of Connecticut River, and when detached as aforesaid to be marched pursuant to order they may receive from this Assembly, or from his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, under their proper officers to be appointed by the Colonel commandant of the light horse; the officers and soldiers belonging to said companies of horse to be entitled to the same wages, pay and refreshments as the continental light-horse of the same rank and condition are entitled to have and receive, each non-commissioned officer and private soldier to receive the sum of twenty shillings in part of their wages advanced to them respectively antecedent to their march, and to continue in service for the same term as the militia regiments to be raised by virtue of this act are raised for.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any soldiers whether of horse or foot being duely detached by virtue of this act shall neglect or refuse to muster and march, pursuant to orders he shall receive from his superior officer, he shall be esteemed as in public service and treated as a soldier duely inlisted unless he shall give a satisfactory reason for such neglect or refusal to the detaching officer, or unless he shall procure an able-bodied effective man to serve in his room and stead, within twenty-four hours after such detachment; and that said troops shall be armed, accoutred and furnished in the same manner as has been customary on like occasions.

Provided, nevertheless, That any non-commissioned officer or soldier who may be detached by virtue of this act shall and may have liberty to inlist into either of the six battalions ordered by this Assembly to be raised in February last, such detachment notwithstanding.

Whereas the pressing demands on the treasury upon the present emergency makes it necessary in order to supply the same to borrow monies on loan: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be impowered, ordered and directed, and he is hereby impowered, ordered and directed, forthwith to borrow one hundred thousand pounds on interest at six *per cent. per annum* untill paid, payable in two years after date, said interest to be paid annually; and the Treas-

urer is directed to issue out his promissory notes to the lenders accordingly: Provided, that no such note be issued for a less sum than ten pounds.

Whereas the Marine Committee have requested his Excellency the Governor that a suitable packet be provided in this State for the purpose of carrying dispatches to France: Resolved, that his Excellency be desired to give the necessary orders to have the *Spy* got immediately in readiness for that purpose, and to proceed thereon accordingly.

It being represented to this Assembly by the selectmen of Fairfield, that some persons in the western parts of this State are purchasing a large number of cattle under pretence of driving them to the State of New Jersey in order to be fatted, (though in the apprehension of this Assembly it is most probable to feed our enemies): It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the Commissary General of purchases be directed and desired and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered to seize and take all such cattle for the use of this and the United States.

Resolved by this Assembly, That an embargo be forthwith laid upon the exportation out of this State by land or water of the following articles, *viz*: wheat, rye, indian corn, pease, beans, oats, bread, flower, and every kind of meal, pork, beef, live cattle, sheep, swine, rum, sugar, molasses, salt, bar-iron, wool, flax, woollen and linnen cloath, tanned leather and shoes. Provided nevertheless, that this act shall not extend to necessary sea stores for vessels outward bound, to any cattle, provisions or cloathing purchased or to be purchased, procured and sent for the use of the army or for the navy, belonging to this State, nor to hinder any particular person or persons from carrying or sending to such soldiers in the army, as may be under the care and special relation of such person or persons, any necessary cloathing or provision they may want for their own use and consumption: Such embargo to continue in force untill the Assembly shall order otherwise; and his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue a proclamation prohibiting the exportation of such provisions and articles accordingly: Provided, nevertheless, that his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and impowered with the advice of the Council of Safety to grant permits for the exportation of such articles in such cases and to such places as they shall judge reasonable and expedient: Provided also, that his Excellency the Governor by and with the advice of his Council and the Council of Safety may discontinue the said embargo in whole or in part if they shall judge the public good requires it at any time during the recess of the General Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the possessors of the ten pounds notes issued by the Treasurer of this State by order of Assembly made and passed in their adjourned sessions at Midletown, Decemb^r 1776, be and they are hereby entituled to receive instead of four per cent. intrest the sum of six per cent. per annum from and after the first day of June 1778 untill paid, and the Treasurer of this State is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That a tax of one shilling on the pound be laid on the lists of polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State given in for the year 1777, with the additions, to be levied and paid into the treasury by the first day of September 1778: provided, nevertheless, that for the relief of the indigent, who may be unable to pay their proportion of said taxes, the civil authority and selectmen in the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either the whole or a part of the rates, of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in most need of such abatements, to the amount of one-twentieth part of such town's quota of said tax and lodge a list of such abatements with the town-clerk and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors, and the collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatement in their settlement with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to issue his warrants accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint the Honorable Matthew Griswold, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, William Williams, and Joseph Spencer, Esq^r., James Wadsworth, Daniel Sherman, Erastus Wolcott, Jedidiah Elderkin, William Hillhouse, Andrew Ward jun^r, Joseph Platt Cook, Joshua Porter, Benjamin Payne, Thaddeus Burr, Jesse Root, Andrew Adams, Esq^r., and Capt. David Mumford, to be a Council of Safety to assist his Excellency the Governor when the Assembly is not sitting, with full power and authority to order and direct the militia and navy of this State and the marches and stations of the troops that have been or shall be inlisted and assembled for the special defence of this or the neighboring States or any part or parts thereof, as they shall judge necessary, and to give all necessary orders from time to time for furnishing and supplying said militia, troops and navy, in every respect and to every purpose that may be needful to render the defence of these States effectual, with full power and authority to fulfil and execute every trust already reposed or that shall be reposed by this Assembly in his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety aforesaid; and that this Assembly do expect and desire his Excellency the Governor to notify and convene the whole of said Council or so many thereof as he may think proper on all important occasions and business which may be before them, and when the necessity and safety of

the publick may require greater dispatch than can consist with the notice and attendance of the greater part of said Council and on smaller matters his Excellency the Governor at his discretion may convene a smaller number, not less than five to be a quorum, to act with him in the matters and business aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is desired to sign officially, as Governor of this State, the letters prepared by this Assembly to be addressed and sent to the General Assemblies of the States of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,* and that James Wadsworth and William Hillhouse, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to wait upon the General Assemblies of Massachusetts Bay and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, present said letters and confer with them upon the matters mentioned and referred to in the same; and said committee are directed to forward said letter to the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, and report their doings with the answers they may receive to said letters to this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That three hundred and fifty copies of an Address of the Congress to the inhabitants of the United States of America, dated the 9th of May, 1778, be forthwith printed and sent out to the several ministers of the Gospel in this State to be read in their respective congregations according to the recommendation of Congress.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Payne Esq^r and Mess^{rs} Fenn Wadsworth and William Ellery to be of the Pay-Table Committee.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this State employ at the expence of this State such assistance as he shall think necessary to transact the business of the treasury of this State till the first day of July next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a company consisting of one subaltern, three sergeants and thirty privates be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment to guard the continental stores, the offices of the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee of Pay-Table in Hartford from time to time, according to the directions of said Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee respectively, untill the rising of this Assembly in October next, and that said guard be entituled to two-thirds of the pay established for militia officers and soldiers of this State in actual service and be exempted during the term from any other military duty; the ex-

* The letter to Rhode Island, dated May 19th, and Gov. Greene's answer, dated May 29th, 1778, are both printed in *Rhode Island Colonial Records*, viii, 423-5.

pence of which to be paid by this State, and the one half to be charged in account with the United States.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that there are sundry farms in the town of Hebron, belonging to Barlow Trecothick and John Tomlinson of Great Britain, and also sundry farms belonging to the Rev^d Samuel Peters late of said Hebron now in Great Britain: Resolved by this Assembly, that the State attorney for the county of Hartford be appointed and he is fully impowered to lease out the said farms belonging to the said Barlow Trecothick and John Tomlinson and the farms belonging to said Rev^d Samuel Peters to the person now in possession of said farms according to the appraisal of three judicious, disinterested free holders under oath, and to give and execute the leases and take good and sufficient securities for the rents accordingly, said leases not to exceed the term of one year from and after the first day of April 1778, upon the said tenants paying or securing for the use of this State all such rents as they or any of them are now in arrears.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed and they are hereby ordered and directed to receive, liquidate and adjust the accounts of the cloathing the several towns in this State procured or shall procure and deliver for the use of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of this State in the continental army agreeable to the resolve of the General Assembly at their sessions by adjournment in January last, and draw orders on the Treasurer of this State for what they shall find just and reasonable.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that sundry persons are infected with the small-pox in the State of New York, particularly on or near the roads leading from this State to the continental army or posts and garrisons on the banks of the North River: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to write expressly to the commanding officer on that station or to the Governor of said State of New York or both as he shall judge proper, earnestly requesting and recommending that particular attention may be given to the matter and every possible precaution taken that the infection may be speedily removed or the infected people so regulated that the troops required from the State may pass and repass according to orders safe as may be from that fatal disorder.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that the officers and soldiers from this State enlisted into the continental army and the new levies now prisoners in New York and on Long Island are in great want of money to supply them with necessaries; and whereas this State did in May, 1776, furnish and send to the northern depart-

ment the sum of £1800 0 0, lawfull money of New England, in specie, on the earnest desire of Congress, and is in want of part of said sum for relief of such prisoners: Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to address the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress in the most earnest manner to supply the said officers and soldiers of this State with the sum of £300, and to give directions to the Commissary General of prisoners to see the same safely delivered and distributed in due proportion among the officers and soldiers aforesaid, taking their respective receipts therefor.

Whereas sundry horses &c. belonging to the inhabitants of this State, improved by the militia in alarms and have been inevitably lost, stolen or killed, and no provision is made for any allowance or pay for the same: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that where any horse, horses or necessary furniture for the same have by the direction of the General Assembly, or by any general or field officers, or by impress, been rode or improved by the light-horse or foot militia of this State when in actual service, or shall hereafter be by the direction of the General Assembly or any general or field officer be rode or improved in manner aforesaid, and shall be while employed as aforesaid either killed, stolen or lost, without any misconduct, negligence or fault of the person who had the care of the same, and the same be upon full evidence made to appear to the Committee of the Pay-Table, the said committee are hereby directed to liquidate and settle the account of such losses and draw orders on the treasury for the sum or sums they shall find justly due: Provided, it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the said committee, that all reasonable and due care and pains have been taken to recover said horses &c. when lost or stolen as aforesaid.

Whereas the number of matrosses stationed in the town of New Haven for the defence of that town is insufficient to answer the purpose designed: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that Phineas Bradley, lieutenant of the company of matrosses now stationed in that town, be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to inlist into his said company one serjeant, one corporal and ten privates, in addition to those already engaged in said company, and for the same term, and to be entitled to the same pay, wages and rations, as are allowed to others of the same rank and condition in said company, and that said Bradley order such number of said company as he shall judge necessary to be stationed at the fort at Black Rock in said town to garrison said fort.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Joshua Porter, Constant Southworth, Esq^r, Doct^r Eneas Munson and Capt. Wait Goodrich, Inspectors of Gunpowder and Saltpetre manufactured within this State for the year ensuing.

The Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r, Colo. Elisha Williams, Messrs. Ebenezer Plummer, Elisha Pitkin, and John Treadwell, a committee to audit, adjust and settle the State accounts with the Treasurer, and to receive of him what paper bills are in the treasury which ought to be burned and burn the same, crediting the Treasurer's account therewith, and report make to this or the next Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency Governor Trumbull be and he is hereby authorized and desired to administer the oath appointed for the freemen of this State to Maj^r General Joseph Spencer and Richard Law, Esq^{rs}, those gentlemen being absent on public service, and to Mr. Samuel Robinson who was likewise absent at the time and place appointed by law for the administration of the oath aforesaid to the freemen in the respective towns in this State.

Whereas Congress have recommended that barracks for the reception and keeping of prisoners be immediately built at some suitable place within this State at the expence and charge of the continent: Resolved, that Ezekiel Williams, Nathaniel Terry, and Peter Reynolds, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to undertake, fix upon some suitable place for the same, contract therefor, determine the dimentions and construction thereof, and to have the same set up and compleated as soon as possible, and to consult with, take dimentions from and report make from time to time to this Assembly or to his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety of their doings in the premises.

Whereas a certain note of the hand, dated 6th September, 1770, executed by Capt. Joseph Fitch, late of Lebanon, deceas'd, and Eleazer Fitch jun^r, Esq^r, of Windham, in favour of Doct^r Daniel Lathrop of Norwich for the sum of eight hundred pounds, lawfull money, and on which is due the sum of £576 8 5, which note is the property of this State, as by the endorsements thereon appears, was in September, 1770, put into the hands of Samuel Huntington, Esq^r, late attorney at Norwich, to be collected, and on which a judgment has been recovered several years since but no further proceedings had thereon, whereby the public is kept out of their just due, and the estate of the said Joseph Fitch has long remained unsettled to the great injury of the heirs and creditors, and the said Samuel Huntington, Esq^r, is absent &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Benjamin Huntington, Esq^r, be and he is hereby appointed an agent in behalf of the Governor and Company of this State, to pray out execution on said judgment, with full power to pursue and take every proper measure to collect or effectually secure the contents thereof from the proper debtor or debtors for the benefit of this State, and to do, act and transact any thing equitable, lawfull and necessary in the premises, and what he

shall so collect pay and deliver to the Treasurer of this State taking his receipt to be lodged with the Secretary, and his account of his doings settle with said Treasurer as soon as may be.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Samuel Chapman, Maj^r Davenport and M^r Coit, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to repair to Salisbury, enquire into the state of the furnace there, and report the same to this Assembly, with their opinion of the necessity and expediency of further carrying on the works at said furnace by this State; and if on enquiry they shall find that said furnace hath not been managed in the best and most prudent manner, that said committee do properly cite the managers to appear before this Assembly at their present session to give an account of their management of said furnace.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Samuel Forbs, Capt. John Watson, and Colo. Increase Mosely, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to settle the accounts current between this State and Colo. Joshua Porter and with the present managers of the furnace at Salisbury, relative to all past blasts; and for that purpose said committee are impowered and directed to inspect and examine all accounts relative to the premises that may be exhibited to them for that purpose or necessary for the accomplishment of said business, and report make to this or the General Assembly to be held at New Haven in October next.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that by reason of the great distance that the inhabitants of the town of Westmoreland are from the seat of government, the act for the regulating the prices of labour, produce &c. within this State, was in force a considerable time before the inhabitants of said Westmoreland had any knowledge of the same, and thereby sundry of the inhabitants have sold sundry articles at a higher price than the prices limited in said act, and so by law cannot take the oath as by said act is provided,

Therefore, Resolved by this Assembly, That all the inhabitants of said town who have been guilty of any breach of said act between the 20th day of March and the first day of May, 1778, be and they are hereby discharged from any prosecution that already has been or that hereafter shall be commenced against any of said inhabitants of Westmoreland for any breach of said act within the time aforesaid, and that they be and are hereby restored to all the privileges that the inhabitants of this State are entitled to, the breach of said act notwithstanding; and for the future when any inhabitants of said Westmoreland shall bring any action before any court in this State, shall be admitted to pray out a writ and prosecute the same to final judgment, on his or their taking the oath by law provided, with this alteration, *viz.*, that the first day of May be inserted in said oath

instead of the 20th day of March, a proper certificate thereof being annexed to said writ or endorsed thereon by the authority granting or signing the same, said writ shall be adjudged lawfull and valid; anything in said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Barnabas Dean and Company having purchased of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety a number of small cannon which are now at the furnace at Salisbury and are wanted to be brought to Weathersfield: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Barnabas Dean and Company have liberty to use such teams as they may judge most convenient for the purpose aforesaid; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Russell, Esq^r, to be Colonel of the second regiment of militia of this State, in the room of Colo. Joseph Thomson, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Hezekiah Sabin, jun^r, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the second regiment of militia of this State, in the room of Lt. Colo. Benjamin Fenn, deceased.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Treat, Esq^r, to be Major of the second regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Edward Russell, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Seth Smith, Esq^r, to be Colonel of the twenty-sixth regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Hutchins, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the twenty-sixth regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Austin to be Major of the twenty-sixth regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Noah Phelps, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the eighteenth regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Mix to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Warner to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Medad Osborn to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Barns to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Dible to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Murwin to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Preston to be Lieutenant of the 5th company of alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Burnham to be Ensign of the 5th company of alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Edward Chapman to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Mynard, jun^r, to be Captain of the 5th company or trainband in the 3rd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Griswold Hillhouse to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 3rd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Warner to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel McKinstry to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Comstock to be Captain of the second troop of light-horse in the 3rd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb St. John to be Lieutenant of the second troop of light-horse in the 3rd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Deodate Hoyt to be Cornet of the second troop of light-horse in the 3rd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Levi Tomlinson to be Lieutenant of the 18th company of the alarm list in the 2nd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Lyman to be Ensign of the 18th company of the alarm list in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Barber to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Griswold to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joab Griswold to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Burton to be Captain of the ninth company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Bangs to be Lieutenant of the 9th company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Waklee to be Ensign of the 9th company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Wells, jun^r, to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Issachar Bates to be Captain of the military company of volunteers in the town of Killingley in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Daviss, jun^r, to be Lieutenant of the military company of volunteers in the town of Killingley in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Barrett to be Ensign of the military company of volunteers in the town of Killingley in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Case to be Captain of the first company of the alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Nobles to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Humphry to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Bush to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Meacham to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Chatfield to be Captain of the 13th company of the alarm list in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Woodruff to be Lieutenant of the 13th company of the alarm list in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Bissett to be Ensign of the 13th company of the alarm list in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Edward Payne to be Captain of the fifth company of the alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Tucker to be Lieutenant of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Risley to be Ensign of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Phelps to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Pettibone to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Uffoot to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Beers to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Peck to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Wood to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 22nd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Divan Berry to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Whiting to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Shute to be Captain of the 4th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Boughton, jun^r, to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Patchen to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Starling to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thaddens Beardsley to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Uriel Holmes to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Alexander Bushnell to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Waring to be Captain of the 5th company of alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Garnsey to be Lieutenant of the fifth company of alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Scofield jun^r to be Ensign of the fifth company of the alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Matthew Griswold to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Ferriss to be Captain of the first company of alarm list in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Silas Bishop to be Lieutenant of the first company of alarm list in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Curtiss to be Ensign of the first company of alarm list in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Smith to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Knap to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Skinner to be Lieutenant of the tenth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eli Smith to be Ensign of the tenth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Lankton to be Captain of the third company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Hart to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eleazar Peck to be Ensign of the third company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Bates to be Captain of the second company of alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Rice to be Ensign of the second company of alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Hough to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Merriam to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Foster to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Lyman to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Kettel to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Doolittle to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Bignall to be Ensign of the seventh company of the alarm list in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Hurlburt to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Stevens to be Ensign of the 10th company of the alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Nichols to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Judson Curtiss jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jehu Burr to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Linkon to be Captain of the 11th company of the alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Parrish jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 11th company of the alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeduthan Rogers to be Ensign of the 11th company of the alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Collins to be Captain of the 5th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Power to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Hall to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Lee to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Lane to be Captain of the third company of the alarm list in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Holmes to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Waterous to be Ensign of the third company of the alarm list in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bradford to be Ensign of the third company of alarm list in the town of New London in the 3rd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Frisbee to be Cornet of a troop of light-horse in the 5th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Gillett to be Quartermaster of a troop of light-horse in the 5th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ichabod Russell to be Lieutenant of the seventh company of the alarm list in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Barnum to be Captain of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Barnum to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Ketcham to be Ensign of the 2d company of alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Barnum to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Seeley to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company in the limits of the ninth company in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Andrews to be Ensign of the alarm list company in the limits of the 9th company in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Franciss to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Goodrich to be Ensign of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zebulon Taylor to be Captain of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Jewett to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Cone jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Medad Strong to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Hurlburt to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Ives to be Ensign of the 15th company of the alarm list in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Hotchkiss to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Lawrence to be Captain of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Canaan in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Fellows to be Lieutenant of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Canaan in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benajah Douglas to be Ensign of the north company of alarm list in the town of Canaan in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Whitmore to be Captain of the first company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Starr to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Camble to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Hogoboom to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Dean 2d to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Hubbard to be Captain of the third company of alarm list in the 23rd regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noadiah Hubbard to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Scott to be Lieutenant of the second alarm list company in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Keeler to be Ensign of the second alarm list company in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Norton to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the eighteenth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Austin to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Merrit to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Franklin, jun^r, to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stoddard Bowen to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Goss to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aholiab Buck to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Shoemaker to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Bigford to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Woodruff to be Captain of the second troop of horse in the 1st regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Hotchkiss to be Lieutenant of the second troop of horse in the 1st regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Foot to be Cornet of the second troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Mulford to be Quartermaster of the second troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Root to be Quartermaster of a troop of light-horse in the 5th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliakim Smith to be Captain of the 4th alarm list company in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Wood to be Lieutenant of the 4th alarm list company in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Bixbee to be Ensign of the fourth company of the alarm list in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noah Barber to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Drake to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Tyler to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Davidson to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Cogswell to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Horsford to be Captain of the fourth company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gilbert Dudley to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Field to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Churchill to be Lieutenant of the fourth company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Booth to be Ensign of the fourth company of alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Root to be Cornet of the troop of light-horse in the 5th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Stanly to be Quartermaster of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amasa Mills to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Humphry to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Mills to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Beman to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hale to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Jones to be Captain of the second veteran company in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Neziah Bliss to be First Lieutenant of the second veteran company in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Phelps to be Second Lieutenant of the second veteran company in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Phelps to be Ensign of the second veteran company in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Martin to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Rice jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Boughton to be Captain of the ninth company of the alarm list in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Sealy to be Lieutenant of the ninth company of the alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Hickox to be Ensign of the ninth company of the alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Dimock to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Jewitt to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Norriss to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eleazar Prentiss to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Preston in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Alexander Stewart to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Preston in the 8th regiment in this State.

Upon the petition of William Case and Lidia Eldridge, administrators of Ebenezer Eldridge, against Amos Fellows,—Colo. Experience Storrs, Deacⁿ Ebenezer Kingsbury, and Capt. Jeremiah Ripley were appointed a committee at the General Assembly in October, 1774, to report the facts with their opinion; which committee report, that on the 7th of May, 1772, said Eldridge agreed to purchase of said Amos two tracts of land lying in said Tolland both containing sixty-six acres and 133 rods, particularly described in said report, and for the consideration of £136. 19. 3, and in payment of £50. 0. 0, part of said consideration, said Amos agreed to accept of a deed of one hundred acres of land in Alsted, and that said Ebenezer Eldridge lodged his note of seventy pounds, money, in the hands of Reuben Hatch, to oblige him to give said deed, and secured to said Amos the remainder of said £136 19. 3 by his note amounting to £86 19. 3.; that said Amos made a deed of said lands in said Tolland, but never acknowledged it; that said Ebenezer had the improvement of said lands in said Tolland one year; that said Ebenezer has paid to said Amos £49. 6. 1; that since said Case and said Amos are both deceased, and that by reason of minor heirs and sundry difficulties it is become impracticable to carry said bargain into execution; that the improvement of said land and the damage it will be to said Amos's estate to relinquish said bargain is £11. 0. 0, money; and said committee give it as their opinion that said bargain ought to be thrown up, and all said notes be delivered up to the administrators of said Ebenezer Eldridge and said deed cancelled, and that said bargain be made null and void, and that the administrators of said Amos pay to the administrators of said Eldridge the sum of £38. 6. 8, money; and the administrators of said Ebenezer Eldridge and of said Amos now appear in court and move that said report may be accepted, which report is accordingly accepted as on file: Resolved by this Assembly,

that said bargain be and the same is hereby declared null and void, and that the administrators of said Amos by the first day of August next pay out of the estate of said Amos or give good security to be paid within said limited time to the administrators of said Ebenezer Eldridge said sum of £38. 6. 8, L. money, and cost allowed at £19. 15. 4, and deliver up to said Eldridge's administrators said notes executed by said Eldridge to said Amos or discharge them, on the penalty of forfeiting the sum of two hundred pounds, to be paid to said Eldridge's administrators, and that the administrators of said Eldridge deliver up said deed, executed by said Amos to the administrators of said Amos on the same penalties and forfeitures, all within the time limited as above mentioned.

Whereas the list of the town of Stamford for the year 1777 as certified by the listers of said town is £33460 15 10 and no more, and by a mistake in the committee appointed by the Assembly to receive and make up the lists &c. the list of said town is returned to the Secretary to be £35460 15 10, and the Treasurer has issued his warrant upon that sum, which is £2000 too much: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer rectify said warrants and issue them for the true sum of £33460 15 10 only.

Upon a representation made to this Assembly that the three alarm list companies formed within the limits of the first society of Newtown in the 16th regiment having some time since made choice of persons for their officers, inimical to this and the other United States of America, who for that reason were refused commissions, and also that the officers of the third military company of said regiment in said town have either given in their commissions, or wholly neglect and refuse to execute their offices, whereby all the said companies are destitute of officers and by that means not in a condition to be called upon to perform military duty for the defence of the country: Resolved by this Assembly, that the colonel or chief officer of said regiment be directed and he is hereby ordered and directed to cause legal warning to be given said companies as soon as may be, to meet for the purpose of choosing commission officers and lead or order them to be led to such choice for their respective companies, and in case they neglect or refuse to elect such persons as are qualified according to the laws of this State to execute such offices that then the civil authority in and selectmen of said Newtown with the advice of said colonel or chief officer are hereby empowered and directed forthwith to nominate such officers as may be necessary, which choice or nomination shall by said colonel or chief officer be returned to this Assembly or in the recess thereof to his Excellency the Governor, who is desired to commissionate them accordingly; which officers shall immediately proceed to detach their quota of men for the continental army as soon as the field officers of said regiment have proportioned them to the respective companies, which they are hereby directed to do.

Upon the memorial of Cap^t John Woodruff of Waterbury, representing to this Assembly that he was a captain in a regiment of militia from this State at the Fish Kill in the State of New York commanded by Colo. Roger Newberry, and that he there took and was sick with the small-pox, and while sick was discharged; that after his discharge he was at considerable expence before he was able to get home; that he has presented his account to the Committee of Pay-Table, who have refused allowing him anything therefor, it being out of their commission; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive and liquidate the account of the said Captain Woodruff for his expences while sick as aforesaid and allow him what to them appears just and reasonable and draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Upon the memorial of Roswell Franciss of Killingworth, shewing to this Assembly that he was a soldier in Capt. Blagues company in Colo. Cooks regiment in the army under the command of Gen^l Gates, and that he was wounded, in the battle on the 19th of September last, in his left legg, of which wound he languished a long time, endured great pain and was put to much cost and charge in returning home and after his return, he being dismissed by the director general of the hospital; praying to this Assembly to take his case into consideration and grant him some reasonable compensation for his loss &c., as per memorial on file: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the prayer of the memorial be granted, and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby authorized and directed to receive the evidence attending this memorial, although it doth not exactly comport with such as is required by law to entitle wounded soldiers to half pay &c., and adjust and settle said account and draw on the Treasurer for the sum they shall find justly due in favour of the memorialist.

Upon the representation of the town of Westmoreland by Nathan Denison and Anderson Dana, Esq^r., shewing to this Assembly that John Jenkins jun^r, constable and collector of the State taxes on the list of said town for August, 1776, was made a prisoner by the savages, by which means the greatest part of said tax remains uncollected: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town of Westmoreland have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said town, to appoint some suitable person to collect the remaining part of said taxes in the same manner as the said Jenkins was authorized and impowered to do the same.

Upon the memorial of William Pitkin, Jedidiah Elderkin, and Nathaniel Wales jun^r, shewing to this Assembly that they have considerable salt petre at their powder-mills belonging to this State, that the price heretofore given them for manufacturing the same into powder

is inadequate on account of price of labour &c., and that said saltpetre wants further purification &c., on which a committee was appointed to confer with the memorialists and report &c.; which committee having conferred with them report that it is their opinion that this State provide the memorialists with sulphur for manufacturing said saltpetre into powder for the State, at the price of fifty shillings per hundred weight of sulphur, and that the memorialists return one hundred pounds weight of powder for each hundred weight of petre, and that the memorialists shall purify said salt petre and be allowed a reasonable sum therefor &c., as per said memorial &c. on file; which report is accepted: And thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be provided with sulphur by this State for manufacturing said saltpetre into gun-powder for this State, the sulphur to be delivered to the memorialists at the price of fifty shillings p^r hundred weight at the place of delivery in this State, and that the memorialists manufacture the saltpetre belonging to this State at their respective mills, and return to the State one hundred weight of good powder for each hundred weight of saltpetre they shall so manufacture, to be delivered to the order of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to give orders for delivering the sulphur belonging to this State to the memorialists as occasion may require, the memorialists to pay for the same at the price aforesaid, and that the memorialists may clarify said saltpetre, so far as on advice they judge necessary for making good powder, for which service they shall be allowed such reasonable sum as the General Assembly on laying their accounts before them shall judge just.

¶ Upon the memorial of Daniel Phelps jun^r of Windsor, representing to this Assembly that in August and September in the year 1776 he was a private in the first regiment of militia of this State while at New York; that being sick and obtaining a recommendation by the commanding officer and surgeon of the said regiment for a discharge, did with the liberty and by the direction of his captain return home, and by some mistake was afterwards returned a deserter, by means whereof he lost his wages, mileage and expence of getting home; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive, examine and liquidate the account of the said Daniel for his wages and mileage, while in actual service as aforesaid, and his expence returning home, and allow him what shall appear to them just and reasonable and draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Upon the memorial of Silvanus Waterman of Chatham, and Mary Alsop, administratrix of the goods and estate of Richard Alsop, Esq^r, late of Middletown, guardian of his children of said deceas'd

who are minors, both in said county, shewing that said Silvanus in his lifetime executed a deed to said Richard of his house and home lot in said Chatham for security of a debt, which debt was afterwards paid to said Richard; praying that said Mary may be enabled to reconvey said land and house &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Mary Alsop be and she is impowered and authorized to release by her deed to said Silvanus Waterman, all the right and title which said Richard Alsop, deceas'd, had in and to said house and land by virtue of the deed to said Richard aforesaid, and that such release shall be valid for the sureholding the same to said Silvanus to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Upon the memorial of Michael Lockwood, of Norwalk in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that he was bound to the sheriff of the county of Fairfield in an obligation for the sum of five hundred pounds, L. money, payable to the said sheriff in case Ephraim Lockwood of Fairfield in said county should fail to appear before the then next superior court to be held at Fairfield, and that said Ephraim failed to appear agreeable to said obligation, and that said sheriff soon after bro^{tt} a suit on said obligation against the memorialist and recovered judgment against the memorialist for the sum of five hundred pounds, L. money, and a large bill of cost, and hath taken out execution thereon, and that the memorialist is liable to pay the same, and also that the memorialist took an obligation of said Ephraim at the same time that he gave said sheriff said obligation for the same sum, on which the memorialist brought a suit, and attached the whole estate of said Ephraim, and has recovered judgment thereon and taken out execution thereon, and has procured the same levied and his whole estate appraised according to law, which amounts only to the sum of £398. 5. 0, L. money, and that the said Ephraim Lockwood has joined the enemies of the United American States and left a wife and five children who must be destitute of any estate to support them; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £100. 0. 0 be abated to the memorialist out of the judgment of £500. recovered against him by said sheriff.

Upon the memorial of the field officers and captains of a regiment of militia drafted from the fourth brigade of militia in this State, shewing to this Assembly, that the said regiment served at the Saw Pitts through the extremity of the winter last past, by means whereof and the exorbitant prices of the articles of refreshment the non-commission officers and soldiers in said regiment have expended more than their wages; praying this Assembly would grant some compensation therefor, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that each of the non-commission officers and private soldiers who have served in said regiment be paid a bounty of forty shillings, lawfull money, per month during the time of their continuance in said

service; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to settle the accounts and draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find justly due thereon.

Upon the memorial of Joel Ives jun^r, of Walingford in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776 he engaged in the continental service in a regiment commanded by Colo. Andrew Ward, and that while he was in said service at a place called Frogs Point upon guard doing duty he was unfortunately wounded in his right arm, so that he has suffered the entire loss of his right arm up to his shoulder, and is rendered unable and incapable of business to the day of his death; praying for some just and equitable relief, as per memorial on file, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table do receive the proper evidence of the memorialist's being wounded as mentioned in said memorial, and that they consider him as one entitled to the pension which is provided by a resolution of the Continental Congress of the 26th of August, 1776, and an act of this Assembly past in May last agreeable to said resolve of Congress.

Upon the memorial of Elnathan Smith of Farmington, administrator on the estate of Gurdon Smith, late of said Farmington, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd, together with some allowances made to the widow and family of said deceas'd, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £49. 10. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, L. money; praying for liberty to sell the real estate of said deceas'd, so far as to raise the afores'd sum with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum £49. 10. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of Gershom Brigham of Coventry, shewing to this Assembly that there is need of a public house of entertainment at the dwelling-house where said Brigham now lives in said Coventry, in order that the publick may be supplied with necessaries on the great road from Hartford to Boston, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted and licence is hereby granted to said Gershom Brigham to keep a house of publick entertainment at the dwelling-house where said Brigham now dwells in said Coventry untill the first day of March next: providing said Brigham shall execute his bond to the Treasurer of Windham county as the law directs to observe the laws and regulations regarding houses of public entertainment.

Upon the memorial of Azariah Sanger, of Willington in Hartford County, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist inlisted himself in the continental service in a campaign to the northward under the command of Capt. Elijah Robinson in Colo. Mott's regiment, and in order to be equipped for this service, the selectmen of said Willington furnished the memorialist with a gun, which was one of the arms procured by this State and received of one M^r Buell, gunsmith of Hebron, and then entirely new, and that the memorialist went with said Capt. Robinson through the campaign and untill regularly discharged on the first of December, 1776, and that on his way home within about five miles of home he charged said gun with a moderate charge of powder, not more than three fingers, without the least ramm- ing or obstruction whatever, and then fired off the same, which to his great misfortune split said gun and finally ruined his left hand, so that there is no probability of ever having the use of the same; praying to this Assembly for some relief out of the public treasury or in some other way, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of the State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the memorialist the sum of twenty pounds, L. money, and charge the State.

Upon the memorial of Moses Holmes, Elisha Taylor, and Abiel Holt, selectmen for the town of Willington in the year 1777, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialists in the capacity of selectmen did procure and deliver into the hands of one Frederick Pearl of said Willington, a soldier belonging to the continental army, two good wool shirts, two pair stockings and one pair shoes; that said Pearl applied to a commissary in the army with said cloathing requesting a receipt; that said commissary refused to give a receipt for the same, by means of which they are liable to sustain the loss of the whole of said cloathing, and praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive the proper evidence of the procuring and appropriating said articles of cloathing and make the usual allowances for the same, deducting therefrom the stipulated price at which the soldiers were to receive such articles, and draw on the Treasurer of this State for the same in favour of the memorialists accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Noah Woodruff, of Farmington in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that as conservator of the person and estate of David Woodruff of said town, he exhibited an account of expences incurred for the support of said David to the county court holden at Hartford on the first Tuesday of April, 1778, amounting to the sum of £31. 3. 0, L. money, which was allowed by said court, and which with the court fees and conservator's cost amounted in the whole to the sum of £32. 18. 0; that the said David

hath no personal estate wherewith to satisfy said sum; and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said David as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum with incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said David as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £32. 18. 0, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale.

Upon the memorial of Abel Cary of New Jersey, representing to this Assembly that he purchased a number of oxen within this State with a view to drive them into the State of New Jersey there to fatten &c., and that at the time of said purchase he was ignorant of the law of this State against driving the said oxen out of the same, and that the said oxen are seized by order of this Assembly for the use of the States &c.; praying for liberty to sell the said oxen or drive them into the State of New Jersey &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Abel Cary have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to sell the said oxen to the commissary general of the United States or to either of his deputies or purchasers within this State for the use of the continental army: the said Cary paying the cost and charges of seizing and keeping said oxen.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Adams, of Stratford, Esq^r, shewing to this Assembly that he is guardian to Clara Adams and Sylva Adams, who are both minors and owners of half an acre of land lying in the parish of New Stratford in said Stratford with a dwelling-house thereon standing, which is very much gone to decay and like to be ruined before said minors come of age; praying to have some proper person impowered to sell the same and the neet proceeds to be improved for the benefit of said minors &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell said house and land, and the neet proceeds thereof to be improved for the use and benefit of said minors.

Upon the memorial of Justus Seely of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that he has had five sons in the continental army and that one of them happened to have his thigh broke which has never been sett and he is always like to remain a cripple; that another of his said sons was taken sick in the northern army, and was thereby confined for a long time on his return home; that he went to take care of his son and for want of other assistance was obliged to attend upon him night and day for about one month, by means of which he contracted a disorder which fell into one of his legs, and he is thereby become and always like to remain a cripple, and that he is poor and has a numerous and expensive family &c.; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be

and he is hereby allowed out of the public treasury of this State the sum of fifty pounds, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Alex^r Thomson of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that some years past he was convicted of manslaughter, since which he has been restored in part to the privileges of a subject; that he has since conducted himself unexceptionably, and has many alleviating circumstances in his favour, and now labours under peculiar difficulties; praying for a full pardon and restoration &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby fully pardoned of said offence and restored to all those rights, immunities and privileges which he has been deprived of in consequence of said judgment.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Woodruff and Anne Woodruff, both of Litchfield, executors of the last will and testament of Samuel Woodruff late of said Litchfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £153. 7. 3, and that no provision is made in said will for the disposition of real estate; praying to have some proper person impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Anne Woodruff be and she is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Colo. Selah Hart, of Farmington in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that May, 1777, he received out of the treasury of this State by order of said Assembly the sum of £400. 0 0, for the benefit of the officers belonging to this State and were then prisoners in and near New York; that eight pounds of said monies was advanced to Colo. Ethan Allyn, then a prisoner and claiming to have been in the service of this State when taken; that seventeen pounds two shillings was advanced to a number of needy soldiers belonging to this State then prisoners in New York; that the memorialist in his account of the expenditure of said £400 exhibited to the Committee of Pay-Table has not been allowed for the said £8. 0. 0. and the said £17. 2. 0 advanced as aforesaid; and praying that the same may be allowed him in account with said committee, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to allow the memorialist the said two sums amounting to £25. 2. 0, money, in the settlement of his account and receive from him the receipts taken from the persons to whom said monies were paid.

On the memorial of Simeon Booth, administrator on the estate of Ebenezer Blodget, late of East Windsor, deceas'd, praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £209. 13. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$, money, to discharge the debts due from the estate of the said deceas'd &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd, as will raise said sum of £209. 13. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ money, for the purpose aforesaid with necessary charges of sale arising thereon; to be sold by the direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Tyler jun^r, of Pomfret in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist is the commander of a company of matrosses which are incorporated and equipt fit for service, and by the encouragement of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, the memorialist, on the sixth day of April last, inlisted his whole company to serve under half pay agreeable to an act of the General Assembly held at Hartford by adjournment the 12th day of Febr'y to serve as a matross company for the eastern brigade; praying that said company may be employed in the service of this State as a matross or artillery company and be under the same rules and regulation as a company of artillery agreeable to said act, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist and said company by him inlisted be employed in the service of this State as a matross or artillery company on half pay and under the same regulations and encouragements, bounty and refreshments, as a company of artillery or matrosses are entituled to by virtue of said act, and that the officers and soldiers shall be entituled to their pay from the sixth day of April last in the same manner as if the said memorialist had been appointed by this Assembly captain of said artillery company before said inlistment; and his Excellency the Governor is hereby desired to grant the memorialist a commission as a captain of a company of artillery agreeable to said act of Assembly and also grant commissions to such other officers of said company as his Excellency shall appoint to serve in said company untill the first day of March next agreeable to said act of Assembly.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Ridgfield, shewing to this Assembly that the British troops in their late hostile incursion into said town did in their merciless rage consume with fire about six dwelling-houses, with sundry barns, a corn-mill and other buildings together with a large quantity of household goods, cloathing, provisions &c. belonging to individuals, amounting to the sum of £2625.1.8 at the time when destroyed, as has been found by a committee sent by this Assembly to estimate the same, whereby many of the inhabitants are reduced to necessitous circumstances; praying for the compassionate aid of this Assembly &c., as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby ordered and directed to pay to the treasurer of said Ridgfield the sum of £625. 0. 7, being the one-third part of the aforesaid sum of £2625. 1. 8. including £250 which has been heretofore paid out of the publick treasury, to be distributed among the sufferers by the civil authority and selectmen of said town or by a committee to be appointed by the said town for that purpose, according to their best judgment and discretion.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Danbury, shewing to this Assembly that the British troops, in their last hostile incursion into said town, did in their merciless rage consume with fire about twenty dwelling-houses with a number of barns, stores, and other buildings, together with a large quantity of household goods, cloathing, provisions &c. belonging to individuals, amounting to the sum of £16181. 1. 4, at the time when destroyed, as has been found by a committee sent by this Assembly to estimate the same, whereby many of their inhabitants are reduced to necessitous circumstances; praying for the compassionate aid of this Assembly &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby ordered and directed to pay to the treasurer of said Danbury the sum of four thousand eight hundred ninety-three pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, being the one-third part of the aforesaid sum of £16181. 1. 4, including £500. 0. 0 which has been heretofore paid out of the publick treasury, to be distributed among the sufferers by the civil authority and selectmen of said town or by a committee to be appointed by the town for that purpose, according to their best judgment and discretion.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Rider, of Willington in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of James Richardson, late of said Willington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £25. 6. 7, L. money, and that there is no estate of said deceas'd only about forty acres of poor land with some small improvements thereon and if divided would tend to hurt and ruin the whole for sale or settlement; praying for liberty to sell the whole of said forty acres of land to enable him to pay said sum of £25. 6. 7 with the incident charges arising on said sale and the residue of the money, if any there be, to be put on interest for the benefit of the heirs, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell the whole of said forty acres of land and after paying the debts due on said estate to the amount of the aforesaid sum of £25. 6. 7 with the incident charges arising on said sale, the remainder of the money arising on said sale, if any there be, put on interest for the benefit of said heirs; taking the direction of court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Sheldon, Jacob Sheldon, and Nathaniel Austin, all of Suffield in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that they were soldiers in Colo. Thaddeus Cook's regiment, Genl Gates army and northern department, in the month of September last; that in the action of the 19th of that month they were all wounded and put into the general hospital untill the first of the following October, when they were all thence discharged; that they have since been at very considerable costs and expences for the healing their said wounds to doctors, surgeons, nurses and for other necessaries, as well as for their own subsistence, and have suffered much by loss of time not being able to labour or do any business by reason of the wounds aforesaid, and that the memorialists have applied to the Committee of the Pay-Table of this State for adjustment and payment of their expences, costs &c., who advise them the committee are not authorized to adjust their accounts or draw orders on the Treasurer in favour of the memorialists in the premises; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed, and they are hereby impowered, directed and ordered, to admit and receive the certificate of Colo. Thaddeus Cook of the wounds abovesaid &c. as full and sufficient evidence of the facts contained in said memorial, and thereupon to liquidate the accounts of the memorialists in the premises and draw orders on the Treasurer of this State for the payment of what they shall find just and reasonable to the respective memorialists and entry an account thereof make, according to the directions in a resolve of the General Assembly made and passed at their sessions in May, 1777.

Upon the memorial of Benajah Kent, of Suffield in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of August last a horse of his with a saddle and bridle was by authority impressed for the use of the militia then ordered to the Peek-Kills in the State of New York; that said horse, saddle and bridle soon after the arrival of the militia at said Peekskill were there either stolen or lost and have never been returned to the memorialist, nor hath he by all the pains and endeavours he hath been able to use to this time ever recovered said horse or saddle or bridle obtained any intelligence thereof; praying for relief, as per memorial on file, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that twenty-five pounds, L. money, be paid the memorialist out of the public treasury of this State as a recompence for his said loss, and accordingly the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same.

Upon the memorial of Ozias Bidwell of Hartford, administrator on the estate of Zacheus Scott, a free negro, late of Hartford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the General Assembly of this State at their sessions in October last gave the memorialist liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as would raise

the sum of £60. 18. 4, L. money, with incidental charges of sale, and that the memorialist with the advice of the court of probate in and for the district of Hartford, and with the consent of Mr. Paul Alverdy of Bolton, guardian to Zaccheus Scott, a minor and only child of said deceas'd, sold at publick vendue the house, barn and home lott of said deceas'd including the widows thirds to Jonathan Mygatt of said Hartford for the sum of £145. 0. 0, L. money; praying that the memorialist may have power to give a deed of sale of the whole of said land, house and barn, to said Jonathan Mygatt the purchaser, and order and decree that the overplus money amounting to the sum of £82. 1. 8, L. money, be loaned or lett out on good security for the use and benefit of said minor until he arrive of full age, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ozias Bidwell be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to give a deed of sale of said land, house and barn, to the said Jonathan Mygatt, and the money said land sold for more than said £60. 18. 4 and incidental charges of sale loan out on good security till the said minor shall arrive to full age.

Upon the memorial of Jeremiah Markham, Seth Johnson, and Jonathan Bowers, shewing to this Assembly that they were all of Colo. Thaddeus Cook's regiment of militia of this State in Gen' Gates' army, and in the action of the 19th of September last were all wounded and thereby have been a long time disabled from any service and at great expence for the cure of their wounds, since their return home, for the reimbursement of which expence &c. they are advised no provision hath hitherto been made; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed, and they are hereby directed, to receive, liquidate and adjust the accounts &c. referred to in said memorial and draw orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of what they shall find just and reasonable to the memorialists respectively.

Upon the memorial of Jerusha Cary of Windham, administrator on the estate of Capt. Nathaniel Cary, late of Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmounts the personal inventoried estate the sum of £83. 4. 9, money, and praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum together with the incidental charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist have liberty and authority, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to her, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £83. 4. 9, money, together with the incidental charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham thereon.

Upon the memorial of Andrew Adams of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that he on the 19th day of March, 1778, seized a num-

ber of packs of pins and some other articles which were carried about and offered for sale by Daniel Stanton of Killingworth as a pedlar; that he layd in an information to Litchfield county court, and that after a full hearing of the matter, said court gave judgment, that said goods were forfeited &c., but gave no order for the sale thereof, and that the same have been duely apprizd as the law directs; praying for liberty to sell the same at said appraisal &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell and dispose of said goods at the price at which they have been apprizd, and to be accountable to the Treasurer of this State for the neet proceeds thereof after deducting all cost.

On the memorial of Simeon Beebe, of Waterbury in the county of New Haven, administrator on the estate of Simeon Bebee late of said Waterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £64. 10. 9, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £64. 10. 9, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £64. 10. 9, L. money, with the charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Amos and Enos Ives, executors on the last will and testament of Gideon Ives, late of Wallingford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of the same the sum of £26. 0. 0, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and is hereby given to said Amos and Enos Ives to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £26. 0. 0 with the incident charges of sale &c., for the purpose of paying said debts; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the abovesaid district therein.

Upon the memorial of Israel Hall and Eunice Hall, administrators on the estate of Solomon Rice late of Wallingford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said Solomon Rice, deceas'd, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £69. 12. 11, L. money; praying for liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be given to said administrators, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the said

sum of £69. 12. 11, L. money, with the incident charges of sale, for the purpose of paying said debts; taking direction from the court of probate for the district of Wallingford therein.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Freeman, administratrix on the estate of Elkanah Freeman, late of Canaan in said State, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £42. 7. 7, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with the charges of sale &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and it is hereby granted to said Hannah to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £42. 7. 7, L. money, with the incident charges arising on sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Stevenson, administratrix on the estate of Robert Stevenson late of Chatham, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances against the said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £250. 13. 4; praying that some meet person may have liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to make said sum of £250. 13. 4 together with the incident charges that may arise thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Sarah Stevenson have liberty, and she has hereby liberty and authority, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £250. 13. 4 together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Middletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Stevenson, administratrix on the estate of Lieut. Thomas Stevenson, late of Chatham, dec'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances against said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £264. 18. 4½; praying that some meet person may have liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £264. 18. 4½ together with the incident charge that may arise thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jesse Johnson of said Chatham have liberty, and he has hereby liberty and authority, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £264. 18. 4½ together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Middletown therein.

On the memorial of Samuel Beers, of Stratford in Fairfield County, administrator on the estate of John Lamson of said Stratford,

deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate against the estate of the said John Lamson of said Stratford, deceas'd, surmount the inventoried personal estate the sum of £199. 19. 7, L. money, to pay which the said administrator hath no estate in his hands; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to satisfy said sum of £199. 19. 7 together with the incident charges that shall arise thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Samuel Beers, administrator of said estate, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy said sum of £199. 19. 7, L. money, together with the charges that shall arise on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Sarah Lewiss and Beach Tomlinson, of Stratford in Fairfield County, administrators on the estate of Colo. Ichabod Lewis of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed against the estate of Colo. Ichabod Lewis of said Stratford, dec'd, surmount the personal inventoried estate the sum of £50. 2. 7, L. money, to pay which the said administrators hath no estate in their hands; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to satisfy said sum of £50. 2. 7 together with the incident charges that shall arise thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said administrators, Sarah Lewis and Beach Tomlinson, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said sum of £50. 2. 7, L. money, together with the charges that shall arise on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield thereon.

Upon the memorial of James Benedict, shewing to this Assembly that his son James Benedict jun^r, a soldier in Capt. Watson's company, in Colo. Swifts regiment, in the continental army, was taken sick at the Peekskill and was left there by said Capt. Watson when he was ordered to join Gen^l Washington's army then to the southward in the year 1777, and that after said James jun^r was recovered, was ordered to join another company and march to the White Plains and Rye &c., and was again taken sick and left with a corporal and ordered to be taken to Danbury hospital, but being unable to travel was left by said corporal, and that said memorialist was at great cost and charge in getting said James Benedict jun^r to said Danbury hospital where he could not be got in, he not being properly reported, and also in getting him home to Norfolk and for doctoring and nursing after he got him home &c.; praying for some relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee

of Pay-Table be directed to examine and adjust the accounts referred to in said memorial and allow what they shall find just and reasonable and draw on the Treasurer for the same and charge the same to the United States of America.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Beckley and Joseph Richards, administrators on the estate of Zebedee Beckley, late of Weathersfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £290. 9. 0, L. money, for the payment of which sum your memorialists have no moveables left, therefore pray your Honors to grant liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £290. 9. 0, lawfull money, to pay said debts with incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £290. 9. 0, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the petition of Caleb Hull and Ruth his wife, shewing that one Stephen Hotchkiss, Esq', had recovered a judgment against them as they were administrators on the estate of Capt. Josiah Robbinson, deceas'd, which the said Caleb was subjected to and had been obliged to pay out of his own estate only because of his intermarriage with the said Ruth, who before was the widow and one of the administrators of the said Josiah, together with her son Josiah Robbinson the younger, who also was deceas'd and his estate become insolvent, the judgment recovered against the petitioners with the bill of cost and the interest since they paid the same amounts to the sum of £167. 16. 0, L. money; that all the estate of the said Josiah the elder has been distributed to and among his said heirs and mostly disposed of, except that part of it which was set out to the said Ruth as her right of dower in said estate; praying for liberty to sell so much thereof as shall be sufficient to pay said sums and the cost and incident charges of such sale, as per petition &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Caleb Hull be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to make sale of so much of the estate of all the heirs of the said Josiah the elder in common, as shall be sufficient to pay and reimburse himself the sum of fifty pounds, money, as so much of said sum paid by him as aforesaid, and also that he make sale of so much of the estate of the said heirs of the said Josiah the younger, descended to them from the said Josiah the elder, as shall be sufficient to pay and reimburse himself the remainder of said sum with the cost in prosecuting his said petition and the incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein. *Cost taxed and allowed for prosecuting &c., the petition is £5. 14. 0, L. money.*

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Ogden, executor of the last will and testament of John Ogden, late of Fairfield in Fairfield County, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. exhibited and allowed by the court of probate in and for the district of Fairfield surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £202. 3. 4, L. money, and that no provision is made by said deceas'd in his last will and testament for the payment of his debts; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £202. 3. 4, L. money, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Hez^h Ogden be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £202. 3. 4, L. money, together with the incidental charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of the towns of Norwich and Preston by their agents, Benjamin Huntington of Norwich and Jeremiah Halsey of Preston, Esq^{rs}, shewing to this Assembly that the bridges over the great river Shatucket in said Norwich are old and unfit to pass on, by means whereof the travel from said Preston and other towns east of said river to the landing place in said Norwich is and will be greatly incommoded untill another bridge can be built in such manner as to be durable, and that the market and trade from the eastern States and the eastern parts of this State to said Norwich Landing is very considerable and has in time past been hampered with a toll bridge of private property and now by a dangerous ferry to the great damage of the public, and that a bridge to accommodate the publick would be very expensive and more than can reasonably be expected to be done by the town of Norwich, the river being deep, rapid and wide, and bridges built in the common mode are subject to be swept away by the violence of the freshets and ice, which is surprisngly great and beyond description to such as have not seen it; praying for liberty of a lottery to raise the sum of £3000, L. money, to build a firm and durable cart bridge across said river with such regulations as to indemnify and save this State harmless from all cost, expences and damage that may arise on account thereof, and render an account of the money expended in building said bridge to the General Assembly of this State when thereto required, as was done in the case of a lottery granted to the town of Norwich, which was settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, and that the memorialists will so concert the scheme of said lottery as to bring a large sum of money into the continental loan office by paying of all the prizes in said lottery of two hundred dollars and above in Loan Office Certificates, which will be of great service to the public in putting a large sum into the public funds, and also furnish the public with a good cart bridge which will be of great utility and public benefit, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the towns of Norwich and Preston have liberty, and

liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to sett up and cause to be drawn a lottery or lottery's at the risque of said towns, on their undertaking by a vote of said towns to build a good bridge across said river, to raise a sum not exceeding £3000. 0. 0, L. money, to be improved for the purpose of building a bridge, and said towns shall be obliged to build a good bridge across said river in such manner as is set forth in said memorial, and at such place as the said towns of Norwich and Preston shall by a committee chosen by said towns, not exceeding three from each town, order and direct: the said towns of Norwich and Preston to appoint managers of said lottery to manage the same, not exceeding three from each town, to be legally chosen by said towns, which managers shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of said trust till finally drawn and compleated; and the said managers shall put a sufficient sum of money raised by the sale of tickets in said lottery into the continental loan office to pay off all the prizes in said lottery of two hundred dollars and above in loan office certificates; and the managers of said lottery shall pay over all monies raised by said lottery to said committee chosen by said towns for building said bridge, and said monies shall all be applied and expended in building said bridge in such manner as said committee shall judge best to serve the public, and said committee shall render an account of their doings in the premisses to the General Assembly of this State when thereto required; and the said towns of Norwich and Preston are hereby impowered to take sufficient bonds with sureties of said managers, conditioned that said managers shall faithfully execute said trust so that said towns may be saved harmless and indemnified and that no injustice be done to the adventurers in said lottery in the premisses, and also said committee shall become bound with sureties to said towns of Norwich and Preston faithfully to apply all the monies delivered them by said managers for the purpose of building said bridge and to account with said towns or render an account in the premisses to the General Assembly of this State when thereto required. Provided also and it is further resolved, that s^d lottery shall be drawn and compleated as soon as may be and within the term of twelve months from the rising of this Assembly, on penalty that this grant and liberty and every clause thereof shall be null and void.

Upon the memorial of Lusher Gay and Mary Cutler of Killingley, administrators on the intestate estate of Asa Cutler, late of said Killingley, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly, that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd, exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Pomfret, surmounts the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £51. 10. 3½, L. money; praying that some meet person or persons might be impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and

liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £51. 10. 3½, L. money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret therein.

Upon the memorial of David Adams jun^r, Squire Adams, Gideon Lockwood, and Albert Lockwood, all of Fairfield in Fairfield County, shewing to this Assembly that on the 30th day of March last past the memorialists were arrested and carryed before Increase Bradley, Esq^r, justice of the peace, to answer a complaint against them for being inimical to the United States and joining the enemies of said States; praying to be admitted to bail &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of the county of Fairfield be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take bonds of the said David Adams jun^r, Squire Adams, Gideon Lockwood, and Albert Lockwood, with sufficient sureties for each of them, to appear before the next superior court to be held in and for Fairfield County to answer to such matters as shall there be alleged against them.

Upon the memorial of Elihu Lyman of Middletown, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776 he was an ensign in Capt. Hubbard's company in Colo. Huntingtons regiment, and was wounded and taken a prisoner in the action with the enemy upon Long Island the 27th day of August in said year, and continued a prisoner untill he was exchanged a few days past, and that he was stripped naked by the enemy who took from him sundry articles of cloathing, arms &c., as per memorial on file; praying this Assembly to take his case into their consideration and grant him relief &c.: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the several articles contained in said memorial, exclusive of the silver watch, be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are directed to examine and adjust and allow what they shall judge just and reasonable according to the usual rule in such case, and draw on the Treasurer in favour of the memorialist therefor and charge the same to the United States.

Upon the memorial of James Evans of Salisbury, shewing to this Assembly that he was a private in Capt. Miller's company, Colo. Bradley's regiment, and was captured at Fort Washington on the 16th of November, 1776, and returned home sick about the first of March following; praying this Assembly to direct the Committee of the Pay-Table to liquidate his account for the expence of his sickness after he returned home and draw an order on the Treasurer for what they find due &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to liquidate the accounts for the expences of the said James Evans in his sickness as aforesaid and make such allowance as would

have been made in case he had returned home before the first of February, 1777.

Upon the memorial of Ezra Wilcox of Guilford, shewing to this Assembly that he was a private in Colo. Thaddeus Cook's regiment of militia in the northern army the last fall, and in the action of the seventh of Octob^r last received a wound &c., for the cure of which he hath been put to the expence of £16. 9. 0. since his return home, and hath also by means of said wound lost three months and ten days time &c.; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive, examine and liquidate the accounts of the said Ezra for the matters aforesaid and allow him the said Ezra what to them shall appear just and reasonable and draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Smith, of Farmington in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that he was convicted some time since before Isaac Lee jun^r, Esq^r, justice of the peace for the county of Hartford, for an inadvertent violation of the regulating act, and praying that the disabilities he has incurred thereby might be removed: Resolved by this Assembly, that the disabilities incurred by the memorialist as aforesaid be removed and that he be restored to all the liberties, privileges and immunities which he would have enjoyed had he not been guilty of a violation of said act, his conviction notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of John Daviss jun^r, shewing to this Assembly, that being perswaded and solicited by people of Derby in this State, in whose opinion and judgment he trusted and confided, that the British army weré so strong and powerfull the United States of America would not be able to resist or oppose their march through the country, and that it was best for the memorialist to go over to the enemy, who would yield and afford him all manner of protection from the horrors and ravages of war he so much feared and dreaded; that being thus deluded and led astray he did some time in the month of January, 1777, go over to the enemy at Long Island with a view for protection and garrisoning on Long Island, not with the least idea of bearing arms against his country; that after he had thus gone over to the enemy as aforesaid to his great surprize he was compelled to take up arms against his country, and for that purpose ordered to march to Kings Bridge; that he is and for a long time hath been convinced of his error in going to the enemy and bearing arms against the country as aforesaid; that he embraced the first opportunity that presented to make his escape and return to said Derby, and that being fully sensible he hath justly forfeited his life by his conduct he casts himself on the mercy of this Assembly imploring pardon &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John

Davis be pardoned, and a pardon of the said crime is hereby granted to the said John Davis, on his paying costs of prosecution if any hath been instituted against him.

Upon the memorial of John Wedge, of Kent in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the 27th of April last the memorialist belonging to Capt. Joseph Carter's company was required by said Capt. Carter to march with the rest of said company in the utmost haste on horseback for the relief of the town of Danbury, when invaded by the British troops: the memorialist with sundry others left their horses with a guard, pursued the enemy on foot and the memorialist's horse was unfortunately lost, and, notwithstanding the utmost pains and cost reasonable, can never hear anything of said horse since; praying this Assembly to give an order upon the Treasurer of this State to draw so much money out of the Treasury as this Assembly shall think may be a reasonable recompence, or some other way relieve the memorialist &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £9. 15. 0 be allowed to the memorialist out of the treasury of this State, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Trussell and Martha Stevens, representing that their husbands have been in New York for more than one year, leaving each of them with two children, and that they are scarce able to procure themselves and children a support; praying that they might have liberty to transport themselves and children to their husbands, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be permitted to remove with their children to their said husbands, carrying only such necessaries as they stand in immediate need of, and that his Excellency the Governor be desired to give them a permission for that purpose.

Upon the memorial of Anne Pierpoint, administr'x upon the estate of Mr. James Pierpoint, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said dec'd exhibited to the court of probate for the district of New Haven since the former allowance amounts to £24. 16. 3, and that the administr'x hath no estate in her hands to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £24. 16. 3, L. money, together with the incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Colo. Elisha Sheldon of Salisbury, shewing to this Assembly that by order of his Excellency General Washington in consequence of the direction of Congress he raised a regiment of light dragoons, a part of which belong to this State, and that great difficulties arise on account of their not being allowed refreshments in the same manner as is allowed the infantry &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the non-commission officers and privates belonging to said regiment, who at the time of their engaging in said service were inhabitants of this State, shall for the future have and receive the same refreshments and upon the same terms as is allowed to the infantry belonging to this State in continental service, and the several issuing commissarys of refreshments are directed to regulate themselves accordingly.

Upon the memorial of David Burbank, Wilford Johnson, and John Hemingway, shewing to this Assembly that from the first day of Nov^r, 1776, to the 23^d day of August, 1777, they have made and manufactured five hundred bushels of common salt in the town of Branford, which is the second five hundred bushels of salt made since the making of the act of Assembly engaging the sum of eighty pounds for the second five hundred bushels that should be made within this State; praying that they may receive the same, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists receive out of the public treasury the sum of eighty pounds, L. money, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Ford, administrator upon the estate of Nathaniel Ford, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmounted the moveable part of said estate the sum of £9. 4. 2; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £9. 4. 2. together with the incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of James Thomson of New Haven, administrator on the estate of Ephraim Morriss, dec'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmounted the moveable part of the estate of said deceas'd the sum of £49. 3. 3; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as should be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay

said sum of £49. 3. 3, together with the incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Doolittle of New Haven, representing that he hath about 16,000 pounds of salt-petre by him which belongs to this State, and that he is ready to work up the same in his powder-mill; that the price of labour and sulphur and risque is such that he cannot work up the same at the former price allowed him, but he is willing to work it up and return as many pounds of powder as he shall work up of the salt-petre, provided this State find sulphur, he to allow for the same sum he paid for sulphur in the year 1775; further representing that it is needfull that the salt-petre be cleansed in order to make good powder, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be provided with sulphur by this State for manufacturing said salt-petre into gun powder for this State, the sulphur to be delivered to the memorialist at the price of fifty shillings per hundred weight at the place of delivery in this State, and return to this State one hundred weight of good powder for each hundred weight of salt-petre he shall so manufacture, to be delivered to his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to give orders for delivering the sulphur belonging to this State to the memorialist as occasion may require, the memorialist to pay for the same at the price aforesaid; and that the memorialist may clarify said salt-petre so far as on advice he shall judge necessary for making good gun-powder, for which service he shall be allowed such reasonable sum as the General Assembly on laying his account before them shall judge just.

Upon the memorial of Majr Levi Wells of Colchester to this Assembly, and upon the report of their committee appointed to enquire thereinto, shewing that on the memorialists return from New York on parole, when he was a prisoner, he obtained a draft from his Excellency Governor Trumbull on merchants in New York for the sum of £500, L. money, for the benefit of suffering prisoners of this State in New York, on which he collected £42, L. money, and paid the same according to direction as also about £1100, L. money, received in gold and silver from persons in this State for the benefit of their suffering friends, prisoners at New York, also delivered according to directions, except £84. 1. 9, lawfull money, belonging to men either dead, returned home or not to be found, £57. 2. 0, L. money, of which was paid out for the same purpose his Excellencys draft was designed, £7. 0. 5 retained in his own hands, and thirty-three dollars exchanged for continental bills, all for the use and benefit of suffering prisoners of this State; that in receiving in and paying out said monies their was a deficiency of £10. 1. 4, L. money,

and that the memorialist when made a prisoner had his silver hilted sword taken from him &c., as per memorial and report on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive out of the public treasury of this State in hard money the sum of £84. 1. 9, L. money, for which he stands accountable to the several persons from whom he received it, and that he lodge in the Pay-Table office receipts and proper accounts to the amount of £57. 2. 0, L. money, and also said forty-two pounds received at New York against the persons to whom delivered, and that he also replace in the public treasury of this State the aforesaid sum of £9. 18. 0, L. money, by him exchanged as aforesaid, and also the sum of £7. 0. 5, lawfull money, by him retained in continental bills, and that the memorialist also receive out of the treasury of this State for the loss of his sword £9. 0. 0, L. money, and also receive for his expence, extraordinary trouble, risk, $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for all the monies received and by him delivered out for the benefit of suffering prisoners as aforesaid, and that the Committee of the Pay-Table adjust the accounts and draw on the Treasurer of this State accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Nichols, of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut, administrator on the estate of Samuel Turney, late of Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts against the said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £64. 2. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, L. money, and that the said administrator hath nothing in his hands to pay the same, as per memorial on file; praying to have liberty to sell so much of the lands of the said deceas'd as shall enable him to pay the above sum of £64. 2. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ebenezer Nichols have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him the said administrator, to sell so much of the lands of the said Samuel Turney, deceas'd, as shall be sufficient to pay the aforesaid sum of £64. 2. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, L. money, together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Stephen Bulkland, administrator with the will annexed on the estate of Jedidiah Spencer, late of Hartford in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of the said Jedidiah, together with necessaries of moveables sett out to the widow of the said deceas'd for her necessary use, surmount the moveable estate of the said Jedidiah, deceas'd, the sum of £85. 12. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, lawfull money, for the payment of which he has no moveable estate to pay the same, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said Jedidiah as will raise said sum of £85. 12. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to discharge said debts and the incident charges of sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Stephen Bulkland have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to sell and dispose of so much of the real estate of the said Jedidiah Spencer deceas'd as shall

raise the said sum of £85. 12. 7½, lawfull money, and the incident charges of sale, in such manner and such part as shall be least detrimental to and most advantageous to said estate ; taking the advice of the judge of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the petition of Mary Stone of Litchfield, administratrix on the estate of Benjamin Stone late of said Litchfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that about two years past Samuel Vail, late of said Litchfield, was about to purchase a small tract of land in said Litchfield and not being able to obtain the same without a bondsman, upon which he procured the said Benjamin to be his bondsman, for whose security he gave his note of hand for the sum of fifteen pounds on interest, and also agreed to give the said Benjamin a deed of said land, in consequence of which he procured and executed a deed, but before the same was recorded the said Benj^a and the said Samuel both dyed and the said deed is lost and the estate of said Samuel is deeply insolvent &c. ; praying to have said note paid off in full &c., as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner shall recover of the administrator of the estate of said Samuel Vail out of said estate in his hands the full of said note of fifteen pounds and interest, and said administ^r on said Vaill's estate is hereby authoriz'd and directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Anderson Dana, of Westmoreland in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that the Indians have taken and killed twenty-five persons on the west bank of the Susquehannah River, and have killed and destroyed many persons near the head of the east branch, west of Albany, are very troublesome by their past conduct, give reason to the inhabitants in that part of the State to believe said Indians are meditating war on the inhabitants of said Westmoreland ; also shewing that unless there can be a company raised to defend said Westmoreland there is great reason to apprehend that both the inhabitants and militia will be harrassed through the summer, so as to prevent their necessary agriculture and farming ; further shewing that the Hon^{ble} Congress have commissioned officers for raising a company for defence of said Westmoreland with the only encouragement of forty shillings per month to a private, and that the said company cannot be raised it is thought on said encouragement ; praying this Assembly would grant some furthur encouragement for the raising said company &c., as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that for further encouragement of raising the company in the memorial referred to that the sum of thirty shillings per month be and the same is hereby allowed and granted to each non-commissioned officer and soldier who shall inlist to and serve in said company from the time of their respective inlistments, as a bounty, untill the first day of December next unless sooner discharged ; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to examine the pay abstracts

of said company and draw orders on the State Treasurer for payment thereof.

Upon the memorial of Nathan Denison, of Westmoreland in the State of Connecticut, shewing that on account of the exposed situation of that town and the frequent incursion of the Tories and savages he has been necessitated as commander of the 24th regiment of militia in the year 1776 and 1777 and 1778, to send forth detachments from said regiment in scouting parties and for guards when exposed to an attack, and praying for relief and compensation for said services, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive the pay abstracts of the officers and men called into service as aforesaid properly made out and attested, and adjust and settle the same and draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the memorialist for such sums as they shall find justly due, in the same manner as is allowed to others of the militia of this State on like occasions.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Babcock, of Canterbury in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of M^r Nathaniel Babcock, late of Voluntown in said county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmounts the personable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £25. 18. 0, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of s^d dec'd, as will raise said sum with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Nathaniel Babcock have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £25. 18. 0, L. money, with the incident charges thereon arising on said estate; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Joshua Belding, clerk, and David Lowrey of Weathersfield, shewing that they are owners of two certain valuable lots of land in the society of Newington, in said Weathersfield, and good for improvement, that the same two lotts lye upon a certain brook called Crane Meadow Brook, which flows through and into their said lands some part of the year and so in its natural course across a highway into the land of one Ephraim Whaples, that said brook in the summer season is obstructed by the sand which hath collected in said highway and in the lott of the said Whaples contiguous thereto, so that the old natural course thereof is much filled up and of consequence the memorialists said lands are greatly flowed and ponded and the use and benefit of the same to themselves as well as the public is almost entirely lost and the said Whaples will not suffer them to remove said obstructions on his said lands &c.; praying for relief, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. John Chester,

Colo. Selah Hart, and Capt. Samuel Wadsworth be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to repair to and view the said obstructions mentioned as aforesaid, and enquire into the expediency of opening said water-course in its antient channel and of the advantages and disadvantages thereof to the parties, and if upon such enquiry said committee shall be of opinion that it is reasonable and necessary that said water-course should be opened that they thereupon do cause the same to be done, so as fully to answer the purpose designed, and also make an estimate of the damages, if any there be, to the said Whaples by means of any digging in his said lands in order to the removal of said obstructions as aforesaid which shall be paid him by the memorialists, all at the cost of the memorialists, and thereupon the memorialists for the future shall have liberty to keep open said water-course in its ancient channel across said highway and in the lands of the said Whaples at their own expence and to remove all obstructions therein so far as will be necessary to prevent the waters in said brook from flowing their said lands in the summer season as aforesaid, taking care that the publick travel in said highway be not impeded or prejudiced thereby.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that the British troops in their late excursion to Danbury they plundered, destroyed and carried off from the inhabitants of said town of Norwalk near the sea shore their oxen, horses, provisions, cloathing, household goods and effects, to a considerable amount and value; that the enemy also have at various times before and since privately landed and come on shore in said town of Norwalk, and in the most cruel and wanton manner robbed, destroyed and carried off the goods, chattels and effects of several particular families, to the great injury and distress of said inhabitants; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Lemuel Sanford, Esq^r, Colo. Charles Webb, and Colo. Nehemiah Beardsley, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to repair to said town of Norwalk and to enquire and examine the losses that said inhabitants or any of them have sustained by the enemies of the United States in their incursion to Danbury in April, 1777, and state an account and make an estimate of the same according to the true and just value thereof, and report make in the premises to the next session of this Assembly, that further order may be made thereon.

Upon the memorial of Jonath Gillett, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776, when the enemy landed upon Long Island, he, the said Gillett, being a Lieut. in Colo. Jedidiah Huntington's regiment then stationed on the island of New York, was ordered over to Long Island to oppose the progress of the enemy; that he left his baggage and cloathing chiefly in camp; that in the engagement with the enemy he unhappily fell into their hands, who stripped and robbed

him of everything he had ; that he was detained a prisoner for the space of eighteen months ; that in the meantime he lost upon the island of New York the articles he was obliged to leave behind and has never been able to procure them ; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of five pounds sixteen shillings, L money, be granted to the memorialist, and the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to draw an order for the same on the Treasurer of this State and charge the sum thereof to the United States of America.

Upon the petition of Silas Park, Amos Park, Eneas Woodward, Uriah Chapman, Elijah Witter, Jacob Kimball, John Pettis jun^r, Abel Kimball, Moses Killam, Benjamin Lathrop, Walter Kimball, Enos Woodward jun^r, Eliab Farnham, Jephtha Killam, Hezekiah Bingham, David Ford, Charles Forsyth, Samuel Haigh, John Anesley, John Pallet, David Gates, Nathaniel Gates, Zebulon Parrish, Stephen Parrish, Uriah Chapman jun^r, Silas Park jun^r, John Streng, and Jonathan Haskell, all of Westmoreland in the county of Westmoreland and settlers of a district in said Westmoreland called Lanaway, shewing to this Assembly that they live on the main road that leads to Susquehannah River from New York and New Jersey across Delaware River, and that they were greatly exposed to the small-pox by reason of the travelling from the State of New York and New Jersey, where the small-pox was and is extremely prevalent, and thereby the petitioners lives greatly exposed by said infectious disease, and some time in the month of July last, the said town of Westmoreland at a legal town meeting voted that inoculation for the small-pox might be set up in said Westmoreland agreeable to an act of the General Assembly of this State, and the petitioners some time in the month of Nov^r last for their own self-preservation did a number of them take the small-pox by inoculation, supposing that liberty was given by said town, but said town afterwards met and recalled said vote, giving liberty for inoculation, which was unknown to the petitioners, and so by law they are liable to be prosecuted, and one of the petitioners is prosecuted and bound over to the county court to answer for said crime and a number of them informed against ; praying that said prosecutions may be declared null and void and that no other prosecution may be commenced against any other of said petitioners or settlers, and that some suitable persons may be appointed within said settlement with power to order and regulate the inoculation for the benefit of the settlers and their families, as per petition on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioners be discharged from any prosecution that hath been instituted against them or any of them on account of inoculating for or taking the infection of the small-pox, they paying the cost that has already arisen, and that the petitioners be discharged from any further prosecution on account of their having already taken or given the infection of the small-pox.

Upon the memorial of Archibald Robertson of New London, administrator on the estate of Patrick Robertson, late of said New London, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of New London surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £168. 16. 11½, lawfull money; praying for liberty to sell land to pay the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Archibald Robertson have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £168. 16. 11½, lawfull money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Willoughby, of Norwich in the county of New London, administrator with the will annexed of Mrs. Thankfull Willoughby, late of Norwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the whole of said estate both real and personal the sum of £2. 4. 2, L. money, and that he is willing to pay the whole of said debts and charges on said estate which is adjudged insolvent, provided the lands of said deceas'd can be conveyed to him, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Elisha Lathrop, Esq^r, of Newent in said Norwich, be and he is hereby authorized and impowered by and with the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich to make and execute a deed of all the inventoried land of said deceas'd to said Elijah Willoughby, he first paying all the debts and charges due from said deceas'd, which deed, being so executed and recorded, shall be sufficient evidence of a title to said land in said Elijah Willoughby, his heirs and assigns, in any court of record.

Upon the memorial in error of Dudley Drake, &c., complaining of a judgment of the superior court &c.: Resolved, that the further consideration of said memorial be continued and the judgment complained of therein be suspended to the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the memorial of Luther Mason, of Litchfield, administrator on the estate of Thomas Mason, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said Thomas was captured at Fort Washington the 16th of Nov^r, 1776, and returned home on the 16th of Feb'y following, sick and continued sick untill the 13th of March and then dyed; that the expence of his sickness to the amount of £13. 15. 0 could not be allowed by the Committee of Pay-Table on account of his not getting home by the first of Feb'y, 1777; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of

Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to liquidate and settle the account referred to in said memorial and draw on the Treasurer for what they find justly due in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Carrier, of Colchester in Hartford county, administrator upon the estate of Judah Sexton, late of Chatham in said Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Middletown against said deceas'd Sexton's estate together with some small allowance set out by said court of probate to the widow surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £60. 0. 2, L. money; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will enable him to pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £60. 0. 2 &c., as per memorial on file: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the said Isaac Carrier have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £60. 0. 2 together with the incidental charges arising upon such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Middletown in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Parker, of Coventry in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Deacon Samuel Parker, late of said Coventry, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate including a legacy of four pounds, L. money, to Joseph Parker jun^r, as exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Windham, surmounts the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £80. 0. 3, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the aforesaid sum with incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the aforesaid sum of £80. 0. 3, L. money, together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of John Norriss, administrator on the estate of George Barrows, late of Tolland in Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable inventoried part thereof the sum of £82. 12. 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said dec'd as to raise said sum of £82. 12. 2, L. money: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £82. 12. 2, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Joshua Griggs, administrator on the estate of Ichabod Griggs jun^r, late of Tolland in Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd together with some allowance set out to the widow of said deceas'd as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £113. 9. 0, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £113. 9. 0, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £113. 9. 0, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Medad Hunt, of Tolland in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of M^r Aaron Barnard, late of said Tolland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmounts the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £14. 0. 0, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £14. 0. 0, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Ladd, Asa Daviss and others, grand children and heirs of Capt. Samuel Parker, late of Coventry in Windham county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said Samuel, deceas'd, by his last will and testament, duely proved and approved, among other bequests gave and bequeathed to said memorialists certain real estate in common and to be divided to and among said memorialists by the executors of said deceas'd in such way as said executors should judge best, and that said deceas'd in and by said will appointed Phineas Strong, Esq^r, and M^r James Parker as executors to said will, and that said Phineas and James after the decease of said Samuel did wholly refuse to accept said trust, and that thereupon the administration of said estate was granted by the court of probate for the district of Windham to Joseph Parker of said Coventry with the said will annexed, and that said Joseph on settling said estate finds it necessary to make sale of some part of said real estate to enable him to discharge the just debts and funeral charges of said deceas'd; thereupon praying this Assembly that full power and authority may be given to said Joseph Parker as administrator, to make sale of the whole of the real estate given to the memorialist

by said will and the same to settle to and among said memorialists in the same way and manner as said executors could have done had they accepted said trust, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that power and authority may be given, and that power and authority is hereby granted to the said Joseph Parker as administrator to said estate, to make sale of the whole of the real estate given and bequeathed to said memorialist in and by said will, and the avails or net proceeds thereof to divide to and among the memorialists in the same way and manner and proportion as said executors could have done by force of said will; taking the same for his guide, with the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of Marchant Wooster of Derby, representing and alledging that he always was a friend to the United States and faithfully served as a soldier one campaign under the command of Colo. Charles Webb in 1776, but was afterwards unhappily seduced by disaffected persons, a Maj^r French, a British officer, to join the enemy of these States, and has been since taken and is now a prisoner in this State, and professing a hearty and sincere repentance of his crime and folly and praying to be discharged and offering to take the oath of fidelity &c., as per memorial on file: It is therefore considered and resolved by this Assembly, that the said Wooster be released from his imprisonment and allowed to return home to his father and be discharged of any prosecution on account of his past conduct on taking the oath of fidelity to this State.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Rockwell, administrator on the estate of Joseph Rockwell of Colebrook, deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges against said estate surmount the moveable estate £97. 8. 5; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Elijah Rockwell, administrator, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said Elijah, to sell so much of the real estate of said Rockwell, deceas'd, as shall raise said sum and incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Reynolds and John Nettleton, both of Waterbury in New Haven County, shewing to this Assembly that Thomas Richards late of said Waterbury, deceas'd, by his last will and testament gave and bequeathed unto Susannah Richards, his wife, in lieu of her dower in his estate, the use and improvement of ten acres of plow-land of the lot whereon his barn stood, the one half of his orchard and one half of a certain piece of meadow land in said will described, during her natural life, and to her and his daughter Sarah Richards jointly the use and improvement of the south room of his dwelling-house and the bed-room, one half of his cellar and the east part of his barn, so long as they should bear his name, as by an

attested copy of said will may fully appear; that said Susannah Richards upon the decease of said Thomas accepted of and entered into possession of said premises in lieu of her dower in said estate; that by reason of her great age, infirmness and total blindness, she is become wholly unable to transact business and to support or provide for herself; that nevertheless some time in the year 1777 she was induced by her son-in-law, William Nichols of said Waterbury, by a deed of assignment by her executed, to assign, sell and make over to said Nichols her whole right and title in and unto said premises, *viz*:— the whole of that she was entituled to by said will in lieu of her dower in the real estate of said deceas'd Thomas Richards; that said deed of assignment was given for no valuable consideration, but merely on consideration of said Nichols promisses to maintain, provide for and support her, the said Susannah Richards; that said consideration hath wholly failed; that said Nichols before the making of said deed had absconded and joined the army of the King of Great Britain on Long Island, and at the time of making and executing said deed he was a prisoner upon bail, his whole estate was liable to forfeiture and actually attached for the use of the State &c.; that the memorialist, said Raynolds, is the son and said Nettleton the son in law of said Susannah Richards, and the only children of said Susannah Richards who are of sufficient ability to support and maintain her &c.; praying this Assembly to interpose in her behalf and to declare the aforesaid deed of assignment to said William Nichols null and void &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said deed of assignment made and executed by the said Susannah Richards to the said William Nichols be and the same is hereby vacated and made null and void and of none effect.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Betts of Stamford, shewing to this Assembly that he was taken from his house by the enemy on the 14th of February, 1777, and carried to Long Island, where he was kept confined and in danger of starving and his life threat'ned untill he was thereby induced to inlist, which he did and continued under the power of the enemy until he found means to escape, when he returned to Stamford and took the oath of fidelity to this State, since which he has been apprehended without any warrant or order of the civil authority, and is now confined in Hartford goal; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist upon his paying the cost that has arisen on account of his being taken up and confined as aforesaid, allowed by this Assembly to be £1. 6. 0, be and he is thereupon liberated and discharged from his present confinement.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Gibbs of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that he was sometime past inadvertently induced to write and sign a pass for a molatto servant of Moses Comstock of said Nor-

walk by the name of *G. S. Silliman, Brig^r Gen^l*, for which he the memorialist was soon after apprehended and is now confined in goal in Fairfield County; that he is now sensible of the heinousness of his crime and has enlisted into the continental army &c.; praying that he may be discharged from his said imprisonment and allowed to join said army &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist upon his paying the cost of his prosecution be and he is thereupon discharged from said imprisonment and prosecution aforesaid: provided nevertheless, that no person whatsoever shall be in anywise exempted from military draught for or on account of the enlistment of the memorialist as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Peter Mills, of Kent in the county of Litchfield, administrator on the estate of William Marsh, late of Kent in said county, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceased the sum of £103. 14. 8, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will raise said sum of £103. 14. 8, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will raise the sum of £103. 14. 8, L. money, with the charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein.

Upon the memorial of Garnor Olmsted and Hannah Munrow, executors of the last will of David Munrow late of Fairfield, deceased, shewing that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceased the sum of £24. 13. 10, money, and that no provision is made by said will for the payment thereof, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialists be and they are hereby fully empowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said David, deceased, as shall be sufficient to pay said sum with the incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of James Stewart, of Kent in the county of Litchfield, administrator on the estate of Nathan Stuart, late of Kent in said county, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of the said deceased the sum of £75. 11. 8, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall raise said sum of £75. 11. 8, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will raise the sum of £75.

11. 8, L. money, with the charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein.

Upon the memorial of Joshua Pomeroy, John Wood jun^r, Elias Chapin and Aaron Horton, selectmen of the town of Somers, shewing to this Assembly that Daniel Burchard of said Somers in the close of the year 1776 dyed leaving a small real estate and an impotent son named Gideon, who immediately fell under the care of the said selectmen, who expended for his support the sum of £20. 19. 6, money, which together with the sum of £12. 3. 8 the said Gideons share of the expence of settling the said Daniels estate and debts due therefrom over and above what the whole of the personal estate of the said Daniel was sufficient to pay will surmount the whole of the said Gideons share of the real estate of said deceas'd, which makes the whole of the said Gideons estate; that the usual manner of liquidating and settling accounts of that nature would be so expensive as to absorb the whole of the said Gideons estate and leave nothing to refund said town; and praying that some meet person might be appointed to make sale of the said Gideon's real estate so far as to raise the aforesaid sums with cost arising thereon and with power to give legal conveyance thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of the town of Somers for the time being or the major part of them have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Gideon as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sums being £33. 3. 2, money, in the whole together with incidental charges arising on said sale and to execute deeds or conveyances sufficient in the law to the purchaser or purchasers thereof accordingly.

On the memorial of Jesse Bell and Gideon Waterbury, both of Stamford in Fairfield County, administrators on the estate of James Bell, late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal inventoried estate and credits of said deceas'd the sum of £14. 2. 6, L. money; praying to be authorized to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £14. 2. 6, L. money, together with incidental charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jesse Bell and Gideon Waterbury be and they are hereby authorized to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £14. 2. 6, L. money, together with incidental charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Anguish and George Kentner, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1777 they moved up the Susquehannah River on to some Indian lands, and that they were taken by

the Indians and carried to Niagara, and obliged to go to battoing in the service of the King of Great Britain or into close confinement, and that as soon as they found opportunity returned to their former settlement; and that they were afterwards taken by a party sent from the 24th regiment in this State after a party that had been taking and plundering some persons up said river and imprisoned in the common goal at said Westmoreland for some time and then sent to the goal in this town &c.; praying to be released from said imprisonment &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jacob and George be released, and the said Jacob Anguish and George Kentner are hereby released from their imprisonment.

Upon the memorial of Eleazar Scripture, of Willington in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that he was a soldier in Capt. Heaths company, Colonel Chapman's regiment, in an expedition to New York in the year 1776; that on the retreat from that place he was separated from said regiment and obliged to cross North River to save his life; that considering his want of health, his destitution of cloaths, which were lost in the engagement, the difficulty and danger of returning to his regiment and the great probability of the regiment being soon discharged, he thought it advisable for him to return home with a full determination however to return as soon as possible; that said regiment was discharged before he was able to return, and praying that his wages and allowance for loss of cloathing might be granted to him as to other soldiers in the same regiment, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed to examine and adjust the accounts of the memorialist relative to his wages and losses and draw on the Treasurer on his behalf for such sum as they shall find justly due, in the same manner as if the memorialist had been regularly discharged.

Upon the memorial of Phineas Birchard, of Ashford in Windham county, collector of the State tax for the town of Ashford for the year 1777, shewing to this Assembly that the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the town of Ashford, as recorded in said State records for the year 1776, surmounts the lists in the records of said town the sum of £245. 14. 6, by reason whereof said memorialist is required to pay to the Treasurer of said State the sum of £24. 11. 6, L. money, more than by his warrant he is enabled to collect, and praying to this Assembly that the Treasurer of said State allow to said memorialist in settling said warrants the aforesaid sum of £24. 11. 6, money, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of said State allow to said collector in settling said warrants the aforesaid sum of £24. 11. 6 and charge the State.

Upon the memorial of Elee Judd, widow and relict of Mr Stephen Judd late of Waterbury, deceas'd, Thomas Judd, Justus Daley, Lidea Daley, Hannah Judd, Freeman Judd, Stephen Judd, Margaret Judd, Ebenezer Judd, Erastus Judd, all heirs of said deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said Stephen, deceas'd, in his lifetime, viz: on or about the 16th day of May, 1774, bargained and sold unto John Stoddard, of said Waterbury, a certain piece of land situate in the parish of Westbury in said Waterbury containing about twenty-two acres,— bounded East on Ebenezer Porter's land, and South on the highway, and the said Stephen, dec'd, on the 16th day of May, 1774, by his bond or writing obligatory under his hand and seal bound himself, his heirs &c., in the penal sum of £80. 0. 0, L. money, to said Stoddard on condition that said Stoddard should pay for said land the sum for which said land was sold to said [Stoddard] by the 15th day of January, 1776, then the said Judd, dec'd, should make and execute to said Stoddard or his heirs a good and authentick deed of the lands above described, and that said Stoddard hath paid to said Stephen Judd, now deceas'd, the full sum for which said land was sold, but the said Stephen after payment and before he had made a deed of said land sickened and died, and the memorialists as heirs to said Stephen, deceas'd, are by law obliged to pay the penalty of said bond unless enabled by this Assembly to execute a deed of said land, as several of the memorialists are minors under age; praying that Capt. Thomas Fenn of said Waterbury, administrator on the estate of said deceas'd, in the stead and behalf of the memorialists may be impowered to give and execute a good and authentic deed of said described [land] to said Stoddard according to the tenor of said bond, as per memorial on file &c: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Capt. Thomas Fenn of said Waterbury be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to make and execute a good and authentick deed of said described lands in the behalf of said heirs to said Stoddard according to the tenor of said bond, in full settlement and discharge of said bond.

Upon the memorial of David Lathrop, Joseph Lathrop, and Solomon Willes, of Tolland in the State of Connecticut, and Calvin Delano, John Chamberlain and Lidia Chamberlain, of the State of New York, shewing to this Assembly that Timothy Delano late of said Tolland, deceas'd, was at his decease possessed of a real estate out of which after his debts and funeral charges were paid there remained ninety-five acres of land with an house and barn thereon, which land and buildings were apprizd at £335. 0. 0. and is now the property of ten children, heirs of the said Timothy, all in their minority excepting the aforesaid Calvin; praying this Assembly to appoint the said Calvin Delano, the eldest son of said deceas'd, or some other proper person, with full powers to sell and dispose of the said ninety-five acres of land together with the buildings thereon and put the money arising from the sale thereof on interest &c., as per memorial

on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Calvin Delano be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell and dispose of the said ninety-five acres of land and buildings thereon and loan the money on interest on good security; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

On the memorial of Hezekiah Green, Nathaniel Dike, Daniel Daviss jun^r, Isaac Whitmore, and Edward Houghton, of Killingly, shewing to this Assembly that for several years last past they have been in the possession and improvement of several farms in said Killingly which belong to M^r Robert Thomson of Great Britain, which they held by leases, which expired in April last; that by bargain they were to pay their rents in labour and buildings by them to be erected, and that if what they should do on said farm amounted to more than their rents, that they should be paid the same; and that they have overpaid their rents to a considerable amount; that since their leases expired the State Attorney for Windham county has undertaken to lease said farms for one year to the highest bidder; that they being on said farms with their familys and stocks and having but short notice were unable to remove and were willing to give as high a rent for said farms as was just, but being in such a situation some persons inclined to take advantages of them bid so high for said farms as obliged them to bid much more than they were really worth; praying that some proper person may be appointed to settle with them and allow and pay them what is respectively due for their service &c. on said farms in years past to be paid out of the rents of said farms the present year, and also to settle and adjust the price they ought to give for the rents of said farms this year, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the State Attorney of the county of Windham be and he is hereby fully authorized and impowered to enquire into the matters set forth in said memorial and to settle and adjust the betterments and reparations made by said tenants in possession and the rents of said farms for the present year.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Beach, of Goshen in this State, shewing to this Assembly that since the repeal of the late law of this State granting a premium for killing and destroying wolves they had so far increased as to do much mischief in said Goshen and places adjacent by killing and destroying their sheep, and that he had been perswaded to lay himself out to kill and destroy said wolves, and that he had been so fortunate as to kill and destroy sundry grown wolves in said Goshen and hath upon application to the General Assembly had the same premium granted him that he should have received had said law not been repealed, and also shewing that since the last premium was granted him he hath taken and destroyed two full grown wolves in said Goshen for which he hath as yet received no premium; praying this Assembly to grant him the same premium to be paid

him out of the public treasury of this State that he should have received had said law not been repealed, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist shall receive out of the public treasury of this State the sum of eight pounds, and the Treasurer of this State is hereby ordered and directed to pay him the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Ephraim Root, Esq^r, &c., committee for providing cloathing for the soldiers &c., shewing that they sold sundry articles of cloathing to continental soldiers &c. at the stated price and took their receipts &c.; praying that the Committee of Pay-Table may be ordered to allow said receipts and pay the difference between the stated and average prices &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table allow said receipts, adjust said account, and order payment for the overplus price as in other cases is allowed.

Upon the memorial of Holebrook Atwater of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he marched with the militia to New York in 1776, and there did duty till he was taken sick and was sent home by order of the ensign of the company to which he belonged, and that the captain afterward returned him a deserter; praying that he may be allowed his pay and the expences of his sickness, as by memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Atwater be allowed the same bounty, pay and allowances of all sorts, as he would have been entituled to if he had not been returned a deserter, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to adjust the accounts and draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Church, of Woodbury in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776 he was a soldier in Capt. Hurd's company in General Silliman's regiment in the service of this State; that whilst in said service on the 18th day of October he was in an engagement with the enemy, in the battle of the White Plains, wounded by a grape shot from the enemy's cannon and hath ever since been and is likely to remain through life in a great measure disabled thereby, so that he cannot pursue any kind of labour without great pain, difficulty and hindrance, and supposes himself one of those for whom relief is provided by a certain resolve of Assembly empowering the Committee of Pay-Table to consider and grant relief according to the tenor of said resolve &c.; praying the attention of this Assembly, and if proper that the Committee of Pay-Table may be directed to consider his case and grant him such relief as they ought to do if he was possessed of that particular evidence specified in said resolve of Assembly &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to receive and examine the evidence

relative to the memorialists being wounded &c., and if on the same being as fully proved to said committee as though he had produced the evidence prescribed in a resolve of this Assembly passed in May last respecting the providing for wounded and disabled officers and soldiers, that the memorialist be admitted and treated as by said resolve is provided.

Upon the memorial of Richard Miles, of Waterbury in the county of New Haven, to the Hon^{ble} General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, representing that through ill advice and mistaken apprehensions he had been induced to repair to New York and Long Island and join the enemies of the United States of America, and that being afterwards sensible of his great error and crime he did on or about the 10th day of November last past escape from the army of the enemies of said States, return into this State and take an oath of fidelity to said States; praying for a pardon of his said treasonable practises, as per memorial on file: It is thereupon resolved by said Assembly, that Richard Miles do receive a free and full pardon of his said treasonable conduct in joining, aiding and assisting the enemies of this State and of said United States, be free from all prosecutions on that account and be restored to all the rights, privileges, possessions and immunities of which by his said treasonable conduct he had incurred a forfeiture, he paying the cost of prosecution already arisen.

On the memorial of Isaac Turner, administrator on the estate of Stephen Turner, late of Hartford, deceas'd, for liberty to sell of the real estate of the said deceas'd for the payment of debts due from the estate aforesaid to the amount of £245. 19. 8, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £245. 19. 8, L. money, to enable said memorialist to pay the sum aforesaid of debts, &c., together with incident charges of sale; taking the directions of the court of probate in the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Farnham, of Killingworth in the county of New London, administrator upon the estate of Timothy Chittendon late of Killingworth in the county of New London, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said Chittenden dec'd, and sundry charges of administration and allowance to the widow of said deceas'd allowed by the Hon^{ble} court of probate for the district of Guilford, surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £16. 19. 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £16. 19. 2 &c., as per memorial on file: Whereupon, resolved by this Assembly, that the said Joseph Farnham have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell

so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £16. 19. 2, lawfull money, together with the incidental charges that may arise upon such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Mary Guy, of Branford in the county of New Haven in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that William Guy, son of the memorialist, aged about twenty-six years, from his infancy hath been affected with an epilepsy, by means whereof he is now and for some time hath been wholly deprived of the exercise of his reason and hath no personal estate; and that the memorialist hath for many years been and now is at great expence in his support and maintainance; and that Mr. Orchard Guy, late of said Branford, deceas'd, father of said William, did in his last will devise to the said William two acres and three quarters of land situate in said Branford at a place called &c.; praying this Assembly to empower the memorialist or some other person to make sale of said land to enable the memorialist to support the said William, as per memorial on file: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mary Guy be empowered, and liberty and authority is hereby granted her, to make sale of the said two acres and three quarters of land above mentioned and to make and execute a legal conveyance or conveyances of the same for the purpose mentioned in said memorial.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Haydon of Norwalk, administrator on the estate of Samuel Haydon, dec'd, shewing that he hath heretofore by act of Assembly been authorized to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the sum of £29. 5. 8, being what the debts due from said estate surmounted the personal estate of the said deceas'd; that there are two small peices of land and also another small peice of land of said deceas'd, containing about one rood and an half with the frame of a house partly covered thereon standing; that it would be disadvantageous to sell a part without selling the whole of said peices of land and frame thereon; praying for liberty to dispose of the same &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make sale of the whole of said three small peices of land and the frame of said house to the best advantage and thereout to pay the aforesaid sum of £29. 5. 8 with the incident charges of such sale, and the overplus, if any there be, to cause to be secured or distributed to and among the heirs of the said deceas'd according to their several rights and interests in said estate; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Alger, of Killingly in the county of Windham, and James Gleason, of the Gore so called between the towns of Dudley and Douglas, the said James being executor to the

last will and testament of John Alger, late of said Killingley, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said John in his life time by and with consent of his guardian, Nathaniel Brown of said Killingley, bargained at the price of sixty pounds, lawfull money, and sold to said Nathaniel Alger all the land in said Killingley which descended to him, the said John, from his father, Mr. John Alger, then late of said Killingley, deceas'd; that said Brown and said John the younger together became bound unto said Nathaniel Alger in a certain bond dated January 11th, 1774, in the penal sum of £200. 0. 0, L. money, with conditions that if the said Nath^l Alger should by or on the 11th day of January, 1777, pay to said John jun^r the said sum of £60. 0. 0, that then said John give to him the said Nathaniel Alger an ample deed of said land well executed &c; that said John the younger died before the said 11th day of January, 1777, and had not executed or given a deed according to said bargain; and that said Nathaniel Alger in consequence of said bargain has made improvements on said land and is ready to pay said £60. 0. 0, L. money, as the price, and that the personal legacies given by said last will cannot be discharged without the avails of said bargained land &c.; praying for liberty to receive said sum of £60. 0. 0 with interest &c., and that he, said Gleason, may be impowered to execute an ample deed of said land to the said Nathaniel Alger &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid James Gleason have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him on receipt of the aforesaid sum of sixty pounds, L. money, with interest as aforesaid, to make, execute, and deliver to Nathaniel Alger an ample deed of conveyance of the aforesaid land as mentioned and described in the bond aforesaid; taking the direction of and rendering his account to the court of probate for the district of Pomfret in the premisses.

Upon the petition of William Pitkin, Esq^r, and Isaac Bidwell, shewing to this Assembly that in May, 1774, a decree of this Assembly then passed in favour of the said Isaac, to wit:—that if he the said Isaac paid or secured to the said William Pitkin, Esq^r, the sum of £250. 0. 0, L. money, with the lawfull interest thereon from and after the last day of March, 1770, with two bills of cost, and also that if the said William Pitkin, Esq^r, should pay to said Samuel North the sum of fifty pounds with the interest thereon, within six months after the rising of said Assembly, that the said Samuel should thereupon under penalty of five hundred pounds, money, deliver back to the said William a certain deed which the said William had given to the said Samuel and unrecorded of a certain house and land in Farmington, sometime before belonging to said Bidwell and in his possession, and which he had pledged to the said William Pitkin, Esq^r, as a security; further shewing that said sum of fifty pounds was offered and tendered to the said North within the time limited in said decree, and that he refused to receive the same or deliver up said deed, but still

persisted to hold the same in contempt of said decree of said Assembly; praying for relief &c., as per petition &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioners do and shall have and recover of the said Samuel North for his contempt as aforesaid the sum of twenty pounds, money, and their costs, and that the Secretary grant execution therefor accordingly, and that said deed given by said William Pitkin, Esq^r, to the said North be and the same is hereby made null and void; and it is also further resolved, that the petitioners do deliver to the said North the monies tendered to him as aforesaid amounting to the sum of £64. 4. 0, money.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Bingham, of Lyme in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist was an officer in the late Colo. Selden's regiment in General Wadsworth's brigade on York Island on the 15th day of September, 1776, being attacked by the enemy was made prisoner and carried some distance but made his escape, but while in the possession of the enemy the memorialist lost his pack and all his cloaths and pocketbook and money &c., which said money amounted to £29. 2. 0, which was in said book when taken from your memorialist, which the memorialist had with him by special orders from his colonel in order to enlist men to fill up his company from the militia agreeable to general orders a little time before said loss; praying that said sum of £29. 2. L. money, may be allowed the memorialist by the Committee of the Pay-Table in settlement of his accounts, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby ordered and directed to allow to the memorialist such sum as shall be made to appear to them to have been lost by the memorialist and draw on the Treasurer for the same.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Farnham, of Symsbury in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that for sundry years past Major Amos Wilcox of said Symsbury has been conservator of Sarah Segar, an impotent person; that upon his application made to the hon^{ble} county court holden at Hartford on the first Tuesday of April, 1778, he was dismissed from said trust; that there was a ballance due to him against the estate of the said Sarah for his expences and disbursements as adjusted and allowed by the said county court the sum of £86. 13. 0, L. money; that the memorialist as he was appointed conservator of the said Sarah by said county court after Major Wilcox was dismissed made sale of moveable estate of the said Sarah, some few necessaries for her excepted, and made a remittance to the said Maj^r Wilcox the sum of £56, money; that there remains due to said Wilcox the sum of £30. 13. 10 still; and the memorialist further represents that the said Sarah is old, impotent, and incapable to contribute any thing toward her support; that it will be necessary to raise a considerable sum of money for that

purpose the present year; praying this Assembly to appoint and empower him or some other meet person to sell some of the real estate of the said Sarah for the purpose aforesaid; and the memorialist further represents to this Assembly that said Sarah is possessed of one certain peice of land lying in said Symsbury containing about fifty-four acres, that the same is wild and uncultivated, which might probably be sold for about £100. 0. 0, L. money, and although that sum is more than to pay the aforesaid debt and support the said Sarah the present year yet he apprehends that it would be advantageous to the estate of the said Sarah to sell the whole of said peice of land at the same time as it would better accomodate the purchaser &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benjamin Farnham have liberty, and liberty, power and authority is hereby granted to him the said Benjamin, to sell the aforesaid peice of land and to make and execute a lawfull deed or deeds of conveyance of the same for the purpose mentioned in his memorial.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Phelps, Lemuel Fitch, Richard F. Gerralds, Amos York, Benjamin Skiff, Benjamin Eaton, Benjamin Merry, John Williamson, Frederick Vanderlip, Nathan Kingsley, Nicholas Depew, Elijah Brown, Elijah Phelps, Elijah Phelps jun', James Foresyth, Thomas Millard, Thomas Millard jun', and James Wild, of the county of Westmoreland, shewing to this Assembly that they were settled up the Susquehannah River nearly adjoining to the Indian settlement, and that by the unfriendly behaviour of the Indians have been obliged to move off their farms &c.; praying to have their rates or taxes abated, made on the list of August, 1777, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the rates or taxes of the said memorialists made on the list of 1777 be and they are hereby abated and Treasurer of this State is directed on receipt of a certificate under the hand of one or more of the listers of said Westmoreland, particularly specifying the amount of such taxes or lists respectively, to abate the same accordingly.

Upon the representation of Capt. John Lewiss, shewing to this Assembly that there are several persons in the parish of Salem not belonging to the military company in that place &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the limits of the military company under the command of said Lewiss in Salem be as extensive as and do take in all persons within the limits of the parish of Salem.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Havens, Benjamin Conklin and others, refugees from Long Island now residing in this State, shewing that they by legal permit from the authority of this State lately brought from said Island each a small parcell of tea, linnen cloath, woolen and other goods, for the use of their distressed families, to the amount of what would cost them as such goods are now sold the sum

of about one thousand pounds, which they received from their friends on said Island as the avails of the produce of their estates sold upon said Island in order to prevent the same from falling into the hands of the enemy; that their said goods and effects were in a lawless manner taken from them by one Lieut. White and his associates belonging to the continental frigate called the *Trumbull*, and by one Combs and his associates commanding a whale boat, *viz*: at Saybrook in the county of New London, who refuse to deliver the same, whereupon a committee has been appointed to enquire and report in the premisses, and said committee having now made their report that said goods were unjustly taken and are in the hands of said persons; that they refused to deliver the same and utterly denied the right of enquiry by said committee, and the authority they were invested with &c.; which said report being now accepted and approved: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of the county of Hartford at the cost of the memorialists do, as soon as may be, make demand of the said several goods and effects taken from them by the said White and Combs and their associates, and that if they shall refuse to deliver the same they shall forfeit and pay to the memorialists a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, L. money; and the said sheriff is directed to make return of his doings as soon as may be to this Assembly or in their recess to his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety; and if on due enquiry and examination it shall appear that said White and Combs or either of them have or shall neglect or refuse to comply with and conform to the true intent and meaning and direction of this act, this Assembly will and in their recess it shall and may be lawfull for said Governor and Council to give order that the Secretary of this State issue execution in due form against said White and Combs or either of them, as the circumstances of the case shall be, for such sum as shall appear to be just and reasonable not exceeding the said sum of one thousand pounds, and thereupon said Secretary is directed to issue the same accordingly. And it is further resolved, that said White and Combs pay the memorialists the reasonable costs and expence they have been put to by reason of the taking their goods as aforesaid as the same shall be allowed by this Assembly, and that the Secretary issue execution therefor accordingly. *Cost taxed and allowed to be £23 1. 3, L. money.*

Upon the memorial of Samuel Andrus jun^r, of Farmington in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that in September, 1777, he went a volunteer to the northward under the command of Capt. Asa Bray, and after serving his country well, he returned homeward legally dismissed; that soon after his leaving camp he was accidently shot through his arm above the rest which rendered an amputation of his hand necessary, which has cast a gloom upon the future prospects of his life by depriving him of those means of subsistence on which he depended, and praying for relief as per memorial

on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of twenty pounds, L. money, be granted to the memorialist as a charitable donation in consideration of the misfortune he was met with as aforesaid and his inability to bear the expence occasioned thereby, and the Treasurer of this State is ordered to pay the same to the memorialist accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Chapman, of Hebron in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that pursuant to orders from the Capt. General of this State on the ninth of September, 1776, he marched to the State of New York in Capt. John Wells company in a regiment commanded by Lieut. Colo. Obadiah Horsford, and there did duty until the 28th of October when by reason of sickness was unable to do duty and he obtained a certificate of Doct. Thomas, the surgeon of said regiment, and from said Colo. Horsford, certifying that he was sick and unfit for duty when by the confusion in the camp no further discharge could be obtained, and that he was returned in the pay-rolls as a deserter and hath not received any wages, mileage or expences of sickness, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to receive and examine and liquidate the memorialist's account and allow what shall appear just and reasonable according to the usual rule in such cases and draw on the Treasurer for the same, his being returned a deserter notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Dorothy Jacobs, executrix to the last will and testament of Benjamin Jacobs, late of Killingley in the State of Connecticut, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £55 18 7, L. money; praying that some meet person might be impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to her, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £55 18 7, L. money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probates for the district of Pomfret therein.

Upon the memorial of Seth Pierce, of Cornwall in Litchfield county, only surviving administrator upon the estate of Lieut. John Hart, late of said Cornwall, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the hon^{ble} court of probate within and for the district of Litchfield against said deceas'd Hart's estate surmount the sum of the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £95 3 1½, L. money; praying this Assembly to grant him liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of the

said deceas'd as will enable him to pay the aforesaid sum of £95 3 1½ together with the incidental charges &c., as per memorial on file: Whereupon, resolved by this Assembly, that the said Seth Pierce have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £95 3 1½ together with the incidental charges that may arise upon such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield in the premises.

On the memorial of Josiah Hinman, of Stratford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Amos Hinman, late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £83 1 4, lawfull money, to pay which the administrator hath no estate in his hands; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said sum of £83 1 4, together with the cost and charge of sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Josiah Hinman, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said sum of £83 1 4 and the charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Samuel Penoyer, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Jonathan Selleck, late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal inventoried estate and credits of said deceas'd the sum of £388. 13. 9, L. money; praying to be authorized to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £388. 13. 9, L. money, together with the incidental charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Penoyer be and he is hereby authorized to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £388. 13. 9, L. money, together with incidental charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Stedman of Windham, administrator on the estate of Daniel Stedman, late of Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate exceed the personal estate the sum of £170. 05. 10, L. money; and praying liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum together with the incidental charges of sale, as per memorial appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administratrix have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to

her, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £170. 5. 10, L. money, together with the incidental charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham thereon.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Ford of Windham, administrator on the estate of Thomas Mosely late of Mansfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmounts the inventoried moveable estate the sum of £59. 9. 6, L. money; and praying liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of said £59. 9. 6 with the incidental charges of sale, as per memorial appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and is hereby granted to said administrator to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £59. 9. 6, L. money, together with the incidental charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham thereon.

Upon the memorial of Ezra Selden, administrator on the estate of Mr. Dan Marvin, late of Lyme, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmounts the moveable estate of the deceas'd the sum of £203. 4. 3; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the deceas'd as to the amount of the sum of £203. 4. 3, with the incident charge thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Ezra Selden, administrator on the estate of Mr. Dan Marvin, late of Lyme, deceas'd, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said Ezra Selden, administrator as aforesaid, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the dec'd as shall amount to the sum of £203. 4. 3 together with the incidental charges thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Gad Stanly, of Farmington in Hartford county, shewing to this Assembly that on the 13th day of April, 1778, he procured of the Treasurer of this State a State note for ten pounds, L. money, with interest at 6 *per cent. per annum*; and the memorialist further says that he laid said note on a table and it was unfortunately blown into the fire and part of it consumed; praying for a new note of the same date &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby directed to take the remaining part of said note and deliver the said Gad Stanly a new note of the same tenor and date with said note that is partly consumed.

Upon the memorial of Caleb Nichols of Salisbury, shewing to this Assembly that there is great need of a tavern or house of public entertainment to be at a place called Wetauge; and that no person will

consent to keep the same except the said Caleb ; praying for liberty to keep the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Caleb Nichols be and he is hereby permitted and licenced to keep a house of publick entertainment at said Wetague in Salisbury for the year ensuing, he conforming himself to all the laws that are or shall be made respecting tavern-keepers in the mean time.

On the memorial of Deodate Davenport, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Hezekiah Davenport late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £139. 12. 10, L. money ; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £139. 12. 10, L. money, together with the incidental charges of sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Deodate Davenport be and he is hereby empowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £139. 12. 10, L. money, and incidental charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of David Fox jun^r, of Hartland in the district of Symsbury in said State, administrator on the estate of Elkanah Fox, late of said Hartland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for said district for which no certificate has been given, surmounts the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £5. 16. 7, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with incident charges arising &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator be and he is hereby empowered to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise the said sum of £5. 16. 7, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; he taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of David Cooley jun^r, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that some time in the month of Feb'y., 1778, he was committed to goal in Fairfield by George Burr, Esq^r, justice of the peace for said county, to be held for tryal before the then next superior court, for inimical conduct against the State for joining the enemy when on their return from Danbury in April, 1777, and giving them intelligence; praying this Assembly to give orders to the sheriff of said county to take bail for his appearance at the next superior court, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of the

county of Fairfield be and he is hereby impowered and directed to take bond of the said David Cooley together with sufficient surety for his appearance at the next superior court to be held in said Fairfield county to answer to such matters as shall then be alleged against him and abide the final judgment of said court.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Kissam and others, executors of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Hazard, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that John Gillett of Hebron brought his petition to the General Assembly in May, 1769, against the petitioners and Ebenezer Gillett, John Gillett jun^r, Joshua Chandler and others, therein complaining and setting forth that the said Nathaniel Hazard had recovered a judgment for a large sum against the said Ebenezer, John jun^r and others, for the sole debt of the said John jun^r, and the said Ebenezer had also recovered a judgment for a large sum against him, the said John Gillett sen^r, upon his special promise to indemnify him the said Ebenezer for becoming bound with the said John jun^r and for his debt to the said Nathaniel Hazard; also further alleging that the said John jun^r had antecedent to said judgment recovered by the said Hazard made him several payments, which had not been credited and of what the said John sen^r, ought to take the benefit in equity inasmuch as he was liable upon said promise to the said Ebenezer for the whole debt due from him to the said Hazard as aforesaid; further also complaining that the said Ebenezer had levied his execution upon said judgment against him the said John sen^r, and extended his lands to satisfy the same without any regard to said sum paid by said John jun^r, as aforesaid; that a committee had been appointed to enquire touching the said sums paid to said Hazard as aforesaid, who reported that said John jun^r had paid considerable sums to the said Hazard and his attorney the said Chandler, which ought to be deducted out of the judgment recovered by said Nathaniel against the said Ebenezer and John jun^r, and of course the said John sen^r and his said lands ought to be so far returned in the judgment and execution in favour of the said Ebenezer against him or the monies repaid him &c.; that a decree past thereon accordingly; that the petitioners, to wit,—the said executors of the said Hazard, having discovered some material errors and mistakes in the doings of said committee on the petition of the said John sen^r, preferred their bill of review, praying for a re-examination of said payments made to said Hazard as aforesaid; whereupon a committee hath been appointed, and they having now reported that the judgments recovered by the said Nathaniel Hazard against the said Ebenezer Gillett and others in April, 1764, for the debt of the said John jun^r was for the sum of £859. 9. 0, New York money, for debt, and that the whole of the payments made to the said Hazard and his attorney with the interest thereon to the time of said judgment amounting to the sum of £340. 0. 1½, New York money, and no more, which

leaves a ballance of £519. 8. 10½, New York money, on said judgments which ought to be paid to said executors of the said Nathaniel Hazzard by the said Ebenezer Gillett, which report is now accepted and approved &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the said executors of the said Nathaniel Hazzard shall and liberty is hereby granted to them to enforce said judgment and execution against the said Ebenezer Gillett for the said sum of £519. 8. 10½, New York money, for debt, and for the cost of suit recovered in April, 1764, and to recover the same in due course of law ; and that the said Ebenezer and others named in said judgment from any other or further sums mentioned or recovered against them therein shall and they are hereby wholly exonerate and discharged. And that full and ample justice may be done to all parties concerned, it is further resolved, the like sum of £340. 0. 1½, N. York money in value, be returned and reconveyed by the heirs of the said Ebenezer Gillett, he being now deceased, to the said John Gillett out of the land and real estate on which the said Ebenezer levied his said execution, obtained against the said John sen^r by judgment at the county court held at Windham, December Term, 1767, the value, quantity and form of said lands at the same rate, value and price as the same were taken by the said Ebenezer, to be ascertained by Colo. Obadiah Horsford, John Phelps, Esq^r, and Capt. Stephen Barber, all of said Hebron, and that the said heirs of the said Ebenezer shall and do by deed of quit-claim release and reconvey to the said John sen^r all their right and title obtained by force of said execution so much of said lands on which the same was levied pursuant to the judgment of said Phelps, Horsford and Barber, who are hereby appointed to set out the same as aforesaid on or before the first day of November next, or in default thereof pay to the said John sen^r the sum of £1000, L. money, and also that the heirs of the said Ebenezer shall account to the said John sen^r for the amount of the neet proffits of so much of said land as shall be returned as aforesaid according to the estimation of the same gentlemen aforesaid since the said Ebenezer came to the possession thereof ; and said heirs shall release so much of said lands as shall also satisfy the sum that shall be found due for the reception of the profits as aforesaid in the same manner and after the same rate that the other lands are to be valued and released as aforesaid ; and the heirs of said Ebenezer shall also account to the heirs or executors of said Hazzard for the interest of said sum of £519. 8. 10½ from the time the said Ebenezer was secured by obtaining legal seizin and possession of said John sen^r his lands, or was otherwise indemnified, and such time as the said Hazzard or his executors might have enforced their execution against said Ebenezer or have received their due thereon, to be considered, judged and estimated by the committee who made the report before referred to, and said committee are hereby authorized for that purpose.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Waring, Thaddeus Mead, and John McKay, committee for the society of Stanwich, constituted from the towns of Greenwich and Stamford in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1774 a number of the inhabitants of said Greenwich within the society of Horseneck, otherwise called the West Society in Greenwich, viz: Roger Brown, Nehemiah Brown, Jonathan Knapp jun^r, Joshua Knapp, Charles Green, Roger Southerland, William Rundell, Samuel Rundell, Jonah Smith, and Benjamin Lockwood, preferred a memorial to the General Assembly of this State, praying that they and the lands described in their said memorial might be annexed to the society of Stanwich aforesaid; that the said Roger Brown and his associates in said memorial had committed the management of their cause to said society of Stanwich, which society by their votes impowered them the said Waring, Mead and McKay, to conduct the same in the General Assembly; that in the month of January last past said societies mutually agreed to submit the matters in controversy to the final determination and judgment of Mess^{rs} Nehemiah Benedict, Samuel C. Silliman, Clapp Raymond and Samuel Grumman, all of Norwalk, or any three of them; that pursuant to said agreement three of said arbitrators met at Greenwich on the day appointed, and having viewed the situation of said Roger Brown and the rest of said inhabitants on a full hearing of the parties concerned the said arbitrators delivered their judgment as followeth: That it is proper, just and right, that the inhabitants aforesaid with the lands mentioned in said memorial should be annexed to the society of Stanwich, viz: Beginning at a heap of stones in the Colony line nine chains easterly from the north-west corner of Roger Southerland's barn, made for the northwest corner of Stanwich society, thence running southerly in Stanwich west line untill it comes south of Benjamin Lockwood's dwelling-house, thence westerly to a stump in the highway with a heap of stones on it about one rod south of said Lockwood's house, thence westerly to a heap of stones on a flat rock in the highway about four rods south of Jonathan Knap's house, thence westerly along the south side of the cross highway towards Quaker Ridge thirty-nine chains to a chesnut tree standing in the highway about four rods westerly of Roger Brown's dwelling-house, thence north to the Colony line, thence easterly in said line to the place began at; praying this Assembly would establish the doings of said arbitrators, as per memorial &c. on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Roger Brown, Nehemiah Brown, Jonathan Knapp jun^r, Joshua Knapp, Charles Green, Roger Southerland, William Rundell, Samuel Rundell, Jonah Smith and Benja. Lockwood, together with all the lands and farms which are contained within the above recited lines and all persons settled thereon, shall be and they are hereby annexed to and joined with the society of Stanwich aforesaid for all the purposes of society and ecclesiastical priveleges, and shall be liable to be rated and pay taxes

for the support of the gospel ministry, and all other society charges within the same, and they are hereby exempted from paying any society rates or taxes to the said west society in Greenwich.

Upon the petition of Daniel Hovey, of Mansfield in the county of Windham, *vs.* John Salter, Esq^r, of said Mansfield, preferred to this Assembly at their session in October last and by continuance comes before this Assembly: And now the question was put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same, and resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

Upon the petition of Eleazer Fitch jun^r, Esq^r, of Windham in the county of Windham, sheriff of said county, *vs.* Edmund Badger of said Windham, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1775, and by continuance lies before this Assembly; and now the question was put, whether the superior court in proceeding to and rendering the judgment recited and complained of in the said petition manifestly erred and mistook the law in the case, and thereupon order and decree that said judgment be reversed and set aside and the petitioner be restored to all he hath suffered thereby: Resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

Cost allowed petitionee is £5. 10. 0. Ex'n granted Nov. 12, 1778.

Upon the petition of William Foster, of Canterbury in the county of Windham, *vs.* Samuel Mosely of Windham afores'd, clerk, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1774, and by continuance lies before this Assembly; and now the question was put, whether the superior court in proceeding to and rendering the judgment set forth and complained of in s^d petition manifestly erred and mistook the law and thereupon would order and decree that said judgment be reversed and set aside and the petitioner be restored to all he hath been damnified and suffered thereby: Resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

Cost allowed petitionee is £8. 6. 0. Ex'n granted June 12, 1778.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Haywood, of Woodstock in Windham county, *vs.* Zephaniah Dean of Woodstock aforesaid, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1775, and by continuance comes to this Assembly; and now the petitioner was three times publicly called but did not appear; the petitionee by his attorney, Jesse Root, Esq^r, appeared and prayed judgment for his cost sustained in this petition.

Cost allowed petitionee is £8. 16. 0. Ex'n granted June 6, 1778.

Upon the petition of James Rogers, of New London in New London county, mariner, *vs.* Isaac Demming of the Island of St. Christophers in the West Indies, preferred to this Assembly at their ses-

sions in May, 1774, and by continuance comes before this Assembly; and now the petitioner was three times publicly called but did not appear; the petitionee by his attorney, Jesse Root, Esq^r, appeared and prayed judgment for his costs sustained on this petition.

Cost allowed petitionee is £9. 9. 0. Ex^a granted June 4, 1778.

The Sums total of the Additions to the lists of several Towns in this State sent in to this Assembly are as follow, viz:

The Town of Lebanon,	£135. 0. 0
East Windsor,	2145. 0. 0
Coventry,	36. 8. 0
Guilford,	491. 4. 5

Resolved by this Assembly, That all petitions and memorials between party and party depending before this Assembly be referred for further consideration to the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next, and that all committees heretofore appointed on any of said petitions and memorials have powers and are directed to hear, examine and report to said sessions of Assembly in October next, and also that all protections of persons and estates from attachments and imprisonment granted on any of said petitions and memorials shall continue and remain in full force till the rising of said Assembly in October next.

This Assembly do grant to his Excellency Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly do grant to his Excellency Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, money, for his extraordinary services in the year past and order and direct the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly grant his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grant to John Lawrence, Esq^r, Treasurer, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds in and for his salary the year past.

This Assembly grants to George Wyllys, Esq^r, Secretary, the sum of twenty pounds as and for his salary the year past and direct the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly by usual proclamation was adjourned, until the Governor or, in his absence, the Deputy Governor shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HELD AT HARTFORD MAY 18TH, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Thaddeus Burr,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	James Wadsworth,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj ^a Huntington,	
	Benj ^a Payne,	

Voted, That Colo. Jonⁿ Fitch be and he is hereby directed to serve the guards posted at New Haven with one pound weight of wheat flour each *per diem* when he may be able to procure the same. And when he cannot procure wheat flour that he issue so much rye flour to each man as may be equal in value to one pound of wheat flour *per diem*.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HELD IN HARTFORD MAY 20TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj ^a Payne,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Williams,	Thaddeus Burr,	
Benj ^a Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That Mr. Hubbard, commissary of refreshments, be and he is hereby directed to receive of Capt. Wm. Griswold of Weathersfield a quantity of West India rum due from him to this State to the value of £267: the rum to be estimated at the former regulated price per gallon, *viz:* 6s. 8. *Order del^d Mr. Hubbard for 801 gal. May 20th, 1778.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 23D DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

William Pitkin,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Benja. Huntington,	
Benja. Payne,	

This Board do appoint Bazaleel Brown of Greenwich to be a Lieutenant and Commander of a company of matrosses consisting of 24 men including one serjeant and one corporal, stationed at Greenwich, in the room of Silvanus Marshal, who hath resigned.

N. B. Commission and his Excellency's instructions sent to said Brown.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT
HARTFORD THE 25TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benja. Huntington,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Benja. Payne,	
William Williams,	Thaddeus Burr,	

His Excellency laid before this Board letters received from Capt. Parker, commander of the armed ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and Capt. Smedley, commander of the ship *Defence*, and also a letter from Samuel Eliot jun^r, Esq^r, of Boston, agent of this State, and considered the same and prepared and returned an answer to said Elliott by the messenger.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 29TH DAY OF MAY, A. DOM. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

General Huntington,	Benja. Huntington,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Major Adams,	
William Williams,	Thad ^s Burr,	
Benja. Payne,		

Levi Taylor being chosen Lieutenant and Abraham Scribner Ensign of one of the alarm-list companys in the 9th regiment and in the town of Norwalk, and whereof Solomon Morehouse is captain, are established in their said offices, and his Excellency is desired to commission them accordingly.

Upon the motion and representation of Col. Floyd and Mr. L'Homedieu, praying that Cap. David Landor might have a commission to take and seize the goods and effects of the enemy both by sea and land: Granted, and his Excellency is desired to commission him accordingly.

Account exhibited by Mr. Burr in behalf of the town of Fairfield containing the expence of building the battery and barracks, for mounting the cannon and field-pieces at the Grovers Hill Point in said Fairfield, referr'd to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are directed to adjust and liquidate the same and draw on the Treasurer.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 30TH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Benja. Huntington,	
William Williams,	Major Adams,	
Benja. Payne,		

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to write to his Excellency General Washington and request him to examine and liquidate Brigadier General Saltonstall's abstract while in service of the United States and draw on &c. in his favour.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, A. DOM. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benja. Huntington,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Andrew Adams,	
William Williams,	Thaddeus Burr,	
Nathaniel Wales jun ^r ,	Benja. Payne,	

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, ANNO DOM. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Gen ^l Jabez Huntington,	William Hillhouse,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Gen ^l Andrew Ward,	
Abraham Deavenport,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Gen ^l James Wadsworth,	Joshua Porter,	
Gen ^l Erastus Wolcott,	Benja. Payne,	

Voted, That the colonels or chief commanding officers of the six battalions ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in February last by voluntary inlistment for the defence of this and the United States, be and they are hereby ordered and directed to procure a sufficient number of ox-teams and drivers to drive said teams, for the transportation of provisions and baggage belonging to said battalions from hence to join Major General Gates army as ordered, and that they take care to employ no such teams and drivers but such as are willing to engage to continue in the service of the United States, to be under the direction of the Quarter-Master General and to continue in that service so long as they shall stipulate for, and to be intitled to the same wages and allowances as others employed in the same service by the United States.

Resolv'd, That Capt. William Tiley be directed to send by water to Norwich, to the care of Capt. Jabez Perkins, all the pig-iron in his hands belonging to this State; taking proper receipt therefor.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	William Hillhouse,	
Abr ^m Deavenport,	Andrew Ward jun ^r ,	
William Williams,	Joseph P. Cook,	
James Wadsworth,	Joshua Porter,	
Benja. Payne,		

Resolved, That those persons who have collected and now have in their hands any cloathing furnished by the towns in this State for the soldiery in continental army belonging to this State be directed to send the same immediately to Mr. Elijah Hubbard of Middletown, who is ordered to forward the same to the issuing commissarys of the respective battalions belonging to this State in continental service, who are also directed to deliver out the same agreeable to act of Assembly.

Resolved, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard, superintending commissary, be impowered and directed to apply to and receive of the several persons who have in their care any rum or sugar belonging to this State and give his receipt to the persons from whom he shall receive the same, and forward the same to the issuing commissaries to be by them dealt out to the troops of this State according to acts of Assembly.

This Board do appoint Andrew Johonot of Middletown to be Issuing Commissary for this State, and his Excellency is desired to give him a warrant accordingly.

Committee of Pay-Table directed to adjust the account exhibited by the selectmen of the town of Norwalk and draw on the Treasurer for what shall appear to be justly due.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON SATURDAY THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, A.DOM. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

William Pitkin,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Abr ^m Deavenport,	Andrew Ward,	
Benja. Payne,		

Whereas Joseph Archer and Asahel Brownson brought before this Board one Zadock Brewster of Norwich in the county of New London, who was taken up at Springfield for aiding and assisting one Dyer Williams, a matross belonging to the artillery company under the command of Capt. Carlile in Colo. Eliots regiment at Providence, who deserted from said company in the night after the 5th of June instant: Ordered, that the aforesaid Joseph Archer and Asahel Brownson do safely keep and convey the said Zadock Brewster to Norwich in the county of New London and inform the State attorney of said county of the matters alleged against said Brewster; and said attorney is hereby directed to enquire into the evidence in the premises and take such measures in the case as by law is required and shall appear to be proper and necessary for the safety of the community.

Resolved, That an order be made out to Mr. James Church on Samuel Eliot jun^r, Esq^r, agent for this State in the Massachusetts Bay, for three barrels of pork and three barrels of flour, and the same to be by said Church to replace the same here, and that he have liberty to carry out a barrell of pease or beans for sea stores for his vessell.

Resolved, That the regiment ordered by act of Assembly passed in May last to be draughted from the second, fourth and sixth brigades be ordered immediately to muster and march to the Saw Pitts in the State of New York, there to be under the command of Major General Gates, and that his Excellency the Governor be desired to issue orders to the brigadier generals of the aforesaid brigades for the purpose aforesaid.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON MONDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE, A.DOM. 1778.

Present: His Honor the Deputy Governor.

William Pitkin,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Abraham Deavenport,	Andrew Ward,	
Benja. Payne,		

Resolved by this Board, That Major General Wadsworth be and he is hereby directed to give orders for and properly authenticate a Flag of truce to go from New Haven to New York for the purpose of carrying Captain John McIntire, John Hughs and William Gillon, who were lately captured by Captain Dayton of said New Haven, to effect an exchange for Captain Leverrett Stephens, Jonathan Brigdon and William Brigdon, who were lately taken by the enemy on board a small sloop belonging to said town of New Haven: all at the expence of the persons interested.

Whereas it is represented to this Board that there is a quantity of gun-powder belonging to this State manufactured at the powder-mill in Glassenbury belonging to William Pitkin, Esq^r, and Colo. Howell Woodbridge, who are still engaged in manufacturing more for the State, and that it is necessary that the same should be disposed of in such manner as will be for the safety of said mill and the better security of said powder: Resolved by this Board, that the said William Pitkin, Esq^r, and Colo. Howell Woodbridge be and they are hereby directed to send said powder already made or that shall hereafter be made at said mill, belonging to this State, to the selectmen of the towns of Hartford, Wethersfield, Glassenbury, Middletown, Chatham, Windsor and East Windsor, who are directed to receive the same in such proportions as shall be directed by said Pitkin and Woodbridge, and give their receipts therefor, and secure the same for and at the expence of the State.

Resolved, That the six battalions ordered to be raised by the General Assembly at their session in February, 1778, be reduced to two battalions, and that the companies be properly formed out of the whole according to the following plan, *viz*: That those in the first, fourth and sixth brigades of militia in this State be formed into one battalion, and that they be under the command of Roger Enos, Esq^r, Colonel; Seth Smith, Esq^r, Lieutenant Colonel, and Eleazer Curtiss jun^r, Esq^r, Major; and that those raised in the second, third and fifth brigades of militia be formed into one battalion, and to be under the command of Samuel McClellan, Esq^r, Colonel; Nathan Gallup, Esq^r, Lieutenant Colonel, and Abraham Tyler, Esq^r, Major; that all of said field-officers be continued in service during the term they were engaged for unless sooner discharged; and that all the rest of the field-officers of said six battalions be dismissed from said service agreeable to act of Assembly passed in May last.

Resolved, That the field-officers be excused from taking the command of companies as captains, and that the following commission officers be continued in service and in the arrangement as follows, *viz*:

First Battalion.

Ozias Bissell, Captain.	} Asa Bray, Captain. } } Gad Wadsworth, First Lieutenant. } } Joseph Becher, Second Lieutenant. } } Lemuel Hotchkiss, Ensign. } } Amasa Mills, Captain. } } Charles Goodwin, First Lieutenant. } } Benja. Adams, Second Lieutenant. } } James Austin, Ensign. } } David Beebee, Captain. } } Titus Ives, First Lieutenant. } } Hewett, Second Lieutenant. } } Joel Gillett, Captain. } } James Clark, First Lieutenant. } } John Burr jun ^r , Second Lieutenant. } } Jonathan Wright, Ensign. }
Moses Goodman, First Lieutenant.	
Solomon Bulkley, Second Lieut't,	
Lemmy Thrall, Ensign,	
Elijah Robinson, Captain,	
Moses Hall, First Lieutenant,	
Nath ^l Hall, 1st* Lieutenant.	
Stephen Jones, Ensign.	
Elijah Wright, Captain.	
Isaac Goodrich, First Lieutenant.	
John Francis, Second Lieutenant.	
Aaron Hubbard, Ensign.	
Roswell Grant, Captain.	
Samuel Smith, First Lieutenant,	
Watson Loomiss, Second Lieutenant,	
Dan Hebbard, Ensign.	

* *Sic.*

Commission-Officers retained in Service in the Second Battalion.

Abner Robinson, Captain.	} And on the 19 of June, present as page 12,* Further ordered to be retained in said second battalion, viz :	
Gamaliel Rippley, First Lieutenant.		
Aaron Cleaveland, Second Lieut't.		
Richard Abbe, Ensign.		
Daniel Tilden, Captain.		
Lemuel Grosvenor, First Lieutenant.		
Comfort Day, Second Lieutenant.		
Obadiah Child, Ensign.		
Squir Hill, Captain.		
John Frink, First Lieutenant.		
Ezra Root, Second Lieutenant.		
Parker, Ensign.		
		Lee Lay, Captain.
		Phin ^s Peck, First Lieutenant.
		Sam ^l Capron, Second Lieutenant.

Joshua Gates, Ensign.
 William Whitney appointed Captain.
 Nehemiah Smith, First Lieutenant.
 Jos. Smith, Second Lieutenant.
 George Gallup, Ensign.
 The above for Col. Mott's Regt.

Jesse Curtiss, Captain.
 David Hitchcock, First Lieutenant.
 Hale, Second Lieutenant.
 Smith, Ensign.
 Chapman, Captain.
 Hale, First Lieutenant.
 Kelsey, Second Lieutenant.
 Harrison, Ensign.

The above for Col. Cook's.

The rest of the officers who had been designated out of the 2d, 3d and 5th brigades of militia are dismissed.

Resolved, That all the rest of the commissioned officers who have been designated in the first, fifth and sixth brigades of militia to serve in said battalions be and they are discharged from said service.

Resolved, That an order be made out and delivered to Colo. Roger Enos for seventy-five arms belonging to this State and in the care of Captain Russell Woodbridge of Hartford. *Order delivered to Lieut. Goodman.*

Resolved, That Colo. Enos take the earliest opportunity to consult with Colo. Meade respecting the commission officers of his battalion and agree upon the officers which may be necessary to be retain'd in service and to be in proportion to the number of men inlisted into said battalion according to act of Assembly, &c.; and the rest of said commissioned officers of said battalion are dismissed.

Resolved by this Board, That Colo. McClellan take the earliest opportunity to confer with and consult Colos. Mott and Cook relative to the commissioned officers in their respective battalions and how many may be necessary to be retained in service, and that they agree upon and designate them, and to be in proportion to the number of men inlisted into their respective battalions agreeable to the act of Assembly and the rule established by Congress in the continental army, and that the supernumerary officers be there-upon dismissed.

Resolved, That orders be made out in favour of the selectmen of Stamford on the overseer and keeper of the lead belonging to this State at Middletown for five hundred weight of lead, they giving their receipts therefor ;

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and also upon Mr. Isaac Doolittle for five hundred weight of gunpowder, giving a receipt therefor as aforesaid.

Order d^d Colo. Davenport Nov^r 7th, 1778.

Resolved, That an order be given to the selectmen of the town of Greenwich to receive of the overseer of the lead works at Middletown three hundred weight of lead belonging to the State, they giving their receipt therefor.

Order d^d Colo. Davenport Nov^r 7th, 1778.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	Jed ^h Elderkin,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Jos. Spencer,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
and David Mumford,		

The Hon. Henry Shirley, lately taken by the *Cromwell* and *Defence*, privateers &c., on board the *Ad. Keppel*, was present, moving for liberty to proceed to Jamaica where he was bound &c. His affair considered and discourse had &c.

—— Fish of Nantucket, master of the schooner *Drake*, with sundry articles of provisions bo't by licence of the selectmen of Fairfield &c., and principally in N. York State &c., moves for permit to carry out his effects to Nantucket &c. Considered and agreed that he be permitted.

Established Titus Bunnel to be Lieutenant and John Fuller to be Ensign of the 12th company in Farmington in 15 Reg^t. Certified to be chosen by order of Colo. Selah Hart, by Asa Yale, captain of said company.

On motion by Jno. Webster &c. of Lebanon, permitted Jno. Webster jun^r removing to Spencer Town, to drive 2 cows, 16 sheep, 8 swine for himself, and 10 sheep for Betty Wise belonging there, and also 20 sheep for Jabiz Bosworth, also belonging there.

The matter of Mr. Shirley resumed and considered, whether he shall be permitted to go to Jamaica, to buy a ship &c. &c.; and on the question voted, that he may be permitted to go to Jamaica, to hire a vessell for that purpose to be commissioned as a flag, to carry his lady and family, and on his parole for himself and male family, and 11 seamen who came in the prize and brot him in. He to procure an exchange for said seamen. And liberty to Mr. Paul Phipps, of Kingston in Jamaica, who was taken with him, to go also on his own parole.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning, 8 o'clock.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. AT LEBANON THE 19TH OF JUNE,
1778.

Present: The same as yesterday.

A petition of Edw^d Sands jun^r, J. R. Littlefield, of Block Island, praying for relief and protection against the whale-boats &c. carrying provisions to Newport &c. The petition considered, and on the question the petition is dismissed.

Mr. Shirley admitted again on his request, and urges his request to be permitted to purchase a vessell to transport himself and lady &c. to Jamaica,

and assigns his reasons &c. and retired. The subject largely considered : much objection made to it, and finally consented, that a letter be wrote Mr. Eliot at Boston on the subject, and to learn the sentiments of that State on the matter of selling a vessel in such case &c., and do not absolutely conclude against it at present.

On motion of Beri : Southworth, moving that of 3 apprentices to his blacksmith trade 2 are in the continental army and the other now detached, and that many farmers will greatly suffer for want of his work &c. &c.: Being convinced of the truth of the representation, agreed that said apprentice may not march for the present.

On application by letter from Col. Champion, Commissary General of purchasing live-stock of beef &c., representing that he is requested by Mr. Wadsworth, Commissary General, to purchase or borrow from this State part or the whole of their stock of salted pork, for the use of the army : And on consideration, voted to lend him one hundred barrels of pork, to be replaced, and wrote him accordingly.

See remainder of officers retained in the 2d retained battalion &c. page 11.*

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. AT LEBANON, SATURDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1778.

Present: The Governor.

	Jz. Huntington, W. Hilhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Col. Elderkin absent.	Jos. Spencer, Jesse Root,	
	W. Williams, Dav ^d Mumford,	

On application permitted Jos. Dunham, master of a 2 mast cedar boat at N. L., to export to Martha's Vineyard, *viz*: 32 bbs. flour, 18 bus. Ind. corn, 6 c. 3rd bar iron and 200 lb. flax.

And also Jos. Swasey, master of a 2 mast cedar boat, to Martha's Vineyard 35 bbs. flour, 700 lb. flax, 5½ c. of bar iron.

Also Zach^h Smith, master of a 2 mast boat now at N. L., to export to Martha's Vineyard *viz*: 10 bus. corn, 300 lb. of cheese, and 200 lb. of flax.

Also Jno. Luce, of a 2 mast boat, now at N. L., to export to Martha's Vineyard 10 bus. corn, 500 lb. flax.

Also Josiah Tilton of a small 2 mast boat now at N. L., 8 bus. corn, 7 bus. wheat, 1000 lb. flax, to Martha's Vineyard.

On motion by Cap. Jos. Packwood, that he has a quantity of flour imported from the State of N. York, that he has supplied the people of N. London with 50 or 60 barrels &c. &c., and praying for liberty to ship off 60 barrels in a vessel he has now bound to sea, with some lumber: On consideration, he is permitted to ship and export sixty barrels of flour to Hispaniola.

On motion by letter from Maj. Ledyard, that he is in want of more cannon for the fort at Groton &c.: Voted, that said Maj. Ledyard be empowered to borrow from the ship *Trumbull* as many 12 or 9 pounders and carriages as he shall judge necessary; and that said Ledyard be directed to hire and employ two carpenters to finish the platforms at Fort Griswold or Groton.

Voted, That 15 hundred weight of grape-shot be bro't down from the Salisbury furnace, and also 300 weight of 3 pound shot.

Adjourned to Wednesday, 24th inst.

* *Ante*, p. 92.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON ON WEDNESDAY THE 24TH OF JUNE, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Gen ^l Huntington,	Will ^m Hilhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Gen ^l Spencer,	Jesse Root,	
David Mumford,		

Upon representation of Col. Noah Phelps, orders were given to Col. Seymour that the troop in the 18th and 26th Regts. continue under the command of said Col. Phelps as their captain till further orders, and that the detachments made by his order be held valid.

Resolved, That the Governor be desired to give orders to the brigadiers of the 1st, 3d and 5th brigades of militia, to have the regiment ordered by the General Assembly in May last to be drafted from said brigades to be forthwith collected, armed and equipt, and that the colonel and two companies be ordered to Newlondon, the lieutenant colonel and four companies to Fairfield, the major and two companies to Newhaven, and to march with all convenient dispatch.

Permission is granted to Dudley Woodbridge, Esq^r, to transport to Fishkill out of this State one hgg^d and half of sugar belonging to Sam^l Loudon of Fishkill and four hgg^a rum for himself to exchange for flour.

Resolved, That an order be made out to Prosper Wetmore, Esq^r, sheriff of the county of Newlondon, to take and safely convey Thomas Fanning lately taken from Long Island, a tory, and him deliver to Gov^r Clinton in the State of Newyork, or other committee or authority proper to receive him, and to apply there for payment of his fees and expences.

Upon application of Messrs. John Hempstead &c., representing to this Board that Thomas Wilson of New London, who was lately taken prisoner on Long Island, is desirous of liberty to return to Long Island with his family, and that it would be best that he should be permitted to return: *Resolved,* that said Wilson be permitted to return to Long Island with his family, excepting his sons Thomas and Richard.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, TUESDAY 30TH JUNE, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Gen ^l Huntington,	Col. Elderkin,	}
Gen ^l Spencer,	Colo. Root, and	
Col. Williams,	Maj ^r . Hilhouse.	

Approved and sent a letter to Mr. Colt in answer to his representing the difficulty of obtaining salted meat at the western towns, altho it is to spare &c.: Informed him of the strictness of the embargo, and that no permits will be granted to export any meat &c., and that on their being made sensible of it they will not sell, the Governor and Council will enable him to avail himself of it for public use.

On application from Cap. Arnold of a company of detached company of militia (at Mansfield) &c., ordered Dr. Elderkin to furnish him a team, for their baggage and to carry two barrels of pork and some bread.

A number of persons apply for permits to carry out some flour, flax, cheese, iron &c., purchased from the westward and part from N. York &c., and they are granted.

Gave order to Cap. Jz. Huntington to deliver 9 arms belonging to the State to Cap. Arnold; taking receipt &c.

P. M. On representation by a large number of the principal inhabitants of the parish of Canada that Nath. Hovey jun^r that he is detached in the two months service, that he is the only scythe-maker in the parish and his work extremely wanted, has been three times in the service &c., bo't and work'd a quantity of iron at the regulating price &c. &c., praying to be excused from the service &c.: Voted, that said Hovey be excused from marching for the present.

Mr. Elij. Hubbard, issuing commissary for this State, applies to be furnished with spirits for the use of our soldiery &c., and on consideration: Ordered, that Cap. Jz. Perkins of Norwich deliver and send to said Hubbard twenty hogsheads of the molasses in his hands belonging to this State, to be by said H. improved and manufactured into spirits for the use of our soldiers. Order delivered Gen Huntington.

Hubbard went away in order to procure the rum at Middletown on the credit of this resolve.

Moved by the Governor, that on the repeated opinion of the Council and others and the necessity of the case, he has employed and now has in his service for the public benefit, as a clerk to assist in the writing business, Mr. John Porter, a young gentleman of liberal education and proper accomplishments, and proposes that a proper allowance be agreed on and allowed him &c.: And on consideration, agreed that said clerk should be allowed at the rate of £15 per kalendar month for the term of three months commencing from the first of May last, he finding himself his board &c.

On motion and petition of Jos. Howland, agreed to lend him for a short cruise, *viz*: two four-pound cannon, now in the hands or care of Maj. Ledyard at Groton, that is to say, if said Maj^r. Ledyard has not occasion for them and is willing to spare them; and also two 4-pound cannon left by the schooner *Spy* in the care of Mr. Shaw, and two two-pounders left as aforesaid, with the carriages and furniture belonging to the same; giving proper receipts and description of what he shall receive, to be returned soon as the cruise shall be ended, or if by any accident they or any shall be lost, to be replaced.

Voted and ordered, That Cap. Dan' Tyler with his company of matrosses march forthwith to New London and be under the command and orders of the commander of the forts and garrisons of that harbour. And said Cap. Tyler is to take up and employ necessary horses for drawing the cannon &c. down.

Voted, That Maj. Hilhouse be directed and requested to procure and have in readiness a suitable number of draft-horses for the artillery at or about New London, to be held ready and fit for service as occasion shall or may require.

Delivered Deaⁿ Augur of New Haven an order for 20 bbs. state pork, in the hands and put up by Colo. Champion, to be delivered to Colo. Jonth. Fitch, issuing commissary at New Haven, for the use of the State's soldiers in said town. 1st July, 1778.

Same day, permit given Mrs. Pamila Osbourn, to go with her family of children, with convenient apparel and necessaries at discretion of civil authority and selectmen of New Haven, to her husband resident in New York.

Advised the civil authority and selectmen of New Haven to appoint a Barrack Master, in same manner as per law.

July 7th, gave order to Doct. Joshua Elderkin to issue for the use of the company under the care of Maj^r Andrew Backus marching to New Haven a competency of provisions for their march; taking the major's receipt.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. AT LEBANON, WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor Deputy Governor Griswold.

Jz. Huntington,	Jed ^h Elderkin,	} Esq ^r .
Jos. Spencer,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	

Sundry applications &c.

Granted liberty to Barna. Luce of Bedford, to barter 1 bb. molasses and 20 lb. wool for rye and corn, and no more of the articles of his manifest &c. in this State, alledging the necessity of the people &c.

On application by four gentlemen passengers lately bro't into N. London, taken by Capt. Melally in the snow *Lady Spencer* commanded by Cap. Pond, viz: Messrs. Murray, Young, Wright, and Hake, all belonging to the country and professing friendship &c. and desirous to go, the three first to Carolina the latter to N. York, and the matter being so recommended by Mr. Shaw &c.: Voted and agreed, that they, *i. e.*, the three first, may hire a small vessel to go as a flag for St. Augustine, (to avoid British cruisers,) and to go into S. Carolina; and the latter to go [to] the State of N. York, to Gov^r Clinton: All to give their paroles to give no intelligence, or say or do anything inimical to this or either of the United States.

On motion, voted to excuse Lt. Jz. West from going the tour to N. London with the militia, and Maj. Josiah Throop is appointed in his stead.

Voted to excuse Cap. Brainerd from the like service and appoint Cap. Timo. Percival in his room.

On application by the Committee of Pay-Table, setting forth that they supposed themselves authorized to adjust and settle the accounts for the cloathing ordered by the General Assembly in January last to be collected, and accordingly advertized &c., but find they are not authorized; praying advice: Resolved, that said committee be advised to proceed to adjust and settle said accounts in the same manner and by the same rule as they settled the accounts of clothing procured by order of the Governor and Council of Safety in September last agreeable to the directions of the General Assembly.

On application: Ordered, that the pig-iron at Norwich in the care of Capt. Perkins belonging to this State, be weighed off and divided equally between Capt. Elijah Backus and Mr. Nehe^h Huntington, and proper receipts to be taken therefor.

Took into consideration the affair of the furnace at Salisbury, and voted and resolved, that the preparations for carrying on the blast and on the present hearth be continued, and that the business be pursued with all possible and convenient speed; that the managers receive of Mr. Elijah Hubbard, commissary &c., one barrel of W. India rum, one bar. of N. England do., and one barrel of molasses; and from Col. Champion five barrels of pork; that Col. Chapman of Tolland be desired and directed to transport

said articles to Salisbury and deliver the managers, taking their receipt, and that he bring down a load viz: ^{the whole} weight of grape shot there, and ¹⁵⁰⁰ of 3, 6 and 12 lb. shot and deliver to ^{500 weight} ^{Capt. Wm. Tyley at Hartford} ^{Genl. Huntington at Norwich} who is ordered to send the same to Maj^r Wm. Ledyard or the commander at New London.

On application by Colo. Worthington, representing that he had expended much of his own provision &c. in the secret service of attempting the enemy's shipping, and moving to receive and have a barrel of pork and beef toward replacing it &c., for his own use &c.: Voted, that he may receive one barrel of pork of Col. Champion.

And order d^d said Worthington.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON
JULY 9TH, A. D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jed ^h Elderkin,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Jos. Spencer,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	

Upon the application of Thos. T. Jackson, a refugee from Long Island, shewing and evincing his friendly disposition towards the Americans, and that he has been always friendly and done many things evidential thereof, and manifesting a desire to be permitted to reside in this State and to bring in his property and effects &c.: Resolved by the Governor and Council of Safety, that said Jackson be permitted to reside in this State and to send for and bring his property and effects: provided he take the oath of fidelity to this State; also, to send for from Long Island the property and effects of Silvanus Dickinson of said island now resident at Seabrook.

Said Thos. T. Jackson appeared and took the oath of fidelity to this State before His Excellency the Governor.

Voted, That Mr. Jnth Strong have an order for £50, to be in account for his service as a post-rider. *21 Sept. 78, order given, delivered said Strong.*

Upon application of Mr. G. Erkerlind for liberty to export out of this State to Albany two hogs^{ts} of spirits, two ditto of sugar and one hundred bushels of salt, to exchange for grain to carry on the distillery of geneva: Liberty is granted as asked for.

Re-olved by this Board. That the commanding officer of the fort in N. London be and he is hereby ordered and directed to detach from the two companies of draughted militia lately stationed at N. London under his command a guard to the number of twenty men to repair to Lyme under the command of an ensign, one serjeant and two corporals, to attend the service of cruising in a boat in the edge of the Sound at the mouth of Connecticut River in the night season; and also to keep a centry at or near the guard-house on the east side of said river. A suitable number of said men to be employed in each part of said service till further orders, for the purpose of guarding the inhabitants and giving immediate notice of the approach of an enemy.

Resolved, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby ordered and directed to sell and dispose of the drugs and medicines he now has in his hands that belong to this State, for a just and reasonable price, to such per-

sons as shall desire to purchase the same, making proper enquiry relative to the price of such articles; and that he account for the avails thereof accordingly, when required.

Whereas a committee of the States of Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Providence Plantations, convened at Providence on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1776, did (among other things) resolve, that it be recommended to the States of New England that Couriers be employed to ride the stages weekly, therein mentioned and described, untill a regular and compleat channel of communication be opened and established by the Continental Congress: the expence of the measure to be defrayed and borne by the respective States in a proportion as therein stated and set down: which measure has been adopted and regularly executed by this State, so far as to them appertained, agreeable to the plan therein proposed, untill this time: It is now moved and taken into consideration by this Board, whether in the present situation of affairs it may not be expedient to discontinue such couriers, and instead thereof employ special expresses as occasion may require: Thereupon this Board is of opinion, that it might be expedient to discontinue them accordingly, in case it shall be agreeable to the other States equally concerned and interested in the measure.

It is thereupon voted and resolved, That it be proposed to the Hon^{ble} the Presidents or Governors and Councils of the States of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, or the Legislatures thereof, to take into consideration the same subject, and to resolve thereon, and to signify their opinion and determination to the Governor of this State, as soon as conveniently may be; and also, that they will be pleased to inform the Governor of this State the rule of allowance, or wages and pay they have or shall allow and make to the couriers who have been hitherto employed in their respective States, and the mode by which to adjust and pay the quota of the expence incurred by each of the New England States in the prosecution of the said business.

Adjourned to Thursday next, the 16th.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
THURSDAY, 16 JULY, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor Griswold.

Jos. Spencer,	Wm. Hilhouse,	} Esq ^r s.
Wm. Williams,	Jed ^h Elderkin,	
David Mumford,		

Sundry things to attend &c. &c.

Voted, That Capt. John Thompson, late commander of the transport ship called the *Lord Howe*, in the service of the King of Great Britain, now prisoner here, be exchanged for an American officer of equal rank that is now a prisoner in the hands of the enemy: And Nathaniel Shaw, Esq^r, of New London, is hereby directed and impowered to negotiate and pursue proper measures to effect the exchange, at some suitable time and manner, by a flag of truce.

And also voted, That James Mansfield, an apprentice to said Capt. Thompson, now a prisoner here, be exchanged for some person belonging to this State who is a seaman now a prisoner in the hands of the enemy; and

that the aforesaid prisoners be committed to the care of Capt. David Mumford to be billeted out in Norwich upon the parole of Capt. Thompson for himself and this apprentice aforesaid, not to depart without license, and that they be supplied by said Capt. Mumford till said exchange can be effected: The expences accruing relative thereto to be paid by said Capt. Thompson when said exchange takes place.

Resolved, That Mr. Commissary Hallam be and he is hereby ordered and directed, to supply the guards at Lyme on the east side Connecticut River with one barrel of pork and such quantities of flour from time to time with such other articles of meat as shall be necessary for their support during the time of their continuance on that station.

Voted and resolved by this Board, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to make out and send the proper letters and papers to the Council of Massachusetts and Mr. Elliot, necessary to forward Mr. Shirley's departure for Jamaica agreeable to a former vote of this Board for that purpose.

And adjourned to Thursday, 23d July, and on said day Gen^l Huntington, Gen^l Spencer, Col. Elderkin, Maj. Hilhouse and Cap. Mumford, attended, but by reason of the recent death of Col. Jos. Trumbull did not sit on business.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT MRS. ALDEN'S, LEBANON, SPECIALLY CALLED AND MET ON FRIDAY THE 24 JULY, 1778.

His Excellency the Governor not present, sitting with us, being the day of his son Col. Jos. Trumbull's interment &c.

Present: Jz. Huntington, Jed. Elderkin, }
 Jos. Spencer, Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq^{rs}.
 Wm. Williams, David Mumford, }

Letters just received from Gen. Sullivan, advising that they are in expectation of immediate attack from the enemy at R. Island, who will be 11,000 strong, in a day or two &c., requesting aid &c.

Another from Gen^l Washington of the 22d, at W. Plains, informing that the French admiral, not able to get into N. York for want of sufficient depth of water &c., were sailing to New Port &c., and requesting aid to cooperate with them, and that he is sending a detachment from his army &c. &c., and requesting pilots for the fleet &c.

Considered those and a number of other letters, and agreed to request and direct Mr. Shaw to furnish a sufficient number of pilots forthwith and send off to the fleet; and a letter prepared and signed by the Governor and sent by express (Loomis) for that purpose.

And after further consultation &c. adjourned.

SATURDAY 25TH, MET AGAIN, AT THE GOVERNOR'S.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
 Jz. Huntington, Esq^r, W. Hilhouse, Esq^r,
 Jos. Spencer, Esq^r, Jed. Elderkin, Esq^r,
 W. Williams, Esq^r, David Mumford, Esq^r, and
 also Jesse Root, Esq^r.

Considered further of the affairs under consideration yesterday. And a letter of the 24th came in by express, from M. Gen^l Sullivan at Providence,

counting upon the resolve of Congress of the 11th inst. authorizing Gen. Washington to call upon the Eastern States for aid to cooperate with the French Admiral De Estaing, and by directions from Gen^l Washington, he, Gen^l Sullivan, requests 500 militia from this State, for that purpose.

Upon the requisition of his Excellency Gen^l Washington and Maj^r Gen^l Sullivan's letter for five hundred men to be sent to Providence &c.: Resolved, that Col. Oliver Smith with the two companies of draughted militia, except the guard stationed at Lyme, and Lt. Col. Gallop with one company of the six battalions now at New London, Major Backus with the two companies of draughted militia at Newhaven, Capt. Pitkin with his company at Fairfield, and Capt. Tyler with his company of matrosses, be ordered by the Capt. General forthwith to march to Providence and join the forces there under command of Major Gen^l Sullivan. The seven companies of infantry to form one battalion under the command of the above-mentioned field officers.

Resolved, That Sam^l Eliot, Esq^r, agent for this State, be directed by the Governor to sell the prize goods belonging to this State which were taken by the *Oliver Cromwell* and *Defence* and bro't into Boston, to the best advantage of this State: except the lead and such other military and naval stores as he shall think will be best to have saved, viz: the goods taken on board the *Cyrus* and the *Admiral Keppel*.

Upon the request of Gov^r Green, Capt. Joseph Whitney has liberty granted him to purchase three hundred bushels of rie in this State, to the westward.

Voted, That Lieut. Dee, of Capt. Shapley's company of matrosses at New London, be dismissed from said service.

Adjourned to Tuesday next.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
TUESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	Jed. Elderkin,	} Esq ^r
Jos. Spencer,	David Mumford, and	
Wm. Williams,	Col. Jesse Root,	

Voted, That some articles of goods contained in band-boxes lately sent in a flag from New York, directed to Mrs. Gizzel Apthorp of Boston, and to Mrs. Sarah Thomas wife of Nat. Ray Thomas late of Marshfield, and which have been detained at New Haven, be allowed and ordered to be sent in some convenient manner without public expence to the care of the President and Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay, to be by them disposed as they shall judge proper, and that the Governor be desired to inform said President and Council.

On application by Maj^r General Sullivan at Providence, representing that he is in great want of salted provisions for the use of the troops stationed and coming in there, and earnestly requesting what may be had in this State: Resolved, that Maj^r General Sullivan be authorized to receive of the agent of this State in the Massachusetts Bay one hundred barrels of salt pork, and all the beef belonging to this State now in the said State of the Massachusetts Bay, for the use of the troops at and about Providence, including fifty barrels of each, which the Governor has already ordered to said General on

his application, and which this Board approves of: said agent taking proper receipts and the same transmit to his Excellency the Governor.

Brig *Defence*, to Doct^r Ezra Bushnell, for wages from the 15th of November, 1776, to the first of March, 1777, at £6 per month, £22 0 0

At the request of Mundator Tracy, executor to the estate of Doct^r Bushnell, deceased.

Norwich May 30th, 1778.

Mundator Tracy.

To the Board of War, State of Connecticut.

By the Governor and Council of Safety for the State of Connecticut.

This account of Dr. Ezra Bushnell, deceased, for service as a doctor on board the brig *Defence* and while sick on shore &c. is referred to Mr. Nath^l Shaw jun^r, as agent for the State in the marine department, to be considered and adjusted, and to pay what ballance shall appear to be justly due to his executor, and charge the State.

Voted, That sixteen barrels of pork be sent to Groton and New London: eight to each place.

Whereas authentic intelligence is received from General Washington, that the French fleet on the 22nd inst. had sailed for Newport; that an expedition is formed against that place, a large detachment made from the main army for the purpose; that the assistance of five thousand militia from the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island are necessary and required for carrying effectually into execution the intended expedition: This Board, considering the importance of the object, the opportune season and auspicious circumstances attending, which conspire to promise a most happy issue, have and do resolve and advise his Excellency the Captain General to issue a Proclamation and orders to the two Brigadier Generals, Tyler and Douglass, in the eastern part of this State, to cause the field officers of the respective regiments to convene with the officers of their several regiments, to know what officers will turn out as volunteers and will exert themselves to raise a number of volunteers for the purpose aforesaid to be properly officered and regimented by the brigadiers, and well equipped to march to Providence to join General Sullivan: the officers to have the same pay and rations as continental officers during their continuance in service, and every non-commission officer and soldier that shall voluntarily turn out on this important enterprise at this busy season shall be entitled to £2 for wages and £2 for premium per month for longer or shorter time; and those that shall equip themselves with arms, accoutrements, blankets &c. shall be entitled to a premium of £0 12 0, and be entitled to equal benefits and advantages with continental troops in this expedition. The men to be raised as expeditiously as possible, and to march without loss of time to Providence to join General Sullivan: necessary carriages for transportation of their baggage and provision for their march to be ordered by his Excellency, and to have the same refreshments with continental troops. And those that are unable to furnish themselves with arms to be supplied from the public stores; and to be holden in service not exceeding one month after joining the army at Providence, unless sooner discharged. And that his Excellency call upon Capt. _____ with his company of grenadiers at Woodstock, Pomfret and Killingly to exert and distinguish themselves on this occasion.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
By the Captain General.

Whereas I have received authentic intelligence from his Excellency General Washington, that the fleet of our magnanimous and faithful ally his Most Christian Majesty sailed from the Hook eastward before the 22d inst., to cooperate with the forces of the United States at Providence, to dislodge our inveterate enemies from their hold at New Port or other places to the eastward: And whereas an expedition of the utmost consequence is formed against the enemy to the eastward, and a requisition is made by General Washington to the States of Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and Rhode Island for five thousand men from the militia: Considering the importance of the object, the opportune season, and the many auspicious circumstances which conspire to promise success — have, with the advice of my Council of Safety, judged it necessary that we should exert ourselves in this State to comport with the requisition of General Washington and give a mortal stroke to our enemy, in which magnanimity and dispatch are requisite.

I do, therefore, with advice of my Council of Safety, issue this my order and proclamation to Brigadier Generals Tyler and Douglass, directing them to order the field officers of their respective regiments to convene with the officers of the companies, and to consult and advise with them respecting who of them will engage voluntarily in the service of their country and exert themselves in raising of volunteers to go to Providence to join the forces under Major General Sullivan: The officers to receive the same pay and rations as continental troops, the non-commission officers and soldiers to receive forty shillings per month for wages and forty shillings per month for premium, the same rations, refreshments, benefits and advantages as continental troops in this expedition, and to continue in service one month after joining the army under General Sullivan, unless sooner discharged; and every non-commission officer and soldier that shall equip themselves with arms, accoutrements and blankets, shall receive a premium of twelve shillings money, and such as are unable to furnish themselves with arms to be supplied from the public stores. The troops that shall engage voluntarily to be properly officered and regimented by the respective brigadiers; and said officers are to make return to me, and orders will be given for necessary carriages to transport their baggage and provision for their march. No time is to be lost in raising, equipping and marching the troops to Providence.

Sensible of the busyness of the season and the difficulty which attends leaving home — yet considering this as a favorable interposition of Providence, putting it in our power to expel from our coast the enemy that has so long distressed, can't but think it would be criminal in us to neglect the advantages a kind Providence is so evidently putting into our hands. Was it possible that any should want incitements to exert themselves in this great and glorious struggle, let them reflect upon the wonders God has wrought for our forefathers and for us — the cruel ravages committed by the enemy upon our defenceless towns and helpless women and children — spreading desolation and ruin wherever they extend their conquests, a specimen of their future designs towards us — the amazing quantities of blood and treasure already expended, and the happiness, dignity and glory that will result to us and be transmitted to posterity by exerting ourselves mightily for the vindication of our just rights, liberties and independence.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Captain General be desired to order Capt. _____ and his company belonging to the six battalions left at New London, to march and join the forces under command of Major General Sullivan when he shall judge it proper and necessary.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, unless sooner called.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, BY SPECIAL CALL OF THE GOVERNOR &C., AT LEBANON, SATURDAY THE FIRST OF AUGUST, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
 Gen^l Huntington, Colo. Elderkin,
 Gen^l Spencer, Maj^r Hilhouse,
 Colo. Williams, Colo. Root, and
 Cap. Mumford.

The Governor laid before the Board sundry letters just received from Gen^l Washington, M. Gen^l Sullivan, Gov. Green. D. Gov^r Bowen, all moving and earnestly calling for a larger number of militia to co-operate with the French Admiral, Count De Estaing, who with a fleet of 22 sail (as we are now inform'd) are already arrived. Gen^l Sullivan expressing his doubt of any considerable relief by volunteers, and pressing for at least a thousand, including the 500 before ordered &c. &c.: And on consideration of the matters aforesaid and sundry other matters, on motion by Maj^r Andrew Backus, returning from N. Haven, by order, where he had been stationed with a part of a regiment of detached militia &c., and on the march to Providence &c.: Voted, that he, said Maj^r Backus, receive for the use of his men 250 flints belonging to this State and in store in this town.

And order given on Mr. David Trumbull therefor.

Voted also, That said Maj. Backus receive twenty fire-arms of public property, in store in this State.

And order given on Brig^r Gen^l Douglass therefor.

Voted and resolved, That Mr. Jno Raymond be and he is hereby appointed to engage ten or twelve draft-horses in N. London, to be ready on the shortest notice, to be used in the field-carriages or other uses in and about N. London on any emergency. Their hire to be paid whilst in actual service, and the price of the horses paid for if lost in public use.

Copy given Mr. Hilhouse.

And, on discourse and consideration: Agreed to, voted, ordered and resolved, that five hundred men, in addition to the 8 companys ordered by this Board at their meeting the 24th inst., and one company left at New London, which the Governor was impowered at the last meeting, 28 inst., to order on and which he has ordered to march to Providence in addition to these, such 500 from the first, 3d and 8th brigades under B. Gen^l E. Wolcott, Jno. Tyler and Jno. Douglass, be forthwith detached, in the proportion, manner and regulations as is contained and expressed in the following order and proclamation, which his Excellency the Governor is by this Board advised to issue, and is issued accordingly, *viz*:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

Whereas his Most Christian Majesty, the renowned and illustrious King of France, has first, among all the powers of Europe, acknowledged and

recognized the Independence of the United States of America, while struggling under the weight of British tyranny and oppression, and has entered in and ratified a treaty of alliance with them, founded on principles truly noble and becoming a wise, great and generous prince, without taking advantage of the difficulties to which we were reduced by being suddenly and unpreparedly pushed into this extensive war, for the defence of all that could be dear to a free people, and the said King of his great magnanimity and goodness has sent over a large fleet of capital ships, under the command of the Admiral Count D'Estaing, superior to all the British navy in these seas, together with a considerable body of land-forces, to aid and assist these States against the invasion of our enemies, and in subduing and extirpating or driving them from this good land.

And whereas, in pursuance of authority derived from the Most Hon^{ble} Congress of the United States, his Excellency General Washington, and through him Maj^r General Sullivan, commander of the continental forces in the State of Rhode Island, has earnestly called upon this and the other eastern States to furnish, without delay, their several proportions of militia, to co-operate with the said Admiral, who has formed a design to attack and destroy the enemy's shipping at Rhode Island, in the harbour of which he is, at the date hereof, already arrived; and whereas in so far compliance with the requisition of his Excellency the General, the Governor and Council of this State have already ordered nine companies, heretofore raised and serving within the same, to repair forthwith to Providence and put themselves under the command of the said Maj^r General Sullivan, for the purpose aforesaid, and have also issued a proclamation to the brigades under the command of the Brigadier Generals Tyler and Douglass, encouraging and calling upon them to turn out volunteers upon this great occasion, and which I do hereby renew, and earnestly call upon all that are able within the limits of this proclamation, cheerfully and forthwith, to offer themselves in the service of God (it may be truly said) and of their country, against the enemies of the rights of mankind and our cruel invaders and murderers, hereby engaging them all the allowances and rewards heretofore offered, and an equal share with the continental troops in the spoil of our enemies, which may be allotted to their victorious arms, and they may be assured the tour of duty will be very short, the prospect of success (in a humble trust on Divine Providence) greater than we have ever seen — the advantages of so powerful a support by sea and land from our new friends and allies being exceedingly great, and must strike terror and dismay into the hearts of our enemies: His Excellency the General having also sent a large detachment from the grand army who are already arrived and arriving at and near the place of action.

And having a renewed and pressing requisition from Maj^r General Sullivan for further and speedy recruits, with notice of the arrival of the French fleet, and least a sufficient number of brave volunteers in said two brigades should not have turned out and offered themselves for this service, to the number and amount of five hundred men, and that mode of raising them should be attended with a delay that may frustrate the enterprize.

I have, therefore, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety, thought it necessary to issue this Proclamation and Order; and I do hereby command and require the Brigadier Generals of the first brigade in this State, and of the aforementioned brigades, without any delay, to cause to be

detached by peremptory draughts from their respective brigades so many able-bodied men, liable to be detached, as shall be wanting, with the volunteers who have or shall immediately offer themselves, to make up five hundred, in the whole, of effective men fit for the service, *viz*: Two companies from each of said brigades. And the colonels or commanding officers of the several regiments in the said brigades are hereby ordered, with advice from the respective brigadiers, forthwith to cause to be detached their several quotas of said five hundred men from their respective regiments, respect being had, in the several companies, to such as have or shall voluntarily undertake,—and according to the orders they may receive from their respective brigadiers. The said volunteers and detached men to be formed into one entire regiment or battalion, and to be commanded by such of the field officers within said brigades as the said brigadiers shall designate: The colonel to be taken from the first brigade, the lieutenant colonel from the 5th, and the major from the third brigade. The companies to consist of eighty men each, exclusive of commission officers, and to be commanded by such officers of like rank as the colonels of the militia to which they or the major part of them belong shall nominate, having respect to such volunteer officers as have or shall freely offer themselves. Said regiment, together with the nine companies before ordered, to be commanded by Brigadier General Tyler, who is hereby appointed for that purpose. They shall not be holden more than one month after joining the army, without their voluntary consent—shall be entitled to continental pay, rations and encouragements, and also to forty shillings per month by way of bounty, and all the allowances and encouragements aforesaid.

And all officers concerned are required to lose no time in carrying the matters aforesaid into immediate execution—and the brigadier generals aforesaid are to superintend and give all necessary and proper orders, for necessary carriages, provisions &c. for that purpose, and cause the said men to be forthwith marched to Providence in the State of Rhode Island and be under the command of Maj^r General Sullivan, or the continental commander in chief there, for the great and good end aforesaid. And if any such men cannot furnish themselves with necessary arms their captains may receive such deficiency from public stores. And if they shall be wanting in any other necessary accoutrement, all and any person or persons possessing the same and not called upon to use them, are invited, without hesitation or delay, freely to furnish and lend any such article and accoutrement, for this interesting and important service, and if lost or damaged in the service, the owner shall be recompensed therefor—and if they cannot be otherwise obtained, they are to be impressed by warrant from lawful authority.

Given under my hand at Lebanon the 1st day of August, A. D. 1778.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
AUGUST 4TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Wm. Williams, Wm. Hillhouse, }
Jed^h Elderkin, Jesse Root, } Esq^{rs}.
David Mumford,

Orders given to B. Gen^l Douglass to deliver arms to the five hundred men of the militia ordered to be raised to go to Providence, in such cases

as shall be necessary; taking the captain's receipt therefor to be redelivered upon the return of the troops.

It being represented to this Board by Colo. Expe. Storrs, that Capt. Jno. Sumner of Ashford has a[t the] late recommendation of Governor &c. raised a company of twenty able-bodied volunteers, with whom he is ready to march to Providence, for the purpose for which they are raised, provided he may have the command of them, notwithstanding the last regulation respecting detaching men for this service &c.: Resolv'd, that said Capt. Sumner be and he is appointed and authorized as a Captain to have the command of and march to Providence with said twenty men and as many more as he can immediately raise in the same way, to be under the command of the said field officers appointed for the regiment of 500 men on the 1st instant ordered to be raised and marched to Providence to be under the command of Maj' Gen' Sullivan. And said Sumner is authorized to appoint a proportionable number [of] sergeants and corporals for said company. And said company to be under the same regulations, pay and encouragements, as the other companies lately ordered to be raised for the said purpose.

Resolved, That Benjamin Hunting, late of Long Island now resident in this State, a refugee from British tyranny, have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to reside in this State and to go or send for and bring from Long Island his property, goods and effects, into this State: he taking the oath of fidelity to this State provided by law.

Voted, That the Governor be desired to send the two following letters, *viz*:

LEBANON, Aug' 4th, 1778.

Sir: Mr. John Gardner, late of Southhold now of Norwich, has represented to me and my Council of Safety, that in an excursion made by you upon Long Island about three weeks ago, among a number of horses and cattle you took from other people and brought off, you took a large dark brown white faced two year old stallion from him; also a white faced sorrel mare from Parnel Wickham of said Southhold, which mare was given her by her grandfather. It being beyond the limits of your commission to go upon the land or any orders received from me, and said Gardiner being a friendly refugee, it is thought advisable you should settle with him and prevent trouble. Also it is said that said Miss Wickham is a friend and the owner of said mare: that being the case you will think it advisable to settle with respect to the mare likewise.

From your humble servant.

To Capt. Jesse Leavenworth.

LEBANON, August 4th, 1778.

Sir: You are hereby notified and desired to appear before the Governor and Council of Safety at this place on Tuesday the 18th of August instant, in order to give an account of your conduct as commander of an armed boat in the Sound, commissioned to act by land as well as sea, there having been repeated complaints of your doings in making unlawful and improper depredations on the inhabitants of Long Island, and not libelling and bringing to trial many of the effects you have taken &c. And you are to proceed no further by virtue of your commission, nor make any hostile descent upon that island or any other land in your capacity, untill you shall receive further permission from me.

To Peter Griffin, commander of an armed boat.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby desired to sell and dispose of the files, gimblets, nails, and a variety of other articles belonging to this State, in store at Lebanon, now under said Mr. Trumbull's care, and render his account therefor.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby desired to sell and dispose of the woolen cloaths and other articles in his care (except brimstone) belonging to this State and render his account of the avails thereof.

Resolved, That Doct^r Turner be and he is hereby desired to dispose of all the medicinal and hospital stores belonging to this State at Danbury, to the Director General of the continental hospitals, and to render his account of the avails to the Committee of Pay-Table in settlement of his accounts with the State.

Voted, That Ebenezer Dart entering into a reasonable contract to provide the barracks at New London with a quantity of wood, his son David shall be exempted from military drafts during the time that said Ebenezer is necessarily employed in that service.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
AUGUST 6TH, 1778, SATURDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
 Jabez Huntington, Jed^h Elderkin,
 William Williams, William Hillhouse, } Esq^r.
 David Mumford,

Voted, That Lieut. John Gilbert of New Haven be and he is hereby permitted to transport by land fifty bushels of home manufactured salt from this, into the State of New York, for the purpose of bringing back flour needed for the use of the salt manufacturers and other inhabitants in said town of New Haven and Branford.

Voted, That Josiah Holly lately belonging to the State of New York, now resident at Branford, be and he is hereby permitted to carry by land out of this into said State of N. York fifty bushels of home manufactured salt, to exchange for flour for the use of the inhabitants of said town of Branford.

Voted, That Capt. Smedley of the ship *Defence* be empowered and directed to fit and clear his ship at Boston, where she now lies, as soon as may be, and that Mr. Elliot, agent for this State, furnish Capt. Smedley with such articles and materials as he shall stand in need of. And the time of service of the hands on board said ship being expired, Capt. Smedley is directed to settle and adjust their accounts, and pay and discharge the balances due to them respectively; and he is hereby authorized to receive such sums of money at the hand of Samuel Elliot jun^r, Esq^r, agent for this State, as shall be necessary for that purpose — which said Mr. Elliot is directed to pay and deliver on account of this State, taking proper receipts to be accountable.

It is further resolved, That Capt. Smedley be and he is hereby directed to reinlist his hands, or otherwise engage, as soon as may be, a sufficient complement or crew of hands for manning said ship, on the best terms he shall be able, and not exceed reasonable and customary. And as soon as he can be manned and fitted, to sail immediately on a cruise at discretion, on these coasts, from Boston and so on the southward, till further orders. And Mr. Elliot is directed to furnish him with provisions and necessaries for that

purpose, on account of the State. Captain Smedley is not to wait at Boston longer than to get a number of men safe for him to go round with; that he proceed accordingly and find men afterwards to fill his complement.

Voted, That Walter Simmons, a refugee from Long Island, be and he is hereby permitted to bring from said island to this State his horse, cloathing and small baggage.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington be and he is hereby appointed to procure horses, carriages and provisions for the use of the troops belonging to this State that were ordered from New London to Rhode Island, going through Norwich.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
TUESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	William Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Jos. Spencer,	Jed ^b Elderkin,	
	David Mumford,	

On an application by Mr. Nehemiah Hubbard at Hartford, a D. Quartermaster of the continental army, enclosing a copy of a letter from Brigadier General Parsons, dated at New Haven 8th of instant August, setting forth that General Washington is very desirous to collect, as soon as possible, whaleboats sufficient for transporting about 1,000 men, and that he is desired by the General to come into this State for that purpose, and has obtained some &c., and applies to said quartermaster for assistance, — and said Quartermaster Hubbard moving his Excellency the Governor for directions and warrant to obtain such as cant be otherwise procured in this State: On consideration of the importance of the object, it is ordered and resolved, that in case the said quarter-master shall not be able to procure a sufficient quantity by contract with the owners, that he apply to any lawful civil authority within this State, who are authorized and directed, within their respective districts, to grant warrants for seizing or impressing the same for the use and purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That Maj^r Joshua Huntington have and receive upon his request half a ton of sheet lead belonging to this State in the care of Mr. Elliot at Boston, for the continental ship at Norwich, in exchange for half a ton of bar lead belonging to the United States, at Norwich, and Mr. Elliot, agent, deliver the sheet lead accordingly.

Sept. 21st, 1778, the above order was returned unanswered, supplies being otherwise obtained.

Upon application of Mr. Jacob De Witt for some leather for harness to the field-pieces: Resolved and ordered, that Mr. Edward Hallam deliver five sides of leather to Mr. De Witt for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Dr. James Thompson of Hartford, praying for liberty to go to Scotland, his native country: Resolved, that he have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to Dr. James Thompson, immediately to remove himself, family and effects to New York with a flag, in case his Excellency Gen^l Washington shall see fit to grant it, to take a passage to Scotland or elsewhere.

Voted, That the following letter be sent to Maj^r Ledyard of New London:

LEBANON, August 11th, 1778.

Sir: Received yours respecting the goods in your hands. Am of opinion, with advice of my Council, that it will be best for you to continue to hold the goods, as Maj^r Bigelow is expected soon, who will probably take a considerable part of them for the public use; and you will hold them accordingly till further directions

I am, with respect, your hble Serv^t
Maj^r Ledyard.

JONth TRUMBULL.

On representation by letter from Colonels Mosely, Enos, and McClellan, of the continental regiments of militia, representing that they with their regiments are stationed at West Point, and destitute of everything but lean beef and bread, and that they do not receive any refreshments allowed the Connecticut troops &c., and praying relief: Resolved, that as they are by act of Assembly entitled to refreshments as other troops of this State &c., that his Excellency the Governor be desired to write Mr. Hubbard, commissary of refreshments, forthwith to supply and furnish them with their proportion of refreshments allowed by order of Assembly to the troops of this State.

Voted, That the following letter be sent to the gentlemen to whom underneath directed:

LEBANON, Aug^t 11th, 1778.

Gentⁿ: It being represented and complained to me, that sundry persons belonging to your or one of your armed boats commissioned to cruise in the Sound have, contrary to the tenor of your commission and bond, made descents upon the island of Long Island and plundered the inhabitants of their stock and effects, and that without distinction, and in particular have lately violently taken about six oxen from Colo. Phinehas Fanning, and brought over to this State—this conduct, you must be sensible, is unwarrantable and renders you liable on your bonds &c. I would, with the advice of my Council, advise you, or either of you, so far as you may be respectively concerned, to settle—compound the matter with Colo. Fanning, and restore him his property, lest you be exposed to further consequences.

I am, your humble Servant,

JONth TRUMBULL.

To Capt. Peter Hallack.

Jonth Solomons, or their owners, as they may be respectively concerned.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to send the following to Capt. Jonathan Vail and Capt. Jeremiah Rogers, commanders of armed boats:

LEBANON, August 11th, 1778.

Whereas sundry and repeated complaints have been made that persons under authority of commissions given to armed boats to go on shore on Long Island to act against the enemy there, or under colour and pretext thereof, have unjustly and cruelly plundered many of the friendly inhabitants there, brought off their effects, and have not caused them to be libelled and condemned in course of law—You and each of you are hereby required to attend here on Tuesday the 18th instant, to account for your conduct in that respect—In the mean time you are forbidden to act offensively towards any person on Long Island, or to make any hostile descent upon the land in virtue of your commission.

To Capt. Jonth Vail and

JONth TRUMBULL, Gov^r.

Capt. Jeremiah Rogers, commanders of boats.

LEBANON, 14th Aug^t, 1778.

Gave orders and wrote a letter to Ebenezer Devotion, Esq^t, of Windham, for an hundred barrels of powder to be forwarded with all possible dispatch to Governor Greene at Providence.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
TUESDAY THE 18TH OF AUGUST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jed ^b Elderkin,	} Esq ^m .
Jos. Spencer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	

Voted, That the following Order and Declaration be sent forth :
STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

Whereas information and complaint is made to me and the Council of Safety of said State by Jeremiah Wadsworth, Esq^t, Commissary General of the continental army, and also by Mr. Peter Colt, an assistant purchasing commissary general of said army, representing that said army stand in great need of the article of onions, for their comfortable support ; that they, said commissaries, had contracted for large quantities of them, and stand ready and want to purchase much more for the use of said army, but are likely to be in great measure frustrated and defeated by private engrossers and others buying and transporting that necessary article out of this State, contrary to law, and outbidding the purchasing commissaries &c.; and praying for the interference and orders of this Board in that behalf.

I do, therefore, on consideration of the matters aforesaid, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety, and agreeable to law in such case provided, hereby authorize and empower the said Jeremiah Wadsworth and Peter Colt, or either of them, or any proper persons by them or either of them appointed to purchase onions for the use of the army, to take and seize any quantity or parcel of onions, which may be wanted for the use of the army aforesaid, and which are or may be bought up or engrossed by any person or persons whatsoever, or which any person may hold and refuse to sell for the use aforesaid — taking care that the owner or owners be duly and reasonably recompensed according to law ; and all executive officers are commanded to pay all due obedience to your or their orders, so far as is necessary for duly executing this warrant.

Given under my hand at Lebanon in said State the 18th day August, A.D. 1778.

Whereas his Excellency the Governor has laid before this Board a letter from the Hon^{ble} Major General Sullivan, dated on Rhode Island the 16th of August instant, representing that the strength of the enemy by the accession of the sailors from the frigates and other vessels of force at said island destroyed by themselves &c. is greater than was apprehended, and the troops under his command less than he expected ; and as the Count D'Estaing has been obliged to put to sea in quest of the enemy and by reason of the late storm not yet returned, (tho' there is now great reason to expect them very soon,) he, therefore, conceives himself not strong enough to attack the enemy with such numbers and strength as with the divine

blessing would probably ensure success with little loss of blood, and earnestly calling for and requesting a further aid of militia from this State, lest for want of a little more support the important enterprise may fail, to the great dishonor and injury of the country, and ruin and destruction of the State of Rhode Island in particular.

On consideration of the matters aforesaid and the very ill consequences of suffering the attempt now so far executed against our enemies on said island, to fail, for the want of a small additional reinforcement — for these and many great and weighty reasons, it is resolved and ordered, that there be immediately detached from the militia of this State, as hereafter provided, unless a sufficient number shall freely offer themselves, *viz*: Six companies, to consist of eighty men each exclusive of all commissioned officers, by peremptory draught from said militia, *viz*: three companies from the second brigade under the command of Brig^r General Ward, one company from the first brigade under the command of Brigadier General Erastus Wolcott, one company from the 3d brigade under the command of Brigadier General Tyler, and one company from the fifth brigade under the command of Brig^r General Douglass — all to be able-bodied effective men, liable to be detached, (the said three last brigades having had two companies each very lately detached from them for the same purpose.) The said companies each to be commanded by one captain, two lieutenants and one ensign, of the militia or such as have borne commissions of equal rank, to be designated and appointed by the colonels of the regiments from whence they or the major part of them shall be detached; and said six companies to be formed into one entire regiment, to be commanded by one colonel to be taken from the second brigade, one lieutenant colonel to be taken from the first brigade, and one major to be taken from the 5th brigade, and designated by the brigadiers of said respective brigades; and said regiment to be joined to the brigade already serving at Rhode Island under the command of Brigadier General Tyler, and not be holden in service more than twenty days after joining the army, without their own free consent, and may perhaps be sooner discharged; and shall be entitled to continental pay, wages, rations and allowances, and also to a bounty at the rate of forty shillings per month in addition to their wages.

And said brigadiers, or in their absence the next commanding officer, colonels and all other officers concerned, are required, with all possible expedition, to carry into execution the foregoing orders, so far as to them respectively appertains. And said brigadier generals are to superintend and give all necessary and proper orders respecting carriages, provisions &c., and assist the field officers of said detached regiments, if need be, to forward the most speedy march of said companies and regiments to join the army at Rhode Island. And if any such men cannot furnish themselves with necessary arms, their captains may receive such deficiency from public stores; and if wanting in any other necessary accoutrement, all and every person possessing the same and not called upon to use them, are invited without hesitation, freely to furnish and lend the same, and if lost or damaged in the service the owner shall be recompensed therefor: but if they cannot be otherwise obtained, they are to be impressed by warrant from lawful authority or provided by the selectmen of each town on application, who may apply to authority for such warrant if needful.

And adjourned till tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH, MET ACCORDINGLY.

Present: The same as yesterday, viz:
The Governor.

Gen. Huntington,	Col. Elderkin,
Gen. Spencer,	Maj. Hillhouse,
Col. Williams,	Cap. Mumford.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jed ^h Elderkin,	} Esq ^r .
Jos. Spencer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	

On the petition of Nath^l Curwin of Long Island, a friendly refugee, residing at Lyme in this State, representing his necessity of receiving some effects from said island for his support, or his and his family's returning there &c.: Resolved, that the selectmen of said Lyme be and they are hereby impowered to consider the case of said Curwin, and grant him liberty and permission to go over to said island to bring off any effects he may have there for his use and support, or to remove himself and family back again to Long Island, if he shall desire it and they shall judge it most expedient.

Copy sent this day per Sam^l Ely, Esq^r.

Whereas the militia of this State who were ordered to the northward the last year have not all received the bounty and pay due for their service, and this Board are informed that Mr. Charles Kellogg, the paymaster, has received the remaining pay due to said militia, of the continental chest, the pay-rolls having been duly inspected and allowed by the proper officers: but that the bounty due to them being payable by this State cannot be received, as the particular mode of authenticating the accounts thereof prescribed by a resolve of the Assembly cannot be literally attended to, by reason of the absence of many persons concerned &c.: Resolved by this Board, that the name of any such person being entered and wages allowed in a pay-roll made, examined and certified by the General, or other proper officer in the continental army, ought to be deemed and considered as sufficient evidence of such person or soldier's being entitled to the bounty allowed by the General Assembly. And the Committee of Pay-Table of this State are to consider and give orders for the payment of such bounty accordingly, altho' the accounts are not certified in the precise manner directed by said resolve of Assembly.

Voted, That Jabez Stow be and is appointed Second Lieutenant in the company of matrosses or artillery-men at Fort Trumbull at New London, in the room of Lieutenant Daniel Dee, resigned.

That Daniel Bill be and is appointed Lieutenant Fire-Worker, in the room of Jabez Stow, promoted.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

To Prosper Wetmore, Esq^r, Sheriff of the county of New London, Greeting:
It is represented to me by Mr. Jacob De Witt of Norwich, one of the

owners of the privateer sloop *Lydia*, that Capt. Jabez Lord, commander of the same, hath captured an enemy's sloop, on board which he hath taken prisoners one captain and nine men, which he prays may be taken into custody: You are hereby directed to receive and keep in safe custody the said prisoners. You may take the parole of the captain to abide within such short limits as you judge proper and safe. You will give notice by some convenient opportunity to Ezekiel Williams, Esq^r, Commissary of Prisoners, and observe such orders as he shall give concerning these prisoners.

Given at Lebanon the 19th day of August, A.D. 1778.

JON^{NS} TRUMBULL.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Captain General.

To Ebenezer Backus, Esq^r, major of the fourth regiment of light-horse in this State.

Upon the earnest request of Major General Sullivan, commanding the American army now at Rhode Island, desiring a reinforcement to his army, and it being agreed to, with the advice of my Council of Safety, to send him among other forces one troop of horse: These are, therefore, to direct you forthwith to detach out of your regiment the number of forty light-horse men, rank and file, well mounted and equipped, and properly officered, and see they immediately march to Newport, and there put themselves under the command of General Sullivan, and to remain in service twenty days after they shall so join, except sooner discharged.

Given at Lebanon 18th Aug^r, 1778.

J. T—L.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HELD IN LEBANON THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benja. Payne,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Andrew Ward jun ^r ,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jesse Root,	
Jedediah Elderkin,	David Mumford,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	James Wadsworth,	

Consulted on various matters laid before this Board by his Excellency.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HELD IN LEBANON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jedediah Elderkin,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Andrew Ward jun ^r ,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	
Benja. Payne,	James Wadsworth,	

Upon the representation of Capt. Joseph Durkee, shewing that upon encouragement heretofore received from the Captain General he has enlisted a company of volunteers consisting of forty-five or fifty men to serve at Newport twenty days after joyning the army there, and that said company

have nominated said Joseph Durkee for their captain, Benjⁿ Ruggles for their first lieutenant, Moses Perrin second lieutenant, and Andrew Durkee ensign, and are equipt ready to march: Resolved, that said company be ordered forthwith to march for Rhode Island to join the forces under Major Gen^l Sullivan, to belong to and be under the command of the field officers of the regiment lately ordered to be detached for 20 days; and that said officers nominated as aforesaid be commissioned accordingly; and said company to be entitled to the same pay, premium and advantages, as other troops ordered from the militia in this State. Also resolved, that the officers' commissions bear date the 20th instant, being the time they began to raise said company.

Voted, That a requisition be made to Gen^l Washington, that Colos. Enos and McClallan's regiments be dismissed on the 5th of September next to return home if consistent with the public service.

Voted, That Wm. Lax be permitted to transport into the State of New York two hhds. rum to purchase iron and to make return to his Excellency the Governor of his doings in the premises.

Voted, That _____ in two small boats from Nantucket, be permitted to transport from this State to the island of Nantucket the avails of the cargo of said boats in corn, rye and flax.

Upon information received from Commissary Hubbard that he is almost out of stores, especially of the capital articles, *viz*: rum, sugar, coffee &c., asking for advice and direction therein: Resolved, that considering the present high price of those articles and the probability of their soon growing cheaper, said Commissary Hubbard be directed to purchase so much of said articles as shall be necessary to answer the current exigences of the troops from this State, and that his Excellency be desired to write him accordingly.

Antea. Upon the representation of Capt. Joseph Durkee, shewing that upon encouragement heretofore received from the Captain General, he has enlisted a company of volunteers consisting of forty-five or fifty men to serve at Newport twenty days after joining the army there, and that said company have nominated said Joseph Durkee for their captain, Benjamin Ruggles for their first lieutenant, Moses Perren second lieutenant, and Andrew Durkee ensign, and equipped, ready to march: Resolved, that said company be ordered forthwith to march for Rhode Island to join the forces under Major General Sullivan, to belong to and be under the command of the field officers of the regiment lately ordered to be detached for twenty days; and that said officers nominated as aforesaid be commissioned accordingly; and said company to be entitled to the same pay, premium and advantages, as other troops ordered from the militia in this State.

Whereas Jonth Osborn was taken on Long Island by Capt. Peter Griffin and brought into this State, where he is now holden a prisoner, and accused of very inimical conduct towards the United States of America, and now applies to this Board for liberty to be granted to Richard Steer Hubbard jun^r of Norwich to go upon the island and bring off from thence his effects, consisting of a quantity of grain, some horses, cattle &c.: Resolved, that liberty be and is hereby granted to said Richard Steer Hubbard jun^r, to go on and fetch from thence the property and effects of said Osborn, and to deposit the same in the custody of Mr. Richard Steer Hubbard jun^r, who is directed to keep them till further orders, except so much as will be necessary to defray the charge of bringing them off and for the support of said Osborn; and

said Hubbard jun^r is to make return to his Excellency the Governor an account of the effects that shall be brought off, and that said Osborn remain with said Richard Steer Hubbard jun^r till further orders — under his parole, which Prosper Wetmore, Esq^r, is directed to take.

Voted, That the following order be sent to Major Joshua Huntington of Norwich: —

LEBANON, 26th August, 1778.

Please to forward to Governor Greene at Providence with all possible dispatch one hundred barrels of powder belonging to the United States, in your custody, — taking care the barrels are well secured.

Maj^r Joshua Huntington
Norwich.

JON[™] TRUMBULL Gov^r.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY,
AT LEBANON, THURSDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Joseph Spencer,	Andrew Ward jun ^r ,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Hillhouse,	Jesse Root,	
Benj ⁿ Payne,	James Wadsworth,	

Agreeable to a vote of yesterday a letter was prepared to be sent to General Washington for the purpose mentioned in said vote.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
FRIDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jed ⁿ Elderkin,	} Esq ^{rs} ,
Wm. Williams,	And ^w Ward jun ^r ,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	
Benj ⁿ Payne,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to send the following orders to Captains Curtis and Chapman:

LEBANON, August 28th, 1778.

By the Captain General.

Capt. Curtis of Waterbury, and his company, belonging to Colo. Samuel McClellan's regiment of new-raised troops in this State, are ordered to march immediately to New Haven for the defence and to keep up proper and necessary guards at that post.

LEBANON, August 28th, 1778.

By the Captain General.

Capt. Elisha Chapman of Saybrook, and his company, belonging to Colo. Samuel McClellan's regiment of new-raised troops in this State, are ordered to march forthwith to New London, for the defence of that post, and to keep up necessary and proper guards, and therein to take directions from Major Ledyard 'till further orders.

† *Voted*, That an order be drawn on Colo. Henry Champion of Colchester for ten barrels of pork, to be delivered to Eben^r Ledyard, Esq^r, commissary at Groton.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Jed^h Elderkin, }
Joseph Spencer, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq^r.
Wm. Williams, David Mumford, }

Mr. Jeffry James Service, a late refugee from Long Island, produced and laid before this Board credentials of his being from the beginning of the present controversy a favourer and a firm friend to the American cause, and praying for the protection of this State for his person and effects, which he has brought over; and this Board being satisfied of the sincerity of his friendship and attachment to the interest and cause of the country, do hereby, so far as to them appertains, grant to him the said Jeffry James Service the protection of the laws of this State and the privileges and advantages of the other citizens of said State, and that his goods and effects may be protected and held in his own safe custody, and to be dealt with and disposed as he may be permitted and allowed according to law.

Voted, That permit be granted to Samuel Hitchcock of North Haven to carry out of the State 75 bushells of salt, to exchange for flour and iron — he paying back the bounties granted by said State.

Voted, That Gershom Barrows of Mansfield be permitted to carry out of the State one cart-load of wheat and rie, to procure necessaries for his tavern.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be directed to sell the hoops, fish, the coarse cloths and shalloons — retaining the other articles in his hands — and get the sloop *Dolphin* repaired.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Jed^h Elderkin, }
Joseph Spencer, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq^r.
Wm. Williams, David Mumford, }

Resolved by this Board, That Mr. Asa Waterman, commissary of purchases for the continental army, make out a bill of the pork and beef ordered by this Board from Samuel Elliot jun^r of Boston, Esq^r, for the use of the continental army at Rhode Island State, at the price of each given at Boston, and pay the same to the Treasurer of this State, taking triplicate receipts for the same, and lodging one with the Secretary, another with the committee of this State.

Resolved, That the 24 stands of arms ordered to be delivered by Brig^r General Douglass, for the use of the soldiers at Windham in the late alarm, be collected and delivered to the care and custody of Eben^r Devotion of Windham, Esq^r, to be by him kept in good order and ready for use; that he send his receipt for the same to Brigadier General Douglass, for his security, instead of returning the arms.

The State of Connecticut to Win ^h Saltonstall	Dr.
To 2 bolts duck for schooner <i>Spy</i>	
per my order in the October sessions, 1778, @ £50 }	£100 0 0
Errors excepted, 8 Septem ^r 1778.	
Winth ^p Saltonstall.	

Voted, That the above account be allowed and order given for payment accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Ebenzer Basset of Martha's Vineyard be and he is hereby permitted to transport from hence to said Martha's Vineyard three barrels of rye flour and five of wheat.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
By the Governor.

To the Committee of Pay-Table.

Please to draw on the Treasurer to pay Mr. John Porter the sum of forty-five pounds continental currency for three months service as clerk to the Governor, and agreed on by the Committee of Safety.

Given at Lebanon, 11th September, 1778.

JON[™] TRUMBULL.

Please also to draw for twenty-five pounds more in advance towards future service.

JON[™] TRUMBULL.

Whereas there is reason to apprehend that our restless and malicious enemies, who were lately disappointed, by the favor of Divine Providence and the ready exertions of our militia, of an enterprise against New London, will speedily return and attempt its destruction unless a sufficient force is stationed there for its security and defence :

It is, therefore, resolved and ordered by this Board, That a body of 980 able-bodied effective men, officers included, be forthwith raised by peremptory draft, from the first, third and fifth brigades of militia &c. in this State, to be formed into two regiments — each of said regiments to be commanded by one colonel, one lieutenant colonel and one major, and to be formed and divided into companies to consist of 70 men each, officers included — making fourteen companies in the whole. Said companies to be commanded by one captain, two lieutenants and one ensign, to be taken from the militia officers or such as have borne like commissions. Said two regiments to be compleatly furnished and equipped and march forthwith to New London, to be under the command of the commander in chief on that station, and be continued in service for the term of one month after arriving at their destination, unless sooner discharged; and the said officers and men shall be entitled to the same pay, wages and allowances, as the continental troops; and said non-commission officers and privates to the sum of forty shillings, lawful money, as a premium, and the sum of five shillings for the use of a blanket.

And it is further resolved and ordered, That the said fourteen companies be taken and detached from said three brigades in manner and proportion following, that is to say : Six companies from the first brigade, five companies from the fifth brigade, and three companies from the third brigade : said six companies to be formed into one distinct regiment, and the other eight companies into another distinct regiment; and the several brigadier generals of said three brigades are hereby ordered and directed forthwith to

issue their respective orders to the colonels or commanding officers of their several regiments, to cause such detachment to be made without delay, in a due proportion; and the brigadier of the first brigade is hereby authorized, with such advice as he shall think proper, to designate the field officers of said first mentioned regiment; and the colonels in said brigade, in manner and proportion as said brigadier shall direct, are to nominate and designate the other commission officers thereof; and the brigadier of the fifth brigade is authorized to designate one colonel and one major for said two regiments, and the brigadier of the third brigade a lieutenant colonel for the same; and the several colonels, or commanding officers within said brigades, are to designate the commission officers for said companies and regiments, in manner and according to directions from their respective brigadiers as aforesaid. And said brigadiers are to superintend and give all proper and necessary directions for forming, furnishing and marching said regiments to said New London, as soon as possible.

And if any of said men cannot furnish themselves with necessary arms, their officers may receive the deficiency by orders from the respective brigadiers, from the public stores, taking care for their due and safe return. And if any necessary accoutrements cannot otherwise be obtained, they are to be procured by warrant of impress from proper civil authority.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

To Mr. Elijah Hubbard, Commissary.

Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey, ditto.

You, or either of you, are desired to supply Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq^r, commissary at Fort Griswold at Groton, and to Mr. Edward Hallam, commissary at New London, such quantity of flour as they, or either of them, shall call for, as occasion requires, taking proper vouchers accordingly.

Given at Lebanon, 12th Septem^r, 1778.JONTH TRUMBULL.AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
MONDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1778.*Present*: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jed ^h Elderkin,	} Esq ^m .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Joseph Spencer,	David Mumford,	

Voted, That Joseph Murray, and all the rest of the persons taken lately by Capts. Lord and Roberts on board of a packet bound from Rhode Island to N. York, all of them who shall be desirous of exchange, except Collard, may be sent to the care of Mr. Nath^l Shaw of New London, under the direction of Mr. Sheriff Wetmore, in order to be exchanged for Capt. Hamilton of Norwich and his men, now prisoners at New-Port, so far as numbers will compare; and if there should be a surplus in our favor, for some other naval prisoners of this State in the hands of the enemy. And said Mr. Wetmore is further directed to send said Collard under a safe guard, being an inhabitant of the State of Rhode Island, to the Governor of that State, and present the bill of necessary expences attending the same to said

Governor for payment. And said sheriff is further directed, by the advice of Captain D. Mumford and Capt. Jacob De Witt, to dismiss or retain and put to service the prisoners who shall not incline to be exchanged.

Voted, That Capt. David Mumford be desired to attend the vendue of the rigging and sales of Capt. Kennedy's ship, to be at Norwich tomorrow, and to purchase such of said rigging and sails as shall be suitable and necessary for the use of this State, according to the best of his discretion.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to send the following orders to Major Wm. Ledyard of Groton :

State of Connecticut, Lebanon, Monday, Septem^r 14th, 1778.

By the Governor.

Maj^r Wm. Ledyard is hereby ordered to sell and dispose of the goods taken on board the schooner *Hornet*, now in his custody, and to lodge the money in the treasury of this State.

Voted, That Colo. Champion deliver 20 barrels of pork from Lebanon to Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq^r, and Mr. Edward Hallam, commissaries, to supply the troops at New London and Groton.

Voted, That all the men at New London and Groton, except those who are wanted to keep up the proper and necessary guards, be employed at fatigue in making needful works at the forts.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL &C., LEBANON, 19TH
SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin, Esq. <i>retur^d</i> ,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Jos. Spencer,	David Mumford,	

Various applications: About prisoners to exchange — permits for exportations — excuses, for detached men &c.

Voted, That the Governor be desired to order the commanding officer at Groton to send one company of the new-rais'd detachments to guard and defend at Stonington Long Point.

Voted, That Col. Mason or the commander at N. London send twenty of the new-raised detachments properly officered, to guard &c. at Lyme, to supply the place of the late guard near the mouth of Connecticut River.

Voted, That Nath. Miner, Esq., be impowered and directed to provide for the company ordered to Stonington.

And sundry things consulted.

Adjourned to Monday next.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL &C. AT LEBANON, MONDAY,
THE 21 SEPTEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor Deputy Governor Griswold.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Jos. Spencer,	Jed. Elderkin,	
Jesse Root,		

Various applications &c. Above twenty applications from various persons for permits to export various articles &c. &c. largely discoursed and considered, and on the question voted not to grant anything on either of them at present, but that the whole matter lie 'till the session of the General Assembly and that applications of this sort be made to them.

Voted, That Col Mason be directed to detach from the regiment under his command at New London an ensign and sixteen men, and for the present station them at Black Point in Lyme, as a guard for the security of the inhabitants there.

Answer prepared to Gen^l Green, concerning the necessity of a regulation of forages &c. for the army.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table in favor of Mr. Jona. Strong for the sum of three hundred pounds, to be in account of his riding post to Providence &c. on account of the New England States.

Order given, d^d said Strong same time.

Voted, That Mr. Thos. Fanning, D. Commissary of Provisions for the army at Providence &c., be requested to lend Mr. Hallam, our State Commissary at New London, twenty barrels of flour, to be replaced and paid.

Whereas Mr. Thos. Fanning, D. Commissary &c., by request of Maj^r Gen^l Huntington, sent for the use of the troops at the late alarm at New London, one hogshead of rum and some bread and pork: Resolved and voted, that he, said Fanning, shall be indemnified therefor by this State, if Congress shall not allow the same as a continental charge.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

AT A MEETING &C., TUESDAY, 22D SEPTEMBER, 1778.

Present: The same as yesterday and also Mr. Mumford, *viz* :
His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	} Esq ^r
Wm. Pitkin,	Jed. Elderkin,	
Jos. Spencer,	Jesse Root, and	
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	

Took into consideration the affair of our two ships &c., how and what shall be done with them, and as to the voyage proposed for the *Cromwell* to France &c., where she was bound from S. Carolina, and met with a storm and drove in &c., and concluded not to determine at present any other things concerning them, than as follows :

Voted, That Capt. Timo. Parker be directed to cause the State ship *Oliver Cromwell*, under his command and which was lately dismasted and damaged in a storm, to be repaired and refitted with masts, rigging, sails and every necessary, in order to compleat her preparation for sea again with all reasonable speed and expedition.

Voted, That Samuel Eliot jun^r, agent for this State at Boston, be and he is hereby directed to send all the duck, rigging and naval stores belonging to this State, and other articles which shall be necessary to repair the *Oliver Cromwell* as soon as may be. and deliver the same to teamsters who shall call on him by order of Mr. Thos. Fanning of Norwich.

Voted, That Thos. Fanning of Norwich be desired to agree on the best terms with teamsters to bring up the duck, rigging and other articles necessary for refitting the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and give directions to them to receive the same from Sam^l Eliot jun^r, Esq., at Boston, and when bro't to Norwich Mr. Fanning to store or transport the same to New London, according to the direction of Cap. Parker, commander of the ship *O. Cromwell*.

Voted, That Samuel Eliot, Esq^r, agent of this State at Boston, take special care concerning the bread taken by Capt. Timothy Parker on board the vessell called the *Medway*, that is, the proportion thereof belonging to this State, and that, if he should be able, he negotiate the loan or exchange thereof to any continental commissary or proper officer at or about Boston, and take proper orders for receiving an equivalent in bread or flour belonging to the United States at Norwich or other convenient place in this State.

Dismiss'd.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, BEING THE EIGHTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, A. DOM. 1778.

Present :

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, *Governor*.
The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esquire, *Deputy Governor*.

Assistants.

[The names of the Assistants present are not recorded]

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz. :

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benjamin Payne, for Hartford.
Capt. Samuel Hays, for Symsbury.
Colo. Selah Hart, Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Mr. Stephen M. Mitchell, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Joseph Isham, Capt. Eliphalet Bulkley, for Colchester.
Mr. John Dickinson, Mr. Ebenezer Bacon, for Middletown.
Capt. Cornelius Higgins, Capt. Joseph Brooks, for Haddam.
Capt. Silas Dunham, Mr. Jeremiah Bradford, for Chatham.
Capt. Benja. Buell, Colo. Joel Jones, for Hebron.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Colo. Solomon Wills, for Tolland.
Capt. Thomas Pitkin, for Somers.
Capt. Ebenezer Heth, Mr. Seth Crocker, for Wellington.
Colo. Roger Newberry, for Windsor.

Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. Daniel Miles, for Goshen.
 Maj' Ebenezer Gay, Capt. David Downs, for Sharon.
 Capt. Edward Rogers, Mr. Abraham Payne, for Cornwall.
 Mr. Eleazer Ensign, for Hartland.
 Capt. John Stevens, Colo. Charles Burrall, for Canaan.
 Mr. Joseph Cook, Capt. Daniel Catlin, for Harwington.
 Capt. Shubael Griswold, for Torrington.
 Mr. Hosea Wilcox, for Norfolk.
 Mr. Samuel Comstock, Mr. Jonah Todd, for New Milford.
 Capt. Jedidiah Hubbell, Capt. Joseph Carter, for Kent.
 Mr. Andrew Graham, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
 Benjamin Huntington, Esq', Speaker } of the House of Repre-
 Benjamin Payne, Esq', Clerk } sentatives.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the whole of Colonel Enos' regiment of State troops be forthwith ordered to the southwestern parts of this State on the sea-coasts, *viz* : One company to Norwalk, one company to Stamford, and the remaining companies to Greenwich, to guard and defend the inhabitants in those parts against the incursions and depredations of the enemy by sea and land, by keeping out proper guards and patrolling parties towards the sea-coasts and the enemies lines and by annoying the enemy by every other means in their power ; that Colo. McClelen's regiment of State troops be forthwith ordered to New London, to garrison and defend the forts at that place and Groton and the places adjacent, except Capt. Curtice and his company now stationed at New Haven ; that a regiment consisting of eight companies of eighty-four men each, exclusive of commission officers, be forthwith raised by peremtory detachment from the 1st, 2d, 3d and fifth brigades, and the eighteenth regiment in the sixth brigade of militia of this State, *viz* : two companies from each of the second, third and fifth brigades, one company from the first brigade, and one company from the eighteenth regiment in the sixth brigade, seven of which companies to be stationed at New London and Groton to defend the forts at those places and parts adjacent with Colo. McLellan's regiment, and the others of said companies to be stationed at New Haven with Capt. Curtiss' company to guard that town ; that two companies be forthwith raised consisting of eighty-four men each, exclusive of commission officers, by peremtory detachment from the 18th and 16th regiments in the fourth brigade

*Mr. Dan' Humphry for Symsbury, Major Abiel Pease for Somers, Capt. Henry Allyn for Windsor, Col. Stephen Moulton for Stafford, Mr. Edward Collins for Enfield, Gen' James Wadsworth, Mr. Elnathan Camp for Durham, Capt. Jeremiah Halsey for Preston, Mr. Samuel Field for Saybrook, Mr. Clapp Raymond for Norwalk, Col. John Mead for Greenwich, Col. Joseph Platt Cook for Danbury, Mr. Seth Sanford for Reading, Mr. William Forrester for Ridgefield, Mr. Jonas Frost for Pomfret, Mr. John Cadey for Plainfield, Mr. Eliashib Adams, Mr. David Payne for Canterbury, Major Andrew Adams for Litchfield, Capt. Matthew Gillett for New Hartford, Col. Benja. Hutchins for Hartland, Mr. Aaron Austin for Torrington, Mr. Ashahel Humphry for Norfolk, Col. Nathan Denison, Mr. Asahel Buck for Westmoreland, were also returned as having been chosen for the October session. Roll in *Rev. War*, xiii, 1.

of militia in this State, said companys to be stationed at Fairfield and Stratford, to guard the sea coasts and protect the inhabitants in the said towns against the depredations of the enemy. Said militia regiment and said two companies ordered to be raised as aforesaid are to continue in service one month from the time of their arriving at the places of their respective destinations unless sooner discharged, and they shall be entituled to the same wages, premium and encouragement as other troops in like circumstances serving in this State have been entituled to; and his Excellency the Capt. General is hereby desired and impowered to issue the necessary orders for carrying the several parts of this resolve into immediate execution and to make such other disposition of said troops as exigencies may require, and with the advice of the Council of Safety to discharge them from said service as soon as the public safety will admit.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to give immediate orders to Capt. John Yates and Capt. David Olmsted, belonging to Colo. Enos' regiment, to march forthwith with their companies to the town of Greenwich for the defence of that town and parts adjacent, and also to represent to General Washington the defenceless condition of the southwestern parts of this State and request of him such troops as may be necessary for the protection of the inhabitants in that quarter.

The committee appointed by this Assembly in May last to audit, adjust and settle the State accounts with the Treasurer and to receive of him what paper bills are in the treasury which ought to be burned, and burn the same &c., and report make to that or the next Assembly, now representing to this Assembly that they have not been able to compleatsaid service: It is therefore resolved, that said committee proceed and compleat the work assigned them and report make to this or the next session of this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the bills of credit emitted by order of the General Assembly of this State may and shall be received in payment of public taxes paid into the treasury of this State at any time before the first day of March next; and the Treasurer of this State is hereby authorized and directed to receive the same accordingly, any law or act of this Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of James Skiff of Martha's Vinyard, praying for liberty to transport from Derby in this State twenty-four barrells of flour, one hundred weight of cheese, four bushels of rye and indian corn and forty weight of butter, already procured and on board his boat at said Derby, to said island for the relief of the inhabitants who are in distress occasioned by the late ravages of the enemy, as per

memorial on file: Resolved, that said James Skiff be and he is hereby permitted to transport said articles of provision by water from said Derby to said Martha's Vineyard out of this State.

Upon the memorial of Peter Cottle of Martha Vineyard &c., shewing that by reason of the late ravages of the enemy in that island, the inhabitants are in distress for want of provision and that he has at Derby on board his boat sixteen barrells of wheat flour, twenty-three barrels of rye flour, one barrell of pork, five hundred weight of cheese, twenty bushels of indian corn, six bushels of rye and one barrell of hoggs lard, which he procured by exchanging salt, sugar, molasses, sheepswool &c.; praying for liberty to transport said articles of provision out of this State to the Vineyard, as per memorial on file: Resolved, that said Peter Cottle have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to transport said provisions to Marthas Vineyard for the use of the inhabitants there.

Upon the memorial of Abisha Pease of Marthas Vineyard, praying for liberty to transport from Derby in this State twelve barrells of flour, thirty weight of cheese, to said island for the relief of the inhabitants of said island who are distressed by the late ravages of the enemy, as per memorial on file: Resolved, that Abisha Pease have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to transport the above said articles out of this State from Derby to Marthas Vinyard for the relief of the inhabitants there.

Upon the memorial of Rowland Luce, of Bedford in the State of Massachusetts Bay, praying for liberty to exchange salt, oil, wool and fish for forty barrels of wheat flour, fifty bushels of rye or indian corn, and one barrell of pork, and having procured said articles the same to transport to said Bedford for the use of the inhabitants there, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Rowland Luce be permitted to procure forty barrels of wheat flour, fifty bushels of rye or indian corn and one barrel of pork in this State in exchange for salt, oil, wool and fish, and the same to transport by water to said Bedford for the use of the inhabitants there.

Upon the memorial of John Tilton, of Marthas Vineyard in the State of Massachusetts Bay, praying for liberty to exchange salt and molasses for two barrells of pork, four thousand weight of wheat flour and ten bushels of rye or indian corn with the inhabitants of this State, and having procured said articles to transport the same by water to said Marthas Vineyard for the use of the inhabitants there, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said John Tilton be permitted to procure two barrels of pork, four thousand weight of wheat flour and ten bushels of rye or indian corn from the inhabitants of this State as aforesaid, and to transport the same by water to said Marthas Vineyard for the use of the inhabitants there.

Upon the memorial of Mary Harrison, of Branford in the county of New Haven, administratrix on the goods and estate of Nathaniel Harrison, late of said Branford, dec'd, who in his life time was executor of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Harrison, Esq', late of said Branford, also deceas'd, the said Mary being likewise administratrix on the goods and estate of said Nathaniel Harrison, Esq', left unadministered by said executor, representing to this Assembly that the said Nathaniel Harrison, Esq', when in full life, viz: on the sixth day of December, A. D. 1775, became bound to Jonathan Fitch, Esq', sheriff of said county, in the sum of £1000, L. money, conditioned that Thomas Wheadon of said Branford, who was then appointed sheriff's deputy, should transact said business so that no cost or damage should accrue to said sheriff; that afterwards, viz: in January, 1767, said sheriff recovered judgment against said Nath' and execution for the sum of £1000, L. money, on said bond and cost, and said Nathaniel as executor as aforesaid recovered judgment against said Wheadon for the sum of £1000, L. money, and costs, and took out execution on said judgment and caused the same to be levied on the lands of said Wheadon which were appriz'd at £136.10, lawful money, and set off to said executor in part payment of said execution, and said Wheadon having long since absconded and said execution against him not having any further payment upon it, except the aforesaid lands and £28, by levy of the same execution on some stock of said Wheadon's, and there having been many tryals of said matters both in law and equity and said matters with said sheriff Fitch being still pending in the law untill said memorialist has lately concluded an amicable settlement of the whole matter, by agreeing to part with said lands levied upon by virtue of said execution against Wheadon and also to convey a piece of land of about twelve or fourteen acres to M^r John Ford, lying at the Beaver Swamp, so called; praying for liberty and licence to sell and dispose of said lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and is hereby granted to said memorialist to make sale and give a good authentic deed of said land set off by virtue of said execution against said Wheadon as aforesaid, and also to make sale and give a deed of said twelve or fourteen acres of pasture land lying at said Beaver Swamp to said John Ford.

Upon the memorial of Peter Mills, administrator on the estate of William Marsh late of Kent, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts of the deceas'd exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for Sharon district since a former grant made by this Assembly surmount the personal estate of the deceas'd the sum of £22. 14, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the lands of the deceas'd as to procure said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist has liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the lands of the deceas'd as to

procure said sum of £22. 14, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for Sharon district therein.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Deforest jun^r, of Stratford, administrator on the estate of Elisha Blagg Hawley late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable inventoried estate the sum of £12. 12. 9, L. money; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to make the said sum of £12. 12. 9, together with incident charges that shall arise thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said administrator, to sell so much of the real estate of said Elisha Blagg Hawley as to make the sum of £12. 12. 9, L. money, together with such charges as shall arise on said sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Esther Allis of Somers, administratrix on the estate of John Allis, late of said Somers, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £28. 7. 8, L. money; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said dec'd as to make the said sum of £28. 7. 8, L. money, together with the incident charges that shall arise thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted said administratrix, to sell so much of the real estate of said John Allis, deceas'd, as to make the sum of £28. 7. 8, L. money, together with such charges as shall arise on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford thereon.

Upon the memorial of Marston Cabbot, administrator on the estate of George Cabbot, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £24. 19. 2, as may appear by the files; praying this Assembly to appoint some meet person to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto Simon Learned to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the sum of £24. 19. 2, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret therein.

Upon the memorial of Eleazar Ensign, agent for the town of Hartland, shewing to this Assembly that a deep valley lies from north to south through the township, near about the middle in which a rappid river runs, making it very difficult for the inhabitants to convene for public worship; praying that the said township may be divided into two distinct ecclesiastical societies, and that Colo. Seth Smith, Colo. Nathaniel Terry, and Daniel Humphry, Esq^r, may be a committee authorized to fix the dividing line between the said societies, &c.; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the western part of said township of Hartland be and the same is hereby set off and erected into a distinct ecclesiastical society with all the privileges and powers of other ecclesiastical societies in this State, to be bounded on the west, north and south by the line of said town, and eastward by a line to be drawn and fixed for that purpose by Colo. Seth Smith, Colo. Nathaniel Terry, and Daniel Humphry, Esq^r, who are hereby authorized and impowered to make and fix the same accordingly and report the same to this or the next Gen^l Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Kneeland, administrator on the estate of Hezekiah Kneeland jun^r late of Colchester, deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges allowed against said deceased surmount his personal estate £62. 17, lawfull money; praying for liberty to sell so much of said deceas'd's real estate as shall be sufficient to pay said sum &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority, be and is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum and incident charges of sale; under the direction of the court of probate for the district of East Haddam.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to have this Assembly adjourned to meet at Hartford on Wednesday next, nine of the clock in the forenoon.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT NEW HAVEN OCTOBER 14TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Woolcot,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joshua Porter,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jesse Root,	
Jas. Wadsworth,		

Voted, That an order be given to Capt. Jabez Perkins to deliver to Mr. Isaac Doolittle one hogshead of sulphur in his custody belonging to this State.

Voted, That an order be given to Mr. Isaac Doolittle to deliver to Capt. Hine of Milford one hundred pounds weight of cannon-powder and one hundred pounds weight of pistol-powder.

Voted, That an order be given to Mr. David Trumbull to deliver to Capt. Hine of Milford one hundred flints in his custody belonging to this State.

Voted, That Capt. Hine be directed to purchase cartridge-paper to make the powder into cartridges which he has order to receive of Mr. Doolittle.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY ADJOURNMENT ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER ANNO DOMINI 1778.

Present :

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, *Governor.*
The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, *Deputy Governor.*

Assistants.

[The names of the Assistants are not recorded.]

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

Colo. John Pitkin, for Hartford.
Capt. Samuel Hays, for Symsbury.
Colo. Selah Hart, Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Mr. Stephen M. Mitchell, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Joseph Isham, Capt. Eliphalet Bulkley, for Colchester.
Mr. John Dickinson, Mr. Ebenezer Bacon, for Middletown.
Capt. Cornelius Higgins, Capt. Joseph Brooks, for Haddam.
Capt. Silas Dunham, M^r Jeremiah Bradford, for Chatham.
Capt. Benja. Buell, Colo. Joel Jones, for Hebron.
Mr. Samuel Carver jun., Mr. Saul Alvord, for Bolton.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Colo. Solomon Wills, for Tolland.
Capt. Thomas Pitkin, Maj^r Abiel Pease, for Somers.
Capt. Ebenezer Heth, Mr. Seth Crocker, for Willington.
Capt. Henry Allyn, Colo. Roger Newberry, for Windsor.
Gen^l Erastus Wolcott, M^r Frederick Elsworth, for East Windsor.
Colo. Stephen Moulton, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.
Mr. Alex^r King, Mr. Phineas Sheldon, for Suffield.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Gen^l Joseph Spencer, Colo. Jabez Chapman, for East Haddam.

Colo. Nath^l Terry, Mr. Edward Collins, for Enfield.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Eneas Munson, for New Haven.
Colo. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Capt. Samuel Street, Capt. John Hough, for Wallingford.
Gen^l Andrew Ward, Mr. Samuel Robinson, for Guilford.
Capt. Thomas Fenn, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.
Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Capt. Thomas Clark, for Derby.
Capt. Isaac Miles, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, for Milford.
Gen^l James Wadsworth, Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
Gen^l Gurdon Saltonstall, Mr. Nath^l Shaw, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Capt. Jabez Perkins, for Norwich.
Capt. Stephen Billings, for Groton.
Mr. Paul Wheeler, Capt. John Swan, for Stonington.
Colo. Marshfield Parsons, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Mr. George Elliott, for Killingworth.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Capt. James Morgan, for Preston.
Capt. Edward Shipman, for Saybrook.
Capt. Samuel Squire, Mr. Thaddeus Burr, for Fairfield.
Colo. Stephen St. John, Mr. Clapp Raymond, for Norwalk.
Colo. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford, for Reading.
Colo. Nehemiah Beardsly, Mr. Stephen Barns, for New Fairfield.
Capt. Abraham Brinsmaid, Mr. Daniel Bennet, for Stratford.
Maj^r Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
Capt. Isaac Lockwood, Capt. Daniel Bowton, for Stamford.
Mr. William Forrester, for Ridgfield.
Mr. Nathaniel Wales jun., Capt. Ebenezer Moseley, for Windham.
Colo. Jesse Root, Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, for Coventry.
Colo. Ebenezer Williams, for Pomfret.
Capt. Elisha Child, Mr. William Skinner, for Woodstock.
Capt. Simeon Smith, Maj John Keyes, for Ashford.
Mr. Jacob Elliott, Mr. Peleg Thomas, for Lebanon.
Capt. Simon Learned, Mr. Benjamin Leavens, for Killingley.
Capt. Moses Campbell, Mr. Matthew Newton, for Voluntown.
Gen^l John Douglas, Mr. John Cady, for Plainfield.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
Mr. Eliashib Adams, Mr. David Payne, for Canterbury.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Mr. Hezekiah Fitch, for Salisbury.
Colo. Seth Smith, Capt. Mathew Gillett, for New Hartford.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. Daniel Miles, for Goshen.
Maj^r Ebenezer Gay, Capt. David Downs, for Sharon.
Capt. Edward Rogers, Mr. Abraham Payne, for Cornwall.
Colo. Benjamin Hutchins, Mr. Eliezer Ensign, for Hartland.
Capt. John Stevens, Colo. Charles Burrall, for Canaan.
Mr. Joseph Cook, Capt. Daniel Catlin, for Harwington.

Capt. Shubael Griswold, Mr. Aaron Austin, for Torrington.
 Mr. Hosea Wilcox, Mr. Asahel Humphry, for Norfolk.
 Mr. Samuel Comstock, Mr. Josiah Todd, for New Milford.
 Capt. Jedidiah Hubbell, Capt. Joseph Carter, for Kent.
 Mr. Andrew Graham, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
 Colo. Nathan Denison, for Westmoreland.

Benjamin Huntington, Esq^r, Speaker } of the House of Repre-
 Jedidiah Strong, Esq^r, Clerk } sentatives.

An Act further to prevent Monopolizing and Ingrossing and to provide for obtaining Supplies for the Continental Army, Navy, and Militia of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That upon application made by any purchasing commissary to an assistant and justice of the peace, or to two justices of peace, stating the necessities which he is under to obtain supplies of pork, beef, flour, wheat, fat cattle or fat swine, for the use of the continental army or navy, or for the militia or navy of this State, and that it is not in his power to purchase such of said articles of provision as are wanted for the purpose aforesaid; the said civil authority shall consider the subject of said application and, if they shall judge that the same is well founded, they be authorized and directed to issue a warrant to the sheriff or constable proper to serve the same, designating the person or persons from whom such provisions shall be taken, to impress or take for the use of the continental army or navy, or for the militia or navy of this State, as the case shall require, any of the aforesaid articles of provision which shall be owned by any monopolizer or ingrosser or person who shall have purchased any such provisions to sell the same, and deliver the provisions so taken to such commissary on his paying for the same at the usual and customary prices at which such provisions are sold at said time of delivery.

Be it further enacted, That if such commissary and person from whom such provisions are taken shall not agree upon the price thereof, said civil authority are hereby directed to appoint two or three judicious and indifferent freeholders to apprise said provisions, who shall on oath apprise the same at the price at which such provisions are then usually sold, which appraisal shall preclude the person from whom such provisions are taken from any legal demand for a higher price; and if upon such appraisal it shall be found that the person from whom such provisions are taken has refused to accept of such commissary a sum equal to what such provisions are appraised at, the costs of such appraisal shall be deducted from the sum which ought otherwise to be paid him, and he shall be debarred from any further recovery; and that all costs incurred by any appraisal as aforesaid, and price of provisions taken by this act, shall be paid by such purchasing commissary; that if any person falsely pretending to be employed by any commissary or quartermaster shall purchase or offer to purchase any-

thing for the use of either of said departments, he shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds money and double the value of any article or thing which shall have been purchased by him, one half of every such forfeiture shall be paid to any person who upon his own cost shall legally convict any such offender and the other half to the public treasury of this State; that it be the indispensable duty of all informing officers to prosecute the offenders against this act. This act to continue and be in force untill the rising of the General Assembly in May next, and no longer.

An Act providing Relief in Cases of Equity.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all suits for relief in equity, where remedy is not to be had at law and wherein the value of the matter or thing in demand does not exceed the sum of two hundred pounds, shall be heard and determined by the respective county courts in this State in the county where one of the parties dwell; and that all suits for relief in equity where remedy is not to be had at law, wherein the value of the matter or thing in demand does exceed the sum of two hundred pounds and does not exceed the sum of eight hundred pounds, shall and may be heard and determined by the superior court in the respective counties where one of the parties dwell.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the superior and county courts are hereby authorized and directed to take cognizance of all such matters in equity as shall from time to time be brought before them, respectively, pursuant to this act, and shall proceed to hear by themselves on a committee and finally determine the same according to the rules of equity; and that no review or appeal shall be had from the sentence or decree of such superior or county courts therein; and such courts are hereby respectively impowered to enforce such their sentence or decree according to the usage and custom of the General Assembly in such cases, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

Provided, nevertheless, That the General Assembly, superior and county courts, respectively, shall proceed to hear and determine all such causes in equity as are already commenced and undetermined in said courts.

An Act for the Preventing of Horse Racing.

Whereas horse racing is a growing evil, productive of dissipation, idleness, and many other vices ruinous to individuals and detrimental to the public weal: Which to prevent:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the owner or owners of every horse or horse kind, that shall be used, employed or improved in horse racing in this State by his or their privity or permission, whereon any stakes are held or any betts or wagers laid

or dependent, either directly or indirectly, shall forfeit every such horse or horsekind employed as aforesaid or the value thereof; and that every person or persons concerned in laying any bett or betts or wagers on such race or races shall forfeit the sum of forty shillings, L. money, in all cases where the bett or wager laid shall be forty shillings or under, in all other cases the value of the bett or wager laid as aforesaid; all which forfeitures to be recovered by bill, plaint or information thereof made and conviction had before any proper court to try the same, the one half of said forfeitures in case of a common informer to him or them who shall prosecute the same to effect and the other half to the public treasury; but in case of prosecution by an informing officer the whole of said penalty to the public treasury; and all informing officers are hereby directed to make due presentment of all breaches of this act.

An Act for repealing an Act entitled An Act for the Regulation of the Price of Labour, Produce, Manufactures and Commodities within this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the act entitled An act for the regulation of the price of labour, produce, manufactures and commodities within [this] State be and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act for further continuing a Law of this State made and passed by the General Assembly in December, 1776, for preventing the Distilling of Spirituous Liquors from Grain.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act shall continue in force untill the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary of this State be and he is directed to cause an act of this Assembly passed at their session in October, 1776, entitled An act to compel the furnishing necessary supplies and assistance to the Quarter Master General of the Continental Army, to be forthwith printed in manner as the other acts and laws of this State usually are.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the resolve for making further provision for the families of the officers and soldiers belonging to this State in the continental army, passed the present sessions, be published in the several newspapers in this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Titus Hosmer, Eliphalet Dyer, Samuel Huntington, Oliver Elsworth, Andrew Adams and Jesse Root, Esq^r, be and they are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this State in the Congress of the United States of America for the year ensuing the first Monday of November next: not less

than two of said Delegates to represent this State in Congress, and not more than four to attend at a time on the charge of this State; and said Delegates are hereby invested with full power and authority to deliberate, council and resolve upon all matters that shall come before Congress agreeable to the articles of confederation, or in the manner hitherto used until the same shall be completely settled, and to transmit authentick copies of their resolutions from time to time to this Assembly. And the Delegates appointed last October are hereby desired and impowered to continue to represent this State in Congress until two or more of those now elected shall arrive and take their seats there.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of two shillings on the pound be laid and levied on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State, given in for the year 1777, with the additions, to be levied and paid into the treasury by the first day of February, 1779: provided, nevertheless, that for the relief of the indigent, who may be unable to pay their proportion of said taxes, the civil authority and selectmen in the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either the whole or a part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in most need of such abatement, to the amount of one-twentieth part of such towns quota of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town clerk and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors of said tax, and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatement in their settlement with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to issue his warrants accordingly; and the said Treasurer is further ordered to issue and direct his warrants for collecting the said tax to the collectors chosen by the several towns to collect the State taxes for the year 1778, who are to receive and collect the same according to law.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the committees and selectmen in the several towns are hereby directed and ordered to provide for the families of the officers and soldiers in their respective towns as occasion shall require, in the same way, to the same amount, and to be paid for by this State in like manner, as is provided in and by two resolves of the General Assembly for that purpose, when such officers and soldiers shall supply money, whether such officer or soldier furnish money or not, and such officer and soldier to be accountable for the sum so advanced; and the selectmen and committees shall be allowed a reasonable reward for their trouble by the Committee of Pay-Table and draw order for the same. The provision of this resolve to continue in force till the rising of the General Assembly in May next; and in case any town shall fail of their duty in the matter aforesaid such town shall be liable to be amerced at the discretion of the General Assembly.

Whereas this Assembly in May last appointed Lemuel Sanford, Charles Webb and Nehemiah Beardsley, Esq^{rs}, a committee upon the memorial of the selectmen of Norwalk to enquire and examine the losses sustained by the inhabitants of said Norwalk when the British troops made their excursion through some part of said town in the year 1777 to Danbury &c. ; and said committee being directed to make report of their doings to the present session of this Assembly in the premisses, but they have not been able to effect the same &c. ; Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforementioned committee be and they are hereby appointed to examine and enquire of the losses sustained as aforesaid, in the same way and manner as they were by said former appointment ordered and directed, and to make report in the premisses to this Assembly at their next session or to the General Assembly in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Mr. Nathaniel Shaw of New London be and he is hereby appointed Marine Agent for this State, to take the oversight and to give direction for the management and equipment of all armed ships or vessels which are the property of and fitted out by this State, when in port, to direct and order what cruises they shall go upon, to receive and dispose of the prizes that shall be taken by them, taking the advice of the Governor and the Council of Safety from time to time for his proceedings therein.

And it is further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety be and they are hereby empowered and authorized to settle the terms and regulations upon which the officers and privates for the armed ships and vessels aforesaid shall be engaged and enlisted, in respect to their wages and the shares and proportions they shall have of the prizes they shall take.

Whereas the Treasurer of this State by order of this Assembly hath borrowed in hard money about the sum of five hundred pounds, which is now become due and called for by the lender and there is not money in the treasury to pay the same : Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be enabled to borrow such further sum in hard money or specie as shall be necessary to repay the sum borrowed as aforesaid with the lawfull interest thereof, as also to pay the sum due and heretofore ordered by this Assembly to be paid to Maj^r Levi Wells.

Upon the memorial of the officers of the Connecticut Line in the continental army in behalf of themselves and soldiers, complaining that by reason of the enhanced prices of articles their wages are become incompetent and unequal to the sum stipulated at their first engaging in the service, &c. ; praying that justice may be done them, as per memorial on file ; this Assembly being desirous that justice should be done the memorialists as speedily as possible consistent

with the good of the whole: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to write to the Delegates of this State upon the subject, and inclose a copy of said memorial and direct them to lay the same before Congress, and to use their utmost endeavours to have the memorialists redressed; and the further consideration of this memorial is adjourned with this Assembly; and that the officers of the army aforesaid be informed of the measures taken by this Assembly for their redress; and that his Excellency the Governor be desired to give the information thereof accordingly to the general officers of the Connecticut Line, to be by them properly signified to the officers &c. belonging to this State.

Upon the memorial of the Rev^d President and Fellows of Yale College at New Haven in this State, preferred to this Assembly in May last, shewing that they had made choice of the Rev^d Ezra Stiles, D.D., to be President of said college, and that he had accepted said trust, and that considerable expence will necessarily arise in removing said Dr. Stiles, his family and effects, from Portsmouth to said New Haven; and praying that this Assembly according to their former goodness and generous practice in similar cases would order the cost and expences which might arise by removing said Doct^r Stiles as aforesaid to be paid out of the treasury of this State &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the reasonable and necessary cost and expences of removing the said Mr. President Stiles, his family and effects, from Portsmouth to New Haven be defrayed out of the treasury of this State; and the said memorialists are allowed and directed to lay their accounts of the expences arising by the removal of said President Stiles his family and effects as aforesaid before the Committee of Pay-Table of this State, who are hereby directed to receive and adjust the same and draw on the Treasurer of this State for the payment of such sums as they shall find just and reasonable in the premises.

Upon the report of the committee on the memorial of Jeremiah Miller, Esq^r, late Naval Officer for the port of New London, whereon said committee find that said Miller has at New London a number of notes, as per list, payable to the Treasurer to the amount of £1452. 12. 1½, and that there is a ballance due from said Miller for money received since June, 1770, to June, 1777, £59. 4. 5, L. money, and his fees on said notes when collected will be £145. 1. 2; and that there is a ballance due to said Miller for cash advanced for supplying the light-house £44. 19. 2½, hard money, as per memorial and report on file: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the notes above referred to be delivered over to the States Attorney for the County of New London, that said attorney put in suit such as may be necessary for securing the same, and others delay till further order, and that he report to the next General Assembly the state and circumstances of said notes and his proceedings thereon.

Upon the memorial of Zachary Johnson and others, of the tribe of Mohegan Indians: Resolved, that the committee appointed in May, 1774, to examine into the affairs of the Mohegan Tribe of Indians, viz: Jabez Hamlin, Jabez Huntington, and Joseph Spencer, Esq^r, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the matters contained in the within memorial as also into the disposition, character and circumstances of said tribe, and of the individuals residing there, and of their attachment to the independence of the United States, and to administer the oath of fidelity to such as appear capable and willing to take the same, and make report thereof with their opinion what further is proper to be done thereon to this Assembly at their sessions in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Charles Kellogg, Esq^r, paymaster of the militia, be and he is hereby directed to lay before this Assembly in their present sessions an account of the pay-abstracts delivered to him as paymaster, the time when and of whom received, specifying as well those abstracts on which he has received payment and those on which he has not received payment, as those on which he has made payment and those on which he has not.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Charles Kellogg, Esq^r, paymaster to the militia of this State, be and he is hereby directed to make immediate payment to the officers and soldiers of the several regiments whose wages he has received, and that he advertize in the public newspapers the time and place within the limits of each regiment when and where he will meet them for the purpose aforesaid.

Whereas Joshua Mersereau, Deputy Commissary of prisoners, in his letter to his Excellency the Governor dated November 5th inst., complains of the exorbitant demands made upon him by sundry people for services done in transporting said prisoners from Norwich on board the Flag &c., requesting that a committee be appointed to examine, liquidate and adjust said accounts: Resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. Jabez Perkins, Jonathan Huntington and John McClarren Breed, or any one of them, be a committee, and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into, liquidate and adjust and allow what they shall think just and reasonable therein, and payment shall be made accordingly.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their sessions at Hartford on the second Thursday of January, 1778, did appoint General Wadsworth, Colo. Pitkin and Colo. Chester, a committee to receive, examine, adjust and settle all accounts of the managers of the lead mines at Middletown, and others, respecting the improvement of said mine for this State or by order of Assembly, and report make; which committee by intervening accidents have been prevented from attending

to said business: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Gen^l Wadsworth, Colo. Pitkin, and Colo. Chester be and they are hereby reappointed a committee to receive, examine and adjust and settle, all accounts of the managers of the lead mine at Middletown and others, respecting the improvement of said mine for this State or by order of Assembly, and report make to this or the Gen^l Assembly in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the county court to be holden at Hartford for Hartford county on the first Tuesday of November next be and the same is hereby adjourned to the second Tuesday of the same November, of which all parties concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Whereas the day appointed for a day of publick Thanksgiving in this State interferes with the time of holding the county court at Norwich in the county of New London on the fourth Tuesday of November, 1778, and also the maritime court to be holden at Norwich within and for the county of New London on the 4th Wednesday of November aforesaid by adjournment: Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, that said county court be and the same is hereby adjourned to the first Tuesday of December next, then to be holden at Norwich within and for the county of New London aforesaid; and the said maritime court is hereby adjourned to the first Wednesday of December next, then to be holden at Norwich in the county of New London aforesaid.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Horsey to be Captain of the 18th company of the alarm list in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Person to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Allen jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Perkins to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Alling to be Captain of the 17th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Humaston to be Ensign of the 17th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Pierson jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Parmelee to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Clark to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Marvin Beckwith to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noah Porter to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Miller to be Ensign of the first company of alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lazarus Ruggles to be Captain of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Nobell to be Lieutenant of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Johnson to be Ensign of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Cross to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Kelcey to be Captain of the 11th company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Titus Ives to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elkanah Phelps to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Holt to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Tanner to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Buell to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Wadsworth to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Smith to be Lieutenant of the fifth company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hitchcock to be Ensign of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Roger Moor to be Captain of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Bignall to be Lieutenant of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Marsh to be Ensign of the seventh company of the alarm list in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Bottom to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Clark to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Harriss to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Bancroft to be Lieutenant of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Goff to be Ensign of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Brainard to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amasa Dutton to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Roys to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Holbrook jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dimon Barns to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Williams to be Lieutenant of the first alarm list company in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Kingsbury to be Ensign of the first alarm list company in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Keith to be Captain of the 7th alarm list company in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Carril to be Lieutenant of the 7th alarm list company in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elnathan Nichols to be Captain of the first troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the first troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Sherman to be Cornet of the first troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zechariah Lewis to be Quartermaster of the first troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Dorrance to be Quartermaster of the fourth troop of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Stow jun^r to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Clark to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Munger to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Dudley to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Stone to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Howard to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Kellogg to be Captain of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Ely to be Captain of the third company of the alarm list in the town of Lyme in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Cullick Ely to be Ensign of the third company of the alarm list in the town of Lyme in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Billings to be Captain of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Comstock to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Morgan to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Tracy to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Stone to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Stoddard to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel McNeal to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Buell to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Hoit to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Jones to be Lieutenant of the second company of the alarm list in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Gillett jun' to be Ensign of the second company of the alarm list in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elias Grave to be Captain of the sixth company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Munger to be Lieutenant of the 6th company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ambrose Everts to be Ensign of the 6th company of the alarm list in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Fowler jun' to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Hatheway to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Old to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Shipman jun' to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Edgerton to be Captain of the first troop of horse in the second regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez West to be Lieutenant of the first troop of horse in the 2d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Pettiss to be Cornet of the first troop of horse in the second regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Mason to be Quartermaster of the first troop of horse in the second regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Kilborn to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jehiel Fuller to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elkanah Higgins to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonah Newton to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Smith to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Tyley to be Ensign of the first company of the Governors Guards.

This Assembly do establish David Chandler to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peletiah Mills to be Captain of the second company of the alarm list in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Stoughton jun^r to be Lieutenant of the second company of the alarm list in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Martin Humphry to be Ensign of the second company of the alarm list in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elizur Hale jun^r to be Captain of the 6th company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Hills to be Captain of the third company of the alarm list in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Bill to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Ely to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Tully to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb St. John to be Captain of the troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Deodate Hoyt to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Gregory to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thaddeus Hewsted to be Quartermaster of the troop of horse in the 3d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Woodhouse to be Ensign of the second company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Williams 3d to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Groton in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Mather to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Hinsdale to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Bull to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Woodruff to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Hewet of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the month of June last he lost four pounds six shillings, L. money, in bills of this State, in the Great River in Norwich, in such manner that they cannot be recovered; praying this Assembly to allow the same to him out of the treasury, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sum of four pounds six shillings be and the same is hereby allowed to said Hewet, and the Treasurer of this State is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Barzillai Bassett of the State of Massachusetts Bay, Esq', Lieut. Colonel in the continental army, having been long absent from his family in the service of the United States; praying for liberty to purchase in and export from this State four barrells of flour and one barrell of pork for the use of his family in the county of Barnstable, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Colo. Bassett be and he is hereby permitted to purchase in this State and export to and for the use of his family in the county of Barnstable and State of Massachusetts Bay four barrels of flour and one barrell of pork as prayed for; the embargo on said articles laid by this Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Chloe Jerome of Farmington, administratrix on the estate of Andrew Jerom, late of said Farmington, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate with allowances made surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £74. 6. 4, lawful money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said dec'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum with charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Chloe Jerom have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum

of £74. 6. 4, lawful money, with incident charges of sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of John Crane of Durham, a soldier in Capt. Camp's company in Colo. Cook's regiment of militia, shewing to this Assembly that he marched with said company to oppose the British troops in their excursion to Danbury in the year 1777, and that in an action near Compo he received a shot in his right shoulder, the ball passing through the same, by means whereof he has suffered great pain and long confinement; that he has almost lost the use of his right arm by said wound, and ever like to remain so; praying relief in the premisses: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialist shall have and receive forty shillings per month for each month from the 28th of April, 1777, to this time; and the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find due accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Whitney, of Canaan in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that he in the year 1777 was an inlisted soldier in Colo. Cook's regiment, Capt. Whitney's company of militia in the Northern army, and that in the battle of the 19th of September with the troops under the command of General Burgoine he was wounded by a musquit ball through the thigh, and that with great pains and difficulty he was conveyed to said Canaan in a waggon and there lay confined about two months by said wound and was at considerable charge for doctors and nursing for his wound and boarding himself, as well as the loss of his time; and that on application to the Committee of Pay-Table for payment was informed that no allowance could be made him after his return to said Canaan, unless by special grant from the Honb^le Assembly, as per memorial on file: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be impowered and directed to adjust and settle the accounts of the said Samuel and draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find justly due.

Upon the memorial of William Foster of Canterbury, conservator of the person and estate of Jonathan Ransford of said Canterbury, shewing to this Assembly that the said Jonathan is an aged and infirm man, wholly unable to take care and provide for himself; that he hath a small dwelling-house and about five acres of land in said Canterbury, which is all the estate he hath; that the memorialist hath expended, before June last, the sum of £26. 14. 9, money, for the support of said Jonathan and his family, which sum was settled and allowed to the memorialist by the county court held in Windham in the county of Windham in June last; and that the memorialist

hath expended considerable since for the support of said Jonathan, and the whole of said estate will likely be necessary for said purpose &c. ; praying for liberty and authority to sell said land and house for the purpose of paying said debts &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell and dispose of said house and land and to execute and give such deed or deeds thereof as will convey the title of said Jonathan therein, for the purpose of paying said debt of £26. 14. 9 and cost of sale and for the further support of said Jonathan as prayed for, and that the memorialist render his account of the avails of said estate and what he shall do in the premisses to Windham county court.

Upon the memorial of Martha Sherwood, of New Milford, in the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the night of the 25th day of Feb'y last past the dwelling-house of the memorialist accidentally took fire and was consumed, in which eight persons were burnt to death, among which were the husband and six children of the memorialist, and in said house was consumed all the furniture, provisions, and cloathing therein contained, and about forty pounds, L. money, in cash, by means of which misfortune the memorialist is now totally dependent on the charity of her neighbours for her immediate support, although the memorialist has left her a small estate in lands, cattle &c., which estate is indebted about £100, L. money, besides several large rates, and by said misfortune the memorialist is reduced to poverty and has no sufficient means for her support but the charity of her fellow men; praying that all the rates due from the estate of the memorialist's deceas'd husband may be discharged from said rates and debt, and also grant the memorialist liberty of a brief to ask the charity of the good people of the neighbouring towns for her relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the state tax made on the list of Gideon Sherwood late of New Milford, dec'd, and late husband of the memorialist, which are now due and owing from the estate of s^d deceas'd, be abated to the memorialist; and that she have the liberty of a brief to ask the charitable contributions of the good people of the several towns in the counties of Fairfield and Litchfield in this State, that the memorialist by the bounty and charity of her generous fellow citizens be alleviated in her distressing condition.

Upon the memorial of Reuben Porter, administrator on the estate of Elijah Webster, late of Lebanon, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd with some allowance to the widow as exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Windham surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd in the sum of £56. 9. 7, L. money, and praying for liberty to make sale of real estate of said deceas'd to an amount suf-

ficient to raise and pay said sum of £56. 9. 7, L. money, with the incident charges of sale &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator be and he is hereby allowed and authorized to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd Elijah Webster as to raise a sum sufficient for payment of the debts and charges of said deceas'd to the amount aforesaid together with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of the town of New Hartford by their agents, Mathew Gillett and Seth Smith, Esq^{rs}, shewing that there is a great public road leading through said town at the north-east corner thereof and greatly used for the transportation of stores; that said road necessarily obliges the crossing of a large rapid river in said town, where said town in the year 1764 built and have ever since been compelled at great expence to maintain a large bridge, besides seven other costly bridges too enormous and difficult for the memorialists to support; that said bridge is now become ruinous and must be rebuilt, which the memorialists conceive would be more than could be reasonably expected from them, all circumstances duely considered; praying for a lottery to raise a sum sufficient to rebuild said bridge at the place aforesaid, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town of New Hartford have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given and granted to them at their own expence and risque, to set up and draw or cause to be drawn a lottery or lottery's to enable them to raise a sum not exceeding £1000, lawfull money: provided said town first pass a vote to erect and build a good sufficient bridge across said river at the place aforesaid, to be improved for the purpose aforesaid in the manner set forth in said memorial. And said town are further impowered and directed to appoint five persons as managers of said lottery, who shall be duely sworn faithfully to discharge said trust; and the said managers shall pay over and account for the moneys that may arise by the sale of tickets in said lottery into the hands of said town or a committee chosen by them to receive and lay out the same in building said bridge, which they are hereby impowered and directed to do; and all said monies shall be faithfully applied and expended in building said bridge, in such manner as said committee shall judge best for the public good; and said committee shall render an account of their doings in the premisses to this Assembly when thereto required; and the said town are hereby impowered to take sufficient bond with surety of said managers conditioned that said managers shall faithfully execute said trust, so that said town may be fully indemnified and that no injustice be done to the adventurers in said lottery in the premisses; and also said committee shall become bound with sureties to said town faithfully to apply all the monies delivered them by the managers for the purpose aforesaid, and to account with said town or render an account in the premisses

to this Assembly when thereto required. Provided also, and it is further resolved, that said lottery shall be drawn and completed as soon as may be and within the term of one year from the rising of this Assembly, on penalty that this grant and liberty and every clause thereof shall be null and void.

Upon the petition of Elijah Brownson and Samuel Brownson of Farmington, shewing that in July, 1775, the said Elijah borrowed a sum of money of one John Hart of said Farmington; that to secure the said John therefor he pledged to him two several parcels of land in said Farmington, one containing thirty-three acres, and the other four acres and an half and twenty-four rods, by deed; that the said Hart at the same time gave his bond of defeazance to the said Elijah to reconvey said lands to the said Elijah upon his repaying him said sum borrowed, being £73. 12. 4, money; that the said John however within the day of redemption expressed in said bond of defeazance conveyed one acre of said land on the north-east corner of said thirty-three acre parcel to one Elijah Brownson jun^r, and he conveyed the same to one Gideon Hollister, of said Farmington, who were both privy to the circumstances of said lands; that the said John soon after deceased before the said Elijah's time of redemption had elapsed; that his widow Anna, now the wife of one David Hills, took out letters of administration on his estate and has been duly appointed as the guardian of the minor heirs of the said John; and the said Samuel Brownson one of the petitioners having fully paid and contented the said Anna the full amount of said sums borrowed with the interest, and also purchased in the said Elijah's right of redemption to said lands, and the said David Hills and Anna his wife thereon gave to the said Samuel their joint deed of the said lands, supposing it would be effectual for the purpose of quieting him in the legal title to the same in exclusion of the said heirs of said Hart, as well of the said Hollister, he refusing to do what was right and just in the premises so far as he is interested therein &c.; praying for relief &c., as per petition &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the deed already given by the said David Hills and Anna his wife to the said Samuel Brownson of the lands mentioned in said petition, bearing date the 13th day of March last, and since recorded, shall and the same is hereby declared to be good and valid in the law for the said Samuel to have and to hold said lands therein conveyed, and the same shall be sufficient and effectual to all intents and purposes to secure the title of said lands to him as though the same had been given by the said John Hart in his lifetime; and said deed or an attested copy thereof from record shall be allowed and received as legal evidence of the said Samuel's right to said lands. And it now appearing that the said Hollister hath been fully paid and contented by said administrator for the said one acre of land derived to him from the said John Hart as aforesaid, and that he hath agreed to relinquish all right to the same: It is thereupon

further resolved, that the said John's deed to the said Elijah Brownson jun^r and his, the said Elijah's, deed to the said Hollister of the said one acre of land, and every clause and covenant therein, be and the same are hereby made utterly void and of none effect.

Upon the petition of Caleb Comstock of New London, shewing to this Assembly that the petitioners circumstances are low and indigent, and greatly added to by his having a distracted wife, which is and has been distracted this seven years past and entirely unable to render him and his family (which consist of six children) the least aid and assistance, but on the contrary all attention has and is daily paid to her by him and them for her support and comfort, and that the petitioner is by the above said heavy burthen and distress reduced to abject circumstances, and advanced to sixty years of age; that there is in the Great Neck in said New London about ten acres of pasture land the fee of which is in his said wife Mary; praying this Assembly that he may have liberty to sell said ten acres of land and to improve the produce thereof for the support of his distressed family, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Caleb Comstock have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to sell said ten acres of land and improve the produce thereof for the support of his family, and that a deed for said land from the said Caleb Comstock shall give as good a title to the purchaser of said land as he would have had thereto had the said Mary, now distracted wife of said Caleb, been consenting to the sale thereof in due form of law.

Upon the memorial of Lemuel Jennings of Cornwall, shewing that in obedience to proper orders he went to the Fishkill with others to oppose and repel the British troops, &c., where he lost a certain mare, saddle and bridle, of the value of £17. 10, L. money; praying for allowance thereof, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby allowed the said sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings, lawfull money, in compensation for his said horse and furniture, and the Committee of Pay-table directed to draw order in his favour accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Nathan Chapman and Jesse Bell, captains appointed in the fourth regiment of the six battalions ordered to be raised in February last and their under officers who were discharged in May last, shewing that they spent time and money in recruiting, and paid considerable sums as bounty and wages to the soldiers, for which they have received no pay, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table receive their abstracts and accounts for wages and monies advanced and expended in the service aforesaid, liquidate and adjust the same, and draw an order on the Treasurer for what shall be justly due to them for wages at half pay and the sums that have been paid and expended by them in said service.

Upon the memorial of Nathan Sloper, of Kent in the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that he, the said Sloper, was a soldier in Capt. Sacket's company in Colo. Hooker's regiment at the Peekskill in the year 1777, and by reason of illness was furlowed to the 13th of October, 1777, and then unable to return to said regiment, and that he received no wages from that time till the discharge of the regiment, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to pay to the memorialist the whole of his wages and bounty from said 13th day of October till the discharge of said regiment, and draw on the Treasurer of this State in his favour accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Abraham Fuller of Kent, conservator of the Indian natives in Scatacook in said Kent, shewing to this Assembly that the Indian family of the Warrups are at present under indigent circumstances, by reason of late sickness in the family and the old squaw's being blind, and praying that some meet person may be appointed to sell about ten acres of the land belonging to said family to enable him, the said conservator, to relieve said family under their present distresses: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Abraham Fuller have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell ten acres of said lands of said Indian family and apply the avails thereof to the relief of said Indian family.

Upon the memorial of David Parsons, late of South Hampton on Long Island, now resident in East Haddam in this State, shewing to this Assembly that he hath a farm of land at said South Hampton, the produce of which this current year among other things is about eighty bushels of wheat, which he cannot bring off from said Long Island in kind, but can exchange them for salt and German steel; praying that he may have liberty to make such exchange and import the salt and German steel, into this State, as per memorial on file dated the 27th ins^t October: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty is granted to said David Parsons, to exchange the aforesaid wheat for salt and German steel and to import such salt and German steel into this State, any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Colo. Obadiah Johnson of Canterbury and Maj^r Hezekiah Huntington of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that they were ordered as field officers of a regiment to the State of Rhode Island about the first day of January last past, and had under their command upwards of three hundred and eighty men; that said regiment arrived at Providence about the fifteenth day of s^d January, and there continued in service in said State untill the 16th day of March last past, at which time they were discharged by the Commander-in-Chief in said State, and that during their service in said

State as aforesaid, the commissary of issues was not supplied with sauce and other small articles which are allowed upon the establishment of rations, by means whereof said regiment were obliged to expend considerable sums of their own money to purchase many articles for their subsistence and health, and praying for relief as per memorial on file: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of forty shillings, L. money, per month, as a bounty be granted to the non-commission officers and soldiers in said regiment in addition to their monthly wages after their arrival at the place of their destination and until they were discharged from the service, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to settle the pay-abstracts and draw on the Treasurer accordingly.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Wareham in the Massachusetts State, shewing that the great scarcity of provisions in their State obliges them to send into this State by one Nathan Bassett a small quantity of salt to obtain necessary supplies for their inhabitants; praying for liberty to carry out the same &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialists be and they are hereby permitted to barter their said salt for provisions in this State, except for flour and pork, and to carry out by water the amount thereof, by the hand of the s^d Nathan Bassett: provided that the memorialists first obtain liberty of the authority and selectmen of the towns where they shall trade according to law, and also the rate at which they shall be permitted so to trade or barter within their respective towns and conforming thereto accordingly and carrying away no more than the amount thereof at the rate aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Penoyer, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Jonathan Selleck, late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that since the liberty granted by this Assembly to sell real estate for payment of debts due from said estate more debts have appeared to be due from said estate, amounting to £43. 2. 10, L. money; praying to be authorized and impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £43. 2. 10, L. money, with the charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of James Nichols, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Ingersol, late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing that said memorialist was, by this Assembly at their sessions in October last, authorized to sell real estate of said deceas'd, to raise the sum of £18. 16. 5, lawfull money; that said real estate hath not been yet sold; that since there have

more debts appeared, amounting to the sum of £18. 4. 5½, L. money, for payment of which said memorialist hath no assets in his hands; that the whole real estate of said deceas'd is a house, barn and home lot, apprized at £50, lawfull money; that the heirs of said estate are a widow and two small children; that said widow is guardian to said children and is desirous that the whole of said real estate may be sold &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Mercy Ingersol, widow of said deceas'd, be and she is hereby authorized and impowered to sell the whole of said real estate and deliver to said administrator so much of the money it shall sell for as to enable him to pay said debts, and to account for the remainder of what said estate shall sell for deducting the charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Scofield, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Finch late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly, that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal part of said estate the sum of £32. 18. 2, L. money; praying to be impowered to sell real estate to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £32. 18. 2, L. money, and the charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Risley, administrator on the estate of Nathaniel Risley, late of Hartford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd exceed the moveable part of said estate, except some small allowance to the widow, the sum of £56. 15. 8, L. money; praying for liberty to sell lands for the payment of said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of said real estate as will procure said sum of £56. 15. 8 with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Nye and Gideon Delano, of Dartmouth in the Massachusetts Bay, shewing that they had brought into this State to the town of Fairfield, a quantity of salt and molasses to exchange for provisions; praying for liberty to transport said provisions which they have received for their said articles, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby permitted to carry out of this State by water seven hundred bushels of ears of corn, seventy bushels rye, and one hundred weight flax, and one hundred weight butter and cheese: provided

they first obtain liberty of the authority and selectmen of the towns in this State, where they shall trade according to law, and said authority and selectmen to ascertain the rate of barter.

Upon the memorial of Ray Selleck, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Nathaniel Selleck, late of said Stamford, dec'd, shewing that since the liberty granted by this Assembly to sell real estate for payment of debts due from said estate, more debts have appeared to be due from said estate, amounting to the sum of £10. 14. 4½, L. money, for payment of which said memorialist hath no assets in his hands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £10. 14. 4½, L. money, and also the charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Scovill of Haddam, executor on the last will and testament of John Bailey, late of Haddam, deceas'd, shewing to the Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Middletown surmounts the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £39. 1. 8, L. money; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist has liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise the said sum of £39. 1. 8 together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the directions of the court of probates for the district of Middletown therein.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of New Fairfield, in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that the town stock of powder and ball is exhausted, by reason of their being on the frontiers of this State and the militia being often called out for the defence of this State, and at the time the enemy made their incursion into the State as far as Danbury they delivered out all the town stock to the continental soldiery and militia that were destitute of ammunition, and that they cannot now purchase any ammunition for their supply; praying this Assembly to grant to said town a reasonable supply of ammunition, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists shall receive out of the stores belonging to this State, for the use of said town, thirty pounds of good musquit-powder and twenty pounds of lead; and the Secretary of this State is ordered to draw an order on the Treasurer of this State for the delivery of the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jesse Noble and Silas Hatch, of the Massachusetts State, shewing that they have brought into this State by water

a small parcell of salt and sheeps wool to exchange for an equivalent in provision ; praying for liberty to buy and carry out the same &c., as per memorial &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby allowed and permitted to exchange the articles mentioned in said memorial for an equivalent in provisions with the inhabitants of this State, except flour and pork, and carry the same out of this State by water : provided the memorialists first obtain liberty of the authority and selectmen of the towns where they shall trade according to law, and also the rate at which they shall be permitted so to trade or barter within their respective towns and conforming thereto accordingly, and carrying away no more than the amount of said articles at rate of exchange as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Coffin of the Massachusetts State, shewing that he hath brought into this State by water a small parcell of salt and molasses to procure provisions for himself and family, which are very scarce in said State ; praying for liberty to carry out an equivalent in provisions for what he hath bro^t in as aforesaid, as per memorial &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby permitted to exchange the articles mentioned in said memorial for an equivalent in provisions with the inhabitants of this State, flour and pork excepted, and to carry the same out of this State by water : provided that said Coffin first obtain liberty of the authority and selectmen where he shall trade according to law, and also the rate at which he shall be permitted so to trade or barter within their respective towns, and conforming thereto accordingly and carrying away no more than the amount thereof at the rate aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of John Lobdell and Caleb Lobdell, administrators on the estate of John Lobdell, late of Danbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate the sum of £150. 8. 2, money ; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum with incident charges, &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrators be and they are hereby appointed and empowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay and satisfy the said sum of £150. 8. 2, with the incident charges of such sale ; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Mathew and James Northrup of Ridgfield, administrators on the estate of James Northrup of said Ridgfield, deceas'd, praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds eight shillings and seven pence, to discharge the debts of said deceas'd with the incident charges of sale, &c. as per memorial on file : Resolved

by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty and authority, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the lands of said deceas'd as shall enable them to pay the aforesaid sum of £115. 8. 7, L. money, with the incident charges of sale &c. ; they taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Bull, of Kent in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that he is now confined in Litchfield county goal on a prosecution in favour of this State for aiding traitors to said State, and that he has been anxious for tryal to evince his innocence; praying that he might be liberated from his said confinement upon his procuring bonds for his appearing before the superior court for tryal &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be freed and liberated from his said imprisonment upon his acknowledging a recognizance in the sum of £300 pounds, lawfull money, with one sponisible surety, before legal authority for his, the said memorialists, personal appearance before the superior court to be holden at Litchfield in and for Litchfield county upon the last Tuesday save two of February next, to answer to the complaint on which he is now imprisoned, and that he shall be of peacible and good behaviour in the meantime.

Upon the memorial of Seth Drew, of Kingstown in the State of Massachusetts Bay, a captain in Colo. Bailey's regiment now in the town of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he hath been almost two years absent from his family who are wholly dependent on him for support; provisions &c., and that he hath procured four barrells of flour, which he is desirous of sending to the support of his family; praying for liberty to transport the same out of this State, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to transport said four barrels of flour out of this State, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Miles Hull, captain and late commandant of Colo. Sylvanus Graves' regiment in service at the Saw-Pitts from the 28th day of November, 1777, to the seventh day of Feb'y, 1778, said regiment in service consisting of one captain, two subalterns and 26 non-commission officers and privates; praying that the same premiums or bounty may be allowed to them as have been allowed to others in like service, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the same preminm and bounty be and are allowed to said non-commissioned officers and soldiers for the time they were in said service, as have been allowed to others in the like service, and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to allow and draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Titus Hosmer of Midletown, shewing to this Assembly that many years ago he with Silas Dean and Timothy Bigelow, Esq^r, were appointed trustees of the estate of one Josiah Coss, then of Chatham, an insolvent debtor, pursuant to the last statute of this State for relief of insolvent debtors; that they proceeded to sell the estate, real and personal; that said Dean being the principle creditor purchased the real estate; that no deed hath been given pursuant to said sale; that said Bigelow is deceased and he, said Hosmer, is legally incapable to execute a valid deed by himself alone; praying the aid of this Assembly to enable him to make an effectual and valid deed or deeds pursuant to the sale aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Titus Hosmer be and he is hereby impowered, enabled and authorized, to make, execute and deliver a deed or deeds of sale of the real estate of said Josiah Coss, pursuant to the sale aforesaid, and that such deed or deeds shall be as valid and effectual for the sure and firm holding the estate therein mentioned and conveyed as though the same had been made, executed and delivered by each and all the trustees of said Coss aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Miles Dunbar, of Waterbury in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist was a soldier in the continental army, and in the late battle at Monmouth he so fatigued himself that he became sick and was left in the Jersey, where he lay for a considerable time till he so far recovered that he set out to return home by order of his officer, and on the road in Newtown in this State he was again taken sick and obliged to tarry for some time, and that during his sickness no person took care to report him to the hospital, and that he has since applied to the director of the hospital for the payment of his expences while sick, who refuses to pay said expences, and that his expences amounted to more than all his wages since he inlisted the service; praying for some allowance for his expences in his sickness, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table receive and adjust the accounts of the expence of the memorialist while sick and draw on the Treasurer of this State for such sum as they shall find justly due and charge the same to the United States.

Upon the petition of Wait Goodrich, of Glastonbury in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that the sturgeon fishery in the Connecticut River might, if proper encouragement were given, be set up to great advantage; that it would be particularly beneficial to the publick at the present day when large quantities of provision are necessary for the support of the army, and praying in behalf of himself and associates for a certain number of years a sole and exclusive right of the sturgeon fishery in said river with all the benefits,

privileges and emoluments attending the same, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sole and exclusive liberty and right of the sturgeon fishery in Connecticut River only in this State, as prayed for, be granted to the memorialists, they not interrupting the other usual fisheries in said river, for the term of five years next coming: provided they shall within a reasonable time set up proper works for the purpose, and in the most effectual manner they shall be able carry forward the manufacture proposed for the public service.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Lewiss, administrator on the estate of Elihu Lewiss, late of Wallingford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said Elihu in November, 1776, went with his team to cart baggage for the militia that went with General Wooster to the Saw Pit, that he afterwards was impressed with his team and carted provisions and other things for the troops for near the space of four months in the service, in which time his expences out of his own pocket amounted to fifteen pounds, L. money; praying that the same may be reimbursed by this State, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sum of fifteen pounds, lawful money, be and the same is hereby allowed to said administrator, and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer of this State for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Davis and Nathan Hamlin of the Massachusetts Bay, shewing that they are in great want of provisions for the necessary subsistence of their families, and that in order to procure the same they have brought into this State by water a small parcell of sheeps wool, salt and other articles, to exchange for that purpose; praying for liberty to carry out the amount &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby allowed and permitted to sell and exchange with the inhabitants of this State the wool, salt and other articles mentioned in their said memorial, with the inhabitants of this State for provisions, except flour and pork, to the amount and value thereof, and that they carry away the same by water: provided, that said memorialists first obtain liberty of the authority and selectmen of the town where they shall trade according to law, and also the rate at which they shall be permitted so to trade or barter within their respective towns and conforming thereto accordingly, and carrying away no more than the amount thereof at the rate aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Oliver Winchel, administrator on the estate of Thomas Winchel, late of Symsbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate with allowances made by the court of probate for the district of Symsbury surmount the moveable estate of said dec'd the sum of £57. 4. 5, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real

estate of said dec'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Oliver Winchell have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £57. 4. 5, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Humphry jun', Benjamin Farnham, Daniel Knapp and Asenah his wife, which said Jonathan, Benjamin and Asenah, are executors of the last will and testament of Maj' Elihu Humphry, late of Symsbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Symsbury surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £502. 9. 6, L. money, for the payment of which no provision has been made, and praying that liberty might be granted to some meet person to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jonathan Humphry jun', Benjamin Farnham, Daniel Knap and Asenah his wife, have liberty, and liberty and authority are hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £502. 9. 6, lawfull money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Barnabas Wood, of Sharon in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that in August, 1777, he inlisted for the term of two months in Capt. Whitney's company, Colo. Cook's regiment, which joined General Gates' army at the northward; that he faithfully served in said regiment untill the surrender of General Burgoyne and untill the regiment returned to Albany; that he was there taken sick and unable to travel so fast as the regiment; that when the regiment was discharged he was not present, in consequence of which he was returned as a deserter and has therefore received nothing for his wages or bounty; and praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive the accounts of the memorialists wages, liquidate the same and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find due to the memorialist, in the same manner as if he had not been returned a deserter as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Ichabod Hatch, of Falmouth in the Massachusetts State, shewing that he hath brought into this State about

twelve bushels of salt and a little oil to procure some provisions for himself and family; praying for liberty to buy and carry out the same &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby permitted to sell or exchange his said salt and oil for provisions or other articles in this State, except flour, wheat, and pork, and to carry out the same by water: provided he first obtain liberty to trade from the authority and selectmen in the town where he may so trade or barter, and also to barter at the rate which shall be stated by them, and carry away no more than the amount of his articles at the rate aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Cook and Elijah Nickerson, of Provincetown in the Massachusetts State, shewing that they have brought into this State a quantity of rock-salt, blubber-oil, molasses, coffee and whalebone, to procure some provisions for the inhabitants of said town, by the advice and recommendation of the legislature of said Massachusetts State; praying for liberty to purchase and carry out said provisions by water &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby permitted to barter so much of their said salt and other articles for rye or rye flour, indian corn, or beef, as they can carry away in their said boats at one time and no more, they first applying to the civil authority and selectmen of the town or towns, respectively, where they shall so trade or barter and obtaining their direction for the rule of such barter or exchange, and that they export only to the amount of the articles by them brought in as aforesaid, any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Amos Merchant, of Sharon in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that his son Amos Marchant jun^r, formerly a soldier in Capt. Mills company, Colo. Bradley's regiment, was captivated by the enemy at Fort Washington on the 16th day of November, 1776, and remained a prisoner untill the latter end of January, 1777; that he returned home about the 15th of February following, in a languishing condition, and soon dyed; that the capture, detention and sickness aforesaid occasioned to your memorialist a considerable expence for which he has received nothing; that no wages have been received for his son while a prisoner or after his capture; and praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive and adjust the accounts of expences occasioned by the sickness and death of said soldier and draw on the Treasurer for payment of so much thereof as they shall find reasonable; as also for the remainder of wages due said soldier as heretofore allowed to such captives as returned by the first day of said February, his longer detention notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Ephraim Norton of the Massachusetts State, shewing that he hath brought into this State by water about 160 weight of sheeps wool, to procure an equivalent therefor in provisions in this State for himself and family; praying for liberty to carry the amount thereof out of this State &c., as per memorial &c: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist upon first applying to the authority and selectmen of the town wherein he may trade or barter, and they having ascertained the rate of the same, may sell and barter his said wool for provisions and carry the amount thereof out of this State by water; any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen of this State to stand for Election in May next, as sent in to this present General Assembly are as follow, viz:

His Excell ^{cy} Jonathan Trumbull Esq ^r ,	Samuel Huntington Esq ^r .,
The Hon ^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq ^r ,	Richard Law, Esq ^r ,
Jabez Hamlin, Esq ^r ,	William Williams, Esq ^r ,
Elisha Sheldon, Esq ^r ,	Titus Hosmer, Esq ^r ,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq ^r ,	Maj ^r Gen ^l Joseph Spencer,
Jabez Huntington, Esq ^r ,	Brig ^r Gen ^l Samuel Holden Parsons,
William Pitkin, Esq ^r ,	Mr. Silas Dean,
Roger Sherman, Esq ^r ,	Maj ^r Gen ^l James Wadsworth,
Abraham Davenport, Esq ^r ,	Mr. Daniel Sherman,
Oliver Wolcott, Esq ^r ,	Mr. Oliver Elsworth.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the disputable business of a private nature now depending be referred over to the consideration of this Assembly in their next sessions, and that all protections of persons and estate heretofore granted in any of said cases shall continue and be in force untill the rising of the Assembly in their next sessions aforesaid; and that the powers of committees heretofore appointed on petitions &c. still depending and unfinished, and whereon report is not already made, be likewise continued to said next sessions of this Assembly.

This Assembly grants to his Excellency Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Hon^{ble} Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the sessions thereof be intermitted and adjourned to Thursday the seventh day of January next at nine of the clock in the morning, then to be holden at Hartford, and his Excellency the Governor is desired. to adjourn the same accordingly.

This Assembly, pursuant to the above resolve and order of the Governor, was adjourned by proclamation to Thursday the seventh day of January next, at nine of the clock in the morning, then to be holden at Hartford.*

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN AT HARTFORD, THE 23D DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	
Ab ^m Davenport,	Joshua Porter,	
Wm. Williams,	James Wadsworth,	

Consulted on several matters.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN AT HARTFORD THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Abr ^m Davenport,	Andrew Ward,	
Wm. Williams,	Joshua Porter,	
Joseph Spencer,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to draw on the President of Congress for fifteen thousand pounds, in favour of Nathⁿ Shaw, Esq^r, of New London, to be in account; with a letter of advice directed to said President.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table for three thousand pounds, in favour of Maj^r John Biggelow, to be in account.

Order d^d Maj^r Biggelow.

On the representation of Mr. Isaac Doolittle of New Haven, that he has at his powder-mill in New Haven a considerable quantity of powder manufactured for this State, that he is engaged in manufacturing more, and that it is necessary the same should be removed: Resolved, that the said Doolittle be and he is hereby directed to send said powder already made or that shall hereafter be made for this State to the selectmen of the towns of Derby, Wallingford, Durham, New Haven, Stratford and Farmington, who are hereby directed to receive the same in such proportion as said Doolittle shall direct and give their receipts therefor and secure the same for and at the expence of this State. The selectmen of New Haven to secure the powder they shall receive in the parish of Bethany; the selectmen of Stratford to secure the powder they shall receive in the parish of Ripton; and

*The adjournment was on Saturday, Nov. 7th. *Rev. War*, xiii, 41. *Courant*, Nov. 10, 1778, No. 720.

the selectmen of Farmington to secure the powder they shall receive in the parish of Southington; and that said Doolittle transmit to the Governor from time to time an account of the quantities and places where said powder is lodged.

Copy d^d Mr Bishop, Nov^r 7th, 1778.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Joseph Spencer,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joshua Porter,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
James Wadsworth,		

Consulted on the furnace account, &c.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Andrew Ward,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Williams,	Joshua Porter,	

Voted, That the Committee adjust and liquidate the pay-roll of Capt. Achar Sheffield and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as may be due.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Woolcot,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joshua Porter,	
Wm. Williams,	Jas. Wadsworth,	

Voted, That an order be given to Mr. David Trumbull to deliver to Brig^r Gen^l Ward 2000 flints belonging to this State in his custody, and that Gen^l Ward send 500 of said flints to Colo. Fitch, commissary at New Haven, for the use of the guards. *Order d^d Gen. Ward Nov^r 7th, 1778.*

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD THE 3D DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Abr ^m Davenport,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Williams,	

The Governor by desire of the Board wrote Gen^l Washington to supply Colo. Enos's Reg^t., now stationed at and about Greenwich, with cartridges and flints, to be delivered Mr. Jonathan Bull, quartermaster of said regiment, for which this State to account when required.

N. B. Said regiment in the summer past serving under Gen^l Washington left their cartridges &c. furnished by this State at West Point under the care of the continental officers &c. *Letter del^d said Bull.*

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.		} Esq ^{rs} .
Jabez Huntington,	Joseph Spencer,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Erastus Woolcot,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Andrew Ward,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Jas. Wadsworth,		

Voted, that Messrs. Elderkin and Wales have and receive for the use of their powder-works one hogshead of sulphur belonging to this State in the care of Capt. Jabez Perkins: they to account according to the resolve of the Assembly.

Order d^d Mr. Wales, Nov^r 4th, 1778.

Voted, That an order be drawn for fifty pounds of lead on Capt. Sam^l Russell of Middletown in favour of the selectmen of Lyme, to be in account.

Order d^d Deputy Gov^r, Nov^r 4th, 1778.

Voted, That Colo Jon^s Fitch be and he is hereby directed to purchase and put up two hundred barrels of pork for the use of this State, and that he send to Mr. Humphry Lyon of East Haddam for one hundred and fifty bushels of salt belonging to this State in his custody, to put up said pork, who is hereby directed to deliver the same to said Fitch.

Copy d^d Mr. Bishop and order for the salt, Nov^r 7th, 1778.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, 7 NOVEMBER, 1778.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table in favour of Mr. Wm. Whiting, manager of the furnace at Salisbury, for the sum of three thousand pounds, to be by him improved for paying furnace debts and other furnace accounts, and to be accountable.

Order drawn and d^d the Governor for him.

N. B. *Present at said meeting:* His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. Governor Griswold.		} Esq ^{rs} .
Jz. Huntington,	Ab ^m Davenport,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Williams,	
Jesse Root,		

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 2D DECEMBER, A. D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Erastus Wolcott,
Wm. Williams, Andrew Ward,
Joseph Spencer, Jedediah Elderkin, } Esq^r.
James Wadsworth,

Voted, That Nath^l Shaw, Esq^r, be desired to collect the damaged cannon belonging to this State within the same, to be improved for ballast for the ships of war belonging to this State.

Voted, That Nath^l Shaw, Esq, be desired to enquire into the state of the pig-iron borrowed of the continent for ballast on board the ship *Oliver Cromwel*, and cause the same to be delivered to the order of Capt. John Deshon, one of the Marine Committee.

Voted, That nine hundred copies of an Address and Proclamation, issued by his Excellency the Governor, be printed, and one to be directed and forwarded to the minister of each religious society in this State, one to each town-clerk, and so many more to each town-clerk as will be sufficient to supply one to each assistant and justice of the peace in such town.*

* By the Governor.

An Address and Proclamation.

To the Inhabitants of *Connecticut*, one of the United States of *America*.

Whereas there is an inseparable connection between true religion and happiness, and between sin and misery — civil communities are capable of rewards and punishments only in the present world, the measure thereof will ever be according to their public national virtue or vice. The honorable Congress of these States, by their resolve of the twelfth of October last, have recommended and urged upon all the States an immediate exertion of their power and influence for the support and encouragement of religion and virtue, and for the correction and discouragement of vice and luxury. The Legislature of this State do unanimously accord with the pious resolution of Congress, to engage their authority and influence to prevent the prevalence of wickedness, and to give permanent support to virtue, thereby to avert the terrible judgments of God, to appease his anger, and save this land from ruin.

Religion, a divine principle implanted in the soul — virtue, a moral goodness and excellence, do constitute the most noble, heroical, and ingenuous life — do heal the distempers of any nation — do rectify the faults and failings of magistrates, of ministers, and of people in themselves and towards each other, which destroy the peaceful State, the sound and happy constitution of a body politic — do also polish their rough and over-severe natures — instruct them in the most sweet and obliging ways of government and grounds of subordination and subjection, by teaching them that the most honorable victory in the world is self-conquest — that reverence is due to God's vicegerents on earth — that discontents and seditious zeal for relaxation are contrary to the spirit of the quiet of the land, whose delight is in love, peace, gentleness, and other graces — do likewise moderate men's desires of corruptible riches, — incline them to seek the wealth of others even as their own, and to make private advantages stoop to the public good — and do shew the deformity and danger of all kinds of vice. — Avarice, the lust of ungodly gain, is the source of injustice, fraud, violence, extortion, oppression, want of love to our country, and the want of benevolence and charity.

The profanation of the sabbath, by secular business, unnecessary travelling, by vain amusements, unprofitable telling and hearing news, by sports and pastimes, and a careless neglect of divine worship, dissipate the minds of men, and carry them off from all serious thoughts of God and religion, and from the meditation of another world.

Profane swearing and cursing in every sudden turn of passion, or in levity, indicate a deep depravity and malignity of heart. — Rioting, intemperance and drunkenness prostitute the noble faculties of the soul to the ignoble purposes of gratifying

our sensual appetites.—Lewdness and debauchery enervate the body, deprave the mind, and terminate in destruction.—Gaming, horse-racing, idleness, deceit, detraction, and envy, produce innumerable mischiefs, operating to the destruction of public and private peace and quiet.

Disregard to the truths, to the councils and warnings of God in his word, to the operations of his hand in his holy providence, to government, to the rulers of the people, and to the sacred character of the messengers of salvation, disobedience to parents, and want of reverence to the hoary head,—these are dangerous symptoms of judicial blindness and hardness of heart, and forebode ruin to the people where they are found.

How hateful and detestable do every species of vice and immorality appear! How amiable, how excellent the ways of wisdom and virtue.

The penal laws in being here, by a wise, steady and firm execution, with the virtuous exertion of the worthy citizens of this free State, may be effectual to reclaim the vicious practices which are found amongst us, and have spread in the land, in this day of our trial and temptation. That your attention may be excited, and the powerful influence of all ranks and orders of men may be drawn into exertion, for the safety, peace and happiness of ourselves and posterity,

I have thought fit by and with the advice of my Council, and at the desire of the Representatives in General Court assembled, to issue a solemn Address and Proclamation, beseeching and enjoining all orders and denominations of people to a serious meditation, a diligent improvement, and to a cheerful observance thereof.

Civil Magistrates, Judges and Justices of the Peace! be it your care to magnify your office, by a wise, skillful, righteous and just administration; by a fatherly affection, tenderness and compassion towards the people; by rendering yourselves worthy of the trust reposed in you; by carrying on noble designs and views to maintain the just honors God hath put upon his law, his gospel, his day, his institutions, and the stewards of his house, and to suppress whatever is immoral and prophane; and by your good and conspicuous examples to make lasting impressions on others.

Ministers, the teachers of the law, the messengers of glad tidings of great joy, are to shew the law to be holy, just and good; to thunder the terrors thereof against the wicked, that they may be afraid to transgress; to sound the gospel trumpet loud and shrill, that all may hear and rejoice; to teach, exhort, rebuke, and to declare the whole revealed councils of God toward sinners, for their conversion, edification and salvation:—Be ye also examples, in your lives and ministrations, of the love of God, our Saviour, and of the souls of men; and may the Holy Spirit quicken, enlighten and enliven you in your work and labour of love:—Thus our Moses and our Aaron, walking hand in hand, will lead the people in the way of wisdom, to happiness here, and to everlasting life. Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with thee for good.

Informing Officers are to make diligent enquiry after all breaches of the law, and make due information thereof, that iniquity may hide its head, and the State may be purged from all defilement.

Parents, Heads of Families, Guardians and Masters, are to teach their children, and others under their government, the principles, inculcate the duties, and stir up within them the great motives of religion and virtue, and set up before them the deformity and direful tendency of vice. Good government originates in families. The foundation is laid there, for good order, regularity, and peace in society.

People, the various ranks and orders, in your respective relations, capacities, callings, and circumstances, are solemnly exhorted to discharge faithfully your duty. In the great struggle in which you have been, and are engaged, for the defence and preservation of your inestimable liberties, lives and properties, your views and designs were truly patriotic, just and honorable: Use your liberty; avoid licentiousness; aim at practical rectitude; abate none of your patriotism, integrity and justice; hearken to the dictates of wisdom; and endeavour to secure your own happiness in that, which is the only possible way, the way which the voice of God, and the constitution of your nature evidently points out to you, and most certainly you will not fail of success.

Ministers of all religious denominations are required to publish in convenient season, the foregoing Address and Proclamation, in their respective congregations.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to issue a Proclamation for Wednesday the 30th day of instant December, to be observed as a day of public Thanksgiving in this State, agreeable to a resolution of Congress.

On the request of Joshua Gates, ensign in Capt. Lay's company of Colo. McClallen's regiment: *Voted*, that he be and he is hereby discharged from further service in said regiment.

On the memorial of Colo. Jonⁿ Hedges, a refugee from Long Island: *Voted*, that his wife be permitted to return to Long Island to reside there with one daughter aged about 15 years and one son aged about 9 years; and that one of his sons be permitted to go over to Long Island to fetch off some grain under the inspection and direction of one justice of the peace and two of the selectmen of Stonington.

On the motion of Doct^r Conklin and Capt. Calvin More, refugees from Long Island: *Voted*, that they be permitted to return with their families and household furniture under the inspection and direction of one justice of the peace and two of the selectmen of Middletown to Long Island to reside there: said More to carry with him one cow and one yearling colt, and the said Conklin a small horse.

On the request of Ambrose Baldwin, a lieutenant in Capt. Chapman's company in Colo. McClellan's Reg^t, by letter of the 18th of October last, the consideration being delayed to this time by the multiplicity of business: *Voted*, that he be discharged from service in said regiment as on said 18th of October.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 3D DAY OF DECEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Andrew Ward,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jas. Wadsworth,	

Voted, That Wm. Ellery be permitted to transport out of this State into the State of Rhode Island 1000 *lb.* of beef, 1250 *lb.* of pork, 1250 *lb.* of cheese, 100 *lb.* of butter, and two barrels of flour, being the rent of his farm in this State.

Voted, That Bennet Monroe be permitted to transport out of this State into the State of Rhode Island such articles of provision as he has contracted to deliver to Mr. Moses Brown of the State of Rhode Island for the rent of his farm in this State.

Voted, That Commissaries Ledyard and Hallam be and they are hereby directed whenever they shall serve that part of Colo. McClellan's Reg^t stationed in and about New London and Groton with rye flour instead of wheat to deliver so much rye flour *per diem* as shall be equal in value to continental allowance of wheat flour *per diem*, and that they deliver half a pint of rum to each man per week according as Colo. McClellan shall order.

Given under my hand in Lebanon, the second day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred, and seventy-eight.

JONATH. TRUMBULL.

New London: Printed by T. Green, Printer to the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut.

From a broadside in the editor's possession.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Andrew Ward,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jedediah Elderkin,	
Erastus Wolcott,	Jas. Wadsworth,	

Voted, That Capt. John Gage and Capt. Eph^m Bartlett be permitted to transport by water to the State of Massachusetts Bay one barrel of flour for each owner of the vessels of which they are masters and such quantities of rye or rye flour, indian corn, flax and hog's lard as may be sufficient to lade their vessels with such articles of provision as they may purchase in the State of New York: they having first attended the instructions given them by his Excellency the Governor in the premises.

Voted, That His Excellency the Governor be desired to give orders to Messrs. Ledyards or to the Treasurer of this State in whose hands the same is, to pay the avails of the French goods delivered to their care to the French consul or his order.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to draw on Mr. Elliott, agent in Boston, in favour of Capt. Smedley for the amount of prize-money due to the officers and crew of the ship *Defence* for the prizes sent into Carolina, and write Mr. Elliott touching some pieces of holland being prize goods, and direct him to settle respecting them with Capt. Smedley.

Voted, That Gen^l Silliman be and he is hereby directed to take up a small vessel and have her fitted properly to cruise in the Sound, agreeable to a proposal by him made to his Excellency the Governor in a letter of the 27th of Nov^r, 1778; also to make suitable provision to supply a proper guard for the battery at Fairfield.

Voted, That Gen^l Wadsworth and Gen^l Ward be and they are hereby directed to procure a small vessel and cause her to be fitted and manned to cruise in the Sound, and also supply such guards at New Haven as shall appear to them necessary.

Voted, That the molasses belonging to this State in the custody of Capt. Perkins and others in Norwich be distilled into rum.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Joseph Spencer,	Andrew Ward,	
Erastus Woolcott,	David Mumford,	
Jas. Wadsworth,		

Consulted on various matters touching the defence of sea-coasts, New London &c.

Wrote to Colo. McClellan and Commissary Hallam touching the damage done to Jonⁿ Brooks's house by the soldiers barracked therein.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Joseph Spencer,	Andrew Ward,	
Erastus Woolcott,	David Mumford,	
Jas. Wadsworth,		

Voted, That Mr. Nath^l Foster of Boston deliver and pay into the hands of Brig^e General Erastus Wolcott ten thousand pounds and three shillings continental bills sent by Samuel Eliot jun^r of Boston, Esquire, to be paid to the order of the Governor and Council, and pass his receipt to said Mr. Foster. And General Wolcott is desired to receive, carry and deliver the said ten thousand pounds and three shillings into the hands of the Treasurer of this State, taking triplicate receipts for the same, lodging one with the Secretary and another with the Committee of the Pay-Table at Hartford.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Joseph Spencer,	Andrew Ward,	
Erastus Wolcott,	David Mumford,	
Jas. Wadsworth,		

Voted, That Colo. Samuel McClallan and Maj^r William Ledyard be and they are hereby directed to call on the owners of the hay on Fishers Island to move it off said island immediately, and if not done by them to have it moved off themselves at the owner's expence.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby directed to sell the sloop *Dolphin* and appurtenances and all the hogs lard he has in his hands belonging to this State.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby directed to deliver to Colo. Wm. Pitkin one hogshhead of sulphur belonging to this State in his custody.

Copy d^d Col. Pitkin 13 Jan'y, '79.

Voted, That Capt Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby directed to deliver to Mr. David Trumbull 478 gallons of New England rum distilled from the molasses belonging to this State in his custody, to replace the like quantity of rum belonging to the United States in Mr. Trumbull's hands and by him lent to this State for refreshments for Colos. Cook's and Latimer's regiments and the militia at Fishkills in the year 1777.

Voted, That Theop^s Huntington of Norwich be permitted to transport by land from Norwich to Plymouth in the State of the Massachusetts Bay two barrels of flour, ten bushels of rye, and two hundred pounds weight of cheese, to be exchanged for oyl, fish and cartboxes

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to draw on the President of Congress for the sum of £6195 3 6 $\frac{1}{4}$, in favour of Mons^r Holker, the French consul, to pay the avails of the goods taken by the schooner *Hornet* from the French snow the *Barron Dozer*, delivered to

Messrs. Ledyards, and that the Treasurer of this State be advised not to accept and pay any order drawn on him on account of said goods.

Voted, That the officers of the several matross companies in this State be continued in service until the first day of February next, if they see cause to undertake in said service; and that they endeavour to engage the men under their command to continue in said service until said time, assuring them their services shall be recommended to the General Assembly at their next meeting that proper compensation may be made therefor. And in case a sufficient number shall not engage, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to order Capt. Tyler with his company of matrosses to march to New London or Groton as occasion may require.

Voted, That Nath^l Shaw, Esq^r, of New London, State marine agent, be directed to get the ships *Defence* and *Oliver Cromwel*, or either of them, fitted to be ready to send up Long Island Sound if any opportunity should present before the 7th of January next for annoying the enemy, and that he be desired at his discretion in the whole affair to get what number of volunteers should be necessary for so short a cruise over what may be on board; and the crew on board shall be entitled to one-half of all captures they shall make.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Williams,	Jed ^h Elderkin,	
David Mumford,		

Whereas Colo. Jona. Fitch of New Haven was by this Board on the 4th of November last directed to put up two hundred barrals of pork for the use of this State and to receive of Mr. Humphry Lyon of E. Haddam one hundred and fifty bushels of salt belonging to this State to put up and cure the same withall, and this Board being informed by letter from said Colo. Fitch that a vessell carrying said salt to N. Haven was by the storm on the 23d inst. cast on Long Island shore and with said salt utterly lost and destroyed, and requesting the same to be replaced for the use aforesaid: Resolved by this Board, that said Mr. Humphry Lyon be and he is hereby ordered to deliver to Colo. Jona. Fitch, or order, another one hundred and fifty bushels of salt belonging to this State in his care; taking his receipt.

Casey of E. Greenwich having exchanged at and about Norwalk in this State, by permission of the selectmen there, sundry necessary articles for about 370 bushels of indian corn, about 75 bush. of rye, some flax, cyder and walnuts, which are now at N. London, and moving for permission to carry the same out of this State: Resolved, that said Casey be permitted to export the said articles out of this State by water, into the State of Rhode Island, except fifty bushels of said indian corn, which he is to dispose of at a reasonable price to Nath^l Shaw, continental agent and commissary, for the use of a number of American naval prisoners lately sent into N. London from New York in a sickly distress'd condition.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
DECEMBER 21ST, 1778.

Voted, That Mr. Thomas Fanning jun^r is desir'd to supply Nathaniel

Shaw, Esq^r, with what necessaries he may stand in need of out of the continental stores for supplying the prisoners at New London lately sent out of New York.*

1779, January 1st. Sent an order to Henry Champion, Esq^r, to deliver Nath^l Shaw, Esq^r, marine agent, one hundred and twenty barrels of pork he purchased for this State the last year.

1779, February 16. Order to Doct. Joshua Elderkin for 33 bbs. beef.†

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY ADJOURNMENT ON THURSDAY THE SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, ANNO DOMINI, 1779.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, *Governor*.
The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, *Deputy Governor*.

Jabez Hamlin, Esq ^r ,	} <i>Assistants.</i>
Jabez Huntington, Esq ^r ,	
William Pitkin, Esq ^r ,	
Roger Sherman, Esq ^r ,	
Abraham Davenport, Esq ^r ,	
Oliver Wolcott, Esq ^r ,	
Samuel Huntington, Esq ^r ,	
Richard Law, Esq ^r ,	
William Williams, Esq ^r ,	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz :

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benjamin Payne, for Hartford.
Capt. Samuel Hays, Mr. Daniel Humphry, for Symsbury.
Colo. Selah Hart, Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Mr. Stephen M. Mitchell, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Joseph Isham, Capt. Eliphalet Bulkley, for Colchester.
Mr. John Dickinson, Mr. Ebenezer Bacon, for Midletown.
Capt. Cornelius Higgins, Capt. Joseph Brooks, for Haddam.
Capt. Silas Dunham, Mr. Jeremiah Bradford, for Chatham.
Capt. Benja. Buell, Colo. Joel Jones, for Hebron.
Mr. Samuel Carver jun^r, Mr. Saul Alvord, for Bolton.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Colo. Solomon Wills, for Tolland.

* This is on a separate paper attached to the leaf.

† The last two orders are in the handwriting of Gov. Trumbull.

Capt. Thomas Pitkin, Maj^r Abiel Pease, for Somers.
 Capt. Eben^r Heth, Mr. Seth Crocker, for Willington.
 Capt. Henry Allyn, Colo. Roger Newberry, for Windsor.
 Gen^l Erastus Wolcott, M^r Fred^k Elsworth, for East Windsor.
 Colo. Stephen Moulton, Capt. Sam^l Daviss, for Stafford.
 Mr. Alex^r King, Mr. Phineas Sheldon, for Suffield.
 Capt. Jona. Wells, Mr. Ebenez. Plummer, for Glastonbury.
 Gen^l Joseph Spencer, Colo. Jabez Chapman, for East Haddam.
 Colo. Nath^l Terry, Mr. Edward Collins, for Enfield.
 Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Eneas Munson, for New Haven.
 Colo. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
 Capt. Samuel Street, Capt. John Hough, for Wallingford.
 Gen^l Andrew Ward, Mr. Samuel Robinson, for Guilford.
 Capt. Thomas Fenn, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.
 Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Capt. Thomas Clark, for Derby.
 Capt. Isaac Miles, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, for Milford.
 Gen^l James Wadsworth, Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
 Gen^l Gurdon Saltonstall, M^r Nathaniel Shaw, for New London.
 Mr. Benja. Huntington, Capt. Jabez Perkins, for Norwich.
 Mr. Thomas Mumford, Capt. Stephen Billings, for Groton.
 Mr. Paul Wheeler, Capt. John Swan, for Stonington.
 Colo. Marshfield Parsons, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
 Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Mr. George Elliott, for Killingworth.
 Capt. Jeremiah Hallsey, Capt. James Morgan, for Preston.
 Mr. Samuel Field, Capt. Edward Shipman, for Saybrook.
 Capt. Samuel Squire, Mr. Thaddeus Burr, for Fairfield.
 Colo. Stephen St. John, Mr. Clapp Raymond, for Norwalk.
 Colo. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
 Colo. Joseph P. Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
 Mr. Lemuel Sanford, Mr. Seth Sanford, for Redding.
 Colo. Nehemiah Beardsley, Mr. Stephen Barns, for New Fairfield.
 Capt. Abraham Brinsmade, Mr. Daniel Bennett, for Stratford.
 Maj^r Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
 Capt. Isaac Lockwood, Capt. Daniel Boughton, for Stanford.
 Mr. Samuel Olmsted, Mr. William Forrester, for Ridgfield.
 Mr. Nath^l Wales jun^r, Capt. Ebenez. Mosely, for Windham.
 Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, for Coventry.
 Colo. Ebenez. Williams, Mr. Jonas Frost, for Pomfrett.
 Capt. Elisha Childs, Mr. William Skinner, for Woodstock.
 Capt. Simeon Smith, Maj^r John Keyes, for Ashford.
 Mr. Jacob Elliott, Mr. Peleg Thomas, for Lebanon.
 Capt. Simeon Learned, Mr. Benja. Leavins, for Killingley.
 Capt. Moses Campbell, Mr. Mathew Newton, for Voluntown.
 Gen^l John Douglass, Mr. John Cady, for Plainfield.
 Mr. Constant Southworth, Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
 Mr. Eliashib Adams, Mr. David Payne, for Canterbury.
 Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Maj^r Andrew Adams, for Litchfield.

Colo. Joshua Porter, Mr. Hezekiah Fitch, for Salisbury.
 Colo. Seth Smith, Capt. Mathew Gillett, for New Hartford.
 Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. Daniel Miles, for Goshen.
 Majr Ebenezer Gay, Capt. David Downs, for Sharon.
 Capt. Edward Rogers, Mr. Abraham Payne, for Cornwall.
 Colo. Benjamin Hutchins, Mr. Eleazer Ensign, for Hartland.
 Capt. John Stevens, Colo. Charles Burrall, for Canaan.
 Mr. Joseph Cook, Capt. Daniel Catlin, for Harwington.
 Capt. Shubael Griswold, Mr. Aaron Austin, for Torrington.
 Mr. Hosea Wilcox, Mr. Asahel Humphry, for Norfolk.
 Mr. Samuel Comstock, Mr. Jonah Todd, for New Milford.
 Capt. Jedidiah Hubbell, Capt. Joseph Carter, for Kent.
 Mr. Andrew Graham, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
 Colo. Nathan Denison, Mr. Asahel Buck, for Westmoreland.
 Benjamin Huntington, Esq^r, Speaker } of the House of Represen-
 Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, Clerk } tives.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act entitled An Act for the Direction of Listers in their Office and Duty.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the polls of all male persons within this State, from sixteen years of age to twenty-one, not by law specially exempted, be set in the list at nine pounds only; that all buildings in this State not by law specially exempted, except barns, be set in the list at three *per cent.* on their just value, to be estimated according to the rule of valuation in the year 1774; that all lands lying within this State, except in the county of Westmoreland, that are not enclosed or fenced, be set in the list at five *per cent.* on their just value to be estimated according to the aforesaid rule of valuation; that all monies any person is possessed of on the twentieth of August annually more than he oweth over and above the sum of fifty pounds shall be set in the list at six *per cent.*; that all merchants stock in trade which any person shall be possessed of the twentieth of August annually clear of what he shall be indebted be put in the list at six *per cent.*; that each coach be set in the list at twenty-five pounds; each chariot twenty pounds; each phaeton at fifteen pounds; each curricle at ten pounds; each gold watch at five pounds, all other kinds of watches at one pound ten shillings each; steel and brass wheeled clocks at three pounds each; wooden wheeled clocks at one pound each; that all wrought household silver plate be set in the list at six *per cent.* on the just value thereof in lawfull money, to be computed at six shillings and eight pence per ounce.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the non-resident proprietors of uninclosed and unfenced lands situate in the unincorporated towns in this State, where the proprietor dwells in any town that is taxed, to render a true and just account of the quantity and situation of their lands aforesaid in

such towns to the listers of the town where such proprietors dwell ; and it shall be the duty of such listers to estimate and value such lands in the same manner and set them in the list of such proprietors to the same amount as in case of such lands situate in their respective towns.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall neglect or refuse to give a true list of his or their money on hand or stock in trade and locality of their said lands, or of the quantity of all and singular the articles enumerated in this act, to the satisfaction of the said listers, in such case the listers are hereby authorized and directed to add to the list of such person or persons to such amount as on due enquiry and consideration of such case or cases respectively shall appear just and reasonable ; which sums so added shall not either in whole or in part be abated unless convincing proofs shall be offered by such person or persons, that he or they are overcharged by such addition.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the listers in the several towns in this State, who are already chosen or who shall be hereafter chosen, be and they are hereby constituted assessors to value all and singular the articles which are by law to be valued, and to add assessments in all cases directed by law ; for which service they shall be allowed a meet recompence from their respective towns.

And it is further enacted, That the civil authority in and selectmen of each town within this State, be and they are hereby authorized and impowered, upon application to them made, the listers being duly notified thereof, to grant relief to every person or persons that shall be aggrieved by the appraisal or assessment of the assessors according to law.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That part of an act made and passed by the General Assembly at their session in October, A.D. 1771, directing and ascertaining at what sum dwelling-houses and curricles shall be set in the list, and also that part of the aforesaid act, entituled An act for the direction of listers in their office and duty, so far as it relates to the sum at which male persons under the age of twenty-one years are to be set in the list, be and the same are hereby repealed.

An Act for stating Fees, Fines, and Penalties for a Limited Time.

Whereas by reason of the enhanced prices of labour and the necessaries of life, occasioned by the present war, the fees of the legislative, executive and other civil officers in this State are inadequate to their services and insufficient for their support ; and the fines, forfeitures and penalties in cases of delinquency and trespass imposed by law are ineffectual to prevent the breaches of the penal laws :

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court_ assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the

fees of the legislative, executive and other civil officers, jurors and witnesses in this State, and the fines, forfeitures and penalties in cases of delinquency and trespass, and fares of ferries, shall be stated six times the sum at which they have been heretofore respectively stated by law.

Provided nevertheless, That an assistant or justice of the peace shall have power to hear and determine all causes of delinquency and trespass, wherein the fine or penalty by this act doth not exceed the sum of twelve pounds: provided that nothing in this act shall be construed to extend to or alter the fees heretofore by law allowed to collectors of rates or taxes except their fees for travel.

This act to continue in force untill the rising of the General Assembly in May next, and no longer.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this State entituled An Act in Addition to an Act against Counterfeiting Bills of Public Credit, Coin, or Currencies, and Emitting and Passing Bills or Notes on Private Credit and to prevent Injustice in passing Counterfeit Bills.

Whereas it is apprehended that adequate provision is not already made to prevent the counterfeiting the notes that are or shall be issued from the loan offices of this or any other of the United States of America, or uttering such counterfeit notes, knowing them to be such: Which mischief to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That who-soever shall presume to forge, counterfeit or alter any of the note or notes issued or that shall be issued from the loan office of this, or from the loan offices of any other of the United States of America, that are or shall be established within this or any other of the United States aforesaid, by order and authority of such respective State, or shall utter or put off any such forged, altered or counterfeit note or notes, or shall utter or put off any false, forged or counterfeit bill or bills made in imitation of the bills of credit, that are or shall be emitted by the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress, knowing them to be false and counterfeit, or shall utter or put off any false and counterfeit note or notes made in imitation of the notes that are or shall be issued from any or either of the continental loan offices established, or that shall be established within this or any other of the United States of America by the order and authority of the Continental Congress, knowing them to be false and counterfeit, or that shall council, advise, procure, or in any ways assist in the forging, counterfeiting, imprinting, stamping, altering or signing any such false, forged and counterfeit note or notes as aforesaid, or shall engrave any plate or plates, or make any instrument to be used for any of the purposes aforesaid, and shall be convicted of any or either of the crimes aforesaid before the superior court, such person or persons so offending shall suffer the same pains and penalties that are by law already annexed to the crime of counterfeiting the bills of credit of this or the other States or Colonies on this continent.

An Act for continuing in Force An act entituled An Act to encourage Fair Dealing and to restrain and punish Sharpers and Oppressors.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the aforesaid act be and the same is hereby continued, and shall remain in full force during the pleasure of this Assembly, so far as the same relates to any prosecution, suit or actions commenced for the breach of said act and now depending before any court of record.

An Act for repealing a Law of this State, made and passed by the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, Anno Dom. 1776, entituled An Act to compel the Furnishing Necessary Supplies and Assistance to the Quarter Master General of the Continental Army.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act be and is hereby repealed and made null and void.

An Act to compel the Furnishing Necessary Supplies and Assistance to the Quarter-Master General and Commissary-General of Forage of the Continental Army.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That upon application made by any quarter-master-general or commissary-general of forage, his or their agent or agents, to an assistant and justice of the peace, or to two justices of the peace, stating the necessities he or they are under to obtain supplies of timber, boards, shingles, brick, stone, hay, oats and straw, or horses, oxen, carts and carriages for transporting the same, or any other necessary supplies and assistance, wheat, rye and indian corn excepted, for the use of the army or militia of this State, and that it is not in his or their power to purchase such articles of forage or building, or hire the aforesaid articles of transportation as are then wanted, the said civil authority shall consider the subject of said application, and if they shall judge the same well founded they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a warrant directed to the sheriff or constable proper to serve the same, designating therein the person or persons from whom said articles of forage, building and transportation shall be taken, also the number and quantity thereof, who shall impress or take the same for the use of the army or militia of this State as the case shall require; and if the person or persons to whom such articles belong shall not forthwith shew to said civil authority a reason which shall by said authority be judged sufficient why such articles should not be so impressed and taken as aforesaid, such articles shall be delivered to such quarter-master-general or commissary-general of forage or his or their agent or agents, he or they paying to the owner or owners thereof, or into the hands of the officer who shall impress the same, such sum or sums as the owner of the articles so impressed and such quarter-master-general or commissary-general of forage or his or their agent or agents agree to be just and reasonable; and if they

cannot agree on the price which shall be paid therefor, said civil authority shall appoint three judicious indifferent freeholders who shall under oath appraise said articles of forage and building and the use of such articles of transportation at the price at which said articles of forage and building are then usually sold and such articles of transportation are then usually let or hired out, which shall be paid to the owner or owners of the same by the person making such application; which appraisal shall preclude the person from whom such articles of forage, building or transportation, or any other necessary supplies or assistance, are taken, from any legal demand for a higher price. And if it shall be found upon such appraisal that the person from whom any of the aforesaid articles are taken has refused to take of such quartermaster-general or commissary-general of forage, or his or their agent or agents, a sum equal to what such articles are appraised, all the cost of such appraisal shall be deducted from the sum which ought otherwise to be paid him, and he shall be debarred from any further recovery. And that all costs incurred by any appraisal as aforesaid of any article taken by force of this act shall be paid by the person making such application.

An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act enabling the Authority and Selectmen in the several Towns within this State to appoint Barrack Masters within said Towns.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act be revived, and the same is hereby revived and shall continue and be in force during the pleasure of this Assembly.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of the Law of this State entitled An Act concerning Barberrry Bushes.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That any person or persons whatsoever, with the advice and consent of the civil authority and selectmen, or the major part of them, of the town where any barberry bushes are or shall be growing, may in the months of March, April, October or November, enter into and upon any lands whereon shall be growing any barberry bushes and dig up and destroy such bushes without being liable to any action, suit or demand therefor; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for appointing a Brand for Horses in the Town of Winchester.

It is ordered and enacted by this Assembly, That the brand for horses in the town of Winchester shall be the figure 5.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That a tax of two shillings on the pound be laid on the list of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants given in for the year 1778, with the

additions, to be paid into the treasury by the first day of April next.

Provided, nevertheless, That, for the relief of the indigent who may be unable to pay their proportion of said taxes, the civil authority and selectmen in the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either the whole or a part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in most need of such abatement, to the amount of one-twentieth part of such town's quota of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatement with the town-clerk and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors; and the collectors shall be allowed credit for such abatements in their settlement with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to issue his warrants accordingly.

Whereas it was resolved by the Hon^{ble} the Congress on the second day of January, 1779, that the United States be called upon to pay in their respective quotas of fifteen million of dollars in the year 1779, and of six millions of dollars annually for eighteen years from and after the year 1779, as a fund for sinking the emission and loans of the United States to the 31st day of December, 1778, inclusive: And whereas by a resolution of Congress of the 5th day of January, 1779, the sum recommended to be raised by this State of the aforesaid tax for the year 1779 is seventeen hundred thousand dollars, which is to be placed to the credit of this State on interest at six *per cent. per annum*, to be hereafter adjusted when the quota of each State shall be ascertained according to the Articles of Confederation; which resolutions are approved by this Assembly, although the sum of seventeen hundred thousand dollars is considered as more than the proportion of this State; and in order to carry the same into execution:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That a tax of three shillings on the pound be laid and levied on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State, given in for the year 1778, with the additions, to be levied and paid into the treasury by the 20th day of May next; and that a further tax of two shillings on the pound be laid on said list of 1778, to be levied and paid into the treasury by the first day of December next; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to issue his warrants accordingly, directed to the collectors chosen by the several towns to collect the State tax for the year 1779, and said collectors are to receive and collect the same.

Provided nevertheless, That, for the relief of the indigent who may be unable to pay their proportion of said taxes, the civil authority and selectmen in the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either the whole or a part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge are in most need of such abatement, to the amount of one-twentieth part of such town's quota

of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town-clerk and deliver a copy thereof to the collector of said tax, and the collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatement in their settlement with the Treasurer. And the Treasurer shall pay or dispose of the monies which shall be received on said taxes to the amount of seventeen hundred thousand dollars according to the orders he has or shall receive from the Hon^{ble} the Congress of the United States, and debit or charge the same to the account of the United States.

And be it further enacted and ordered, That the Treasurer shall forthwith issue his warrants for collecting both the aforesaid taxes, and the collectors upon the receipt thereof shall make up both said rates, that any persons who may choose to pay their proportion of said taxes both at once may have opportunity.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of twelve pence on the pound be laid on the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1777, to be levied and paid into the State treasury by the first day of April next.

Provided, nevertheless, That, for the relief of the indigent who are unable to pay their proportion of said tax, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either a whole or a part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in greatest need of such abatement, to the amount of one-twentieth part of such town's proportion of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town-clerk of such towns respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors of said tax; and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatements in their settlements with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants to the collectors chosen by the several towns to collect the State tax for the year 1779, who are to receive and collect the same according to law.

Whereas it has been represented to this Assembly that a number of persons are confined in the county prisons within the counties of New Haven, Fairfield and Litchfield, who voluntarily came from the enemy and are subject to prosecutions against them on the statute entitled An act for the punishment of high treason and other atrocious crimes against the State,

Resolved by this Assembly, That all those persons who are confined in the goals aforesaid, who voluntarily deserted and came from the enemies of the United States, shall be removed to the counties of Hartford and Windham upon their paying, or giving sufficient bond with surety to pay, to the sheriff of the county where they are confined the costs that have or may arise on their several prosecutions and confinement, there to be confined to such places and with such persons to labour as the Governor and Council of Safety shall direct and order, during the pleasure of this Assembly: and if such persons shall, contrary

to the order of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, depart out of the limits prescribed by them, such person or persons so offending shall be immediately confined and proceeded with as they would have been had this order or decree never been made.

Whereas in and by a resolve of the General Assembly passed at their sessions in October last, the committees and selectmen in the several towns were directed to provide for the familys of the officers and soldiers in the respective towns belonging to the battalions raised in this State for the continental army, whether such officers or soldiers should supply money or not, but no provision is made for furnishing said committees and selectmen with money for that purpose,

Resolved by this Assembly, That it shall be the duty of the several towns, and they are hereby directed, to provide for said committee and selectmen such sums of money as may be needfull for their purchasing the necessary articles for the support of the familys of the officers and soldiers in the respective towns as aforesaid, to the amount and at the rate in said resolve directed; and that said committee and selectmen shall be accountable to the town who shall so furnish them for the money they shall so receive. And it shall be the duty of such committee and selectmen to lay the account of what they shall so expend for each family separately in their respective towns before the Committee of Pay-Table, who are hereby directed to settle and adjust the same and draw on the Treasurer for the sum they shall find justly due, payable to such committee or selectmen for the use of the town to which they belong and for cost, as in said resolve mentioned.

And it is further resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to settle and adjust the accounts of the committees or selectmen of the several towns for the sums they may have expended in providing for the familys of the officers and soldiers above mentioned, agreeable to two resolves of the General Assembly referred to in the above resolve passed in October last, and draw on the Treasurer in favour of said last mentioned committees or selectmen for the sums they shall find justly due to them.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the ships *Oliver Cromwell* and *Defence* be victualled, manned and sent on a cruize against the enemy as soon as may be, and that the agent who has the care thereof take the advice and direction of his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety from time to time in prosecuting the same.

And whereas it is found difficult to engage men to enter on board the ships upon the terms which the men entered the last cruize the ships made,

Therefore resolved by this Assembly, That the same dividend of the prizes which the ships shall take be made to the crew or captors, after deduction for the necessary expence of libelling, condemnation

and contingent charges, as has been usual on board private ships of war, *viz*: one moiety to the crew, and that the mode of division between the officers and men be the same which has been customary among the crews of private vessels of force of the same burthen.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Joseph Spencer, Esq^r, to be one of the Delegates to represent this State in the Hon^{ble} the Congress of the United States * in the room of Andrew Adams, Esq^r, resigned.

This Assembly, taking into consideration the sufferings of the troops of this State in the army, occasioned by the enhanced prices of the necessaries of life and other circumstances which have intervened since their engagement in the public service through the unforeseen inevitable calamities of war, as represented by the officers of the Connecticut Line and otherwise,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the sum of forty-five thousand pounds, lawfull money, be paid out of the treasury of this State by the first day of April next to the officers and soldiers belonging to this State and now serving in the infantry and train of artillery in the continental army included in the quota of this and not that of any other State, in just proportion to their respective wages as heretofore ascertained or stated by Congress; and that the further sum of sixty thousand pounds be paid to them out of the treasury of this State by the first day of December next, to be distributed in such proportion as upon enquiry into what hath been heretofore done for them or any of them shall appear to be just and equitable.

And be it further resolved, That Erastus Wolcott, Joseph Platt Cook and Andrew Adams, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into and ascertain what has been done for said officers, soldiers and matrosses or their families, respectively, in order that justice and equity may be done in the distribution of the sums aforesaid, and report the facts they shall find with their opinion thereon to the session of this Assembly in May next.

Provided, nevertheless, That in case the Continental Congress shall make any adequate and general provision for the purpose aforesaid the foregoing grants, so far as they extend, shall be in payment thereof.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the two battalions under the command of Colonels Enos and McLellan, that is to say, the non-commission officers and privates, be allowed further as a bounty forty shillings per month besides their stipulated wages, during the time they have been in actual service the last campaign; and that the commission and staff officers in said battalions be allowed one-third part advance of their wages stipulated as aforesaid, during the time they have been in actual service as aforesaid.

* He took his seat in Congress Saturday, March 27th, 1779.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the commission-officers in the mattross companies be allowed one-third advance of their stipulated wages during their service the last years campaign, and that the non-commission officers and privates in said mattross companies be allowed per month a sum equal to their stipulated wages per month during the term of their service aforesaid; and that the commanding officers of the respective companies be paymasters to their companies, upon their giving bond with surety for their faithfull discharge of their trust, and shall be allowed one and half *per cent.* for their trouble; and that the pay-rolls of said battalions and mattrosses be made agreeable to this act; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby impowered and directed to draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Mr. Stephen Mix Mitchell be and he is hereby appointed a committee to procure two hundred copies of the resolve of this Assembly enjoining on the listers of the several towns in this State to return the additions to the list of 1778 to the Secretary by the 20th day of Feb'y, 1779, to be printed and dispersed in the respective towns throughout the State, and to procure the same to be inserted in the several newspapers published in the State as soon as may be.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby ordered to pay the annual interest on the Treasurer's notes that have been issued by order of the General Assembly, as the same becomes due to the possessors of said notes who shall apply for the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the defence of the sea coasts of this State there be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment, to serve for the term of one year unless sooner discharged, the several companies to be posted at the places hereafter mentioned, who shall do the duty of artillery-men or matrosses, or such other military duty on their several stations as may be necessary, *viz*: at each of the towns of New Haven, New London and Groton, one company of seventy men each, including officers; at Fairfield, one company of fifty men, including officers; at Stonington, Saybrook, and Milford, each, a company to consist of twenty men, including one serjeant and one corporal commanded by a lieutenant; at Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich, each, a company to consist of the same number of men that were ordered to said towns respectively the last year, including a serjeant and corporal commanded by a lieutenant. And, as an encouragement for the men to engage in said service, each non-commission officer and private soldier who shall furnish himself with a blanket, fire-arm, bayonet, and accoutrements, to the acceptance of the commanding officer of the company, shall be paid a

bounty of eight pounds at the time of his enlistment, and the polls of the officers and soldiers shall be exempted from the list of rateable estate to be given in next August, and their monthly pay shall be as follows: A captain, £18. Lieutenant, £12. Serjeant £7. 4. Corporal, £6. 12. Drummer and Fife, £6. 12. Private £6. That the three first mentioned companies have one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, and one lieutenant fire-worker and such number of serjeants and corporals as his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council of Safety shall direct; and the commanding officers of said companies are appointed paymasters of their respective companies and shall have one and a half *per cent.* on all moneys they shall so receive and pay out. And William Ledyard, Esq^r, is appointed Major and Commandant of the aforesaid companies to be stationed at New London, Groton and Stonington, and shall have as pay £28 per month during the time he continues in the said service; and the officers that are now in command in the two matross companies in New London, Groton and Stonington, be established and continued in their respective offices.

And it is further resolved, That two armed vessells shall be fitted out as soon as possible to cruize in the Sound for the defence of the sea coasts and protection of the trade of this State; and his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety are fully authorized to give the necessary orders for carrying the foregoing resolutions into execution.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the listers in the several towns in this State be and they are hereby directed to transmit to the Secretary by the 20th day of February, 1779, the additions to the lists of the polls and rateable estate in the said towns respectively for the year 1778; and that Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, Colo. Hezekiah Wyllys and Capt. Elisha Pitkin, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to meet at Hartford on the twenty-second day of February aforesaid, and there as soon as may be receive, examine, correct and make up the said lists including such additions, and the same so made up by the said committee they shall lodge with the Secretary and certify the amount or sum total thereof to each town respectively annexed to the Treasurer, who is hereby ordered and directed thereupon to issue his warrants for collecting taxes granted on the list of A. D. 1778, and pay out the school money accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the several towns within this State, which have not supplied their quota of blankets, over-halls and stockings, which were ordered and directed by the General Assembly at their sessions in January, 1778, be and they are hereby directed and enjoined forthwith to procure and provide their full quota aforesaid and deliver the same to the commissarys appointed to receive those articles, *viz:* blankets, woolen over-halls or breeches, and

woolen stockings, suitable for the winter season; and that the said commissarys and each and every other person who shall receive any of said articles from the vender or person who first procures the same shall carefully inspect and examine each and every article and reject all such articles as are unsuitable or defective, either in quality, size or workmanship, and no pay or satisfaction shall be allowed therefor; and if any town shall neglect to furnish their quota of blankets ordered by the Assembly as aforesaid for the space of one month they shall be doomed at the discretion of this Assembly at their next or some future session.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That a quantity of shoe-leather, chiefly soal-leather, cut out in proper form, with shoe thread and wax, be forthwith provided and forwarded to camp by the State commissary, to be used in mending the shoes of the soldiers in the continental army, belonging to this State; and that said commissary proceed and conduct in the matters aforesaid agreeable to such orders as he may receive from his Excellency the Governor with the advice of his Council of Safety.

And be it further resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of his Council of Safety, be desired and impowered to appoint some suitable person or persons to procure any cloathing that is or may be within this State and appropriated for the use of the Connecticut troops to be made up in a good and effectual manner, taking care to employ in that service as many of the taylors in the army as may be ordered by the proper officers for that purpose.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the militia of this State that have been called out into actual service for the defence of this or the United States since the rising of the General Assembly in October, 1777, and not entituled to any premium by resolve of Assembly at their session in October aforesaid, and that have had no premium allowed them by this State, shall have and receive a premium at the rate of forty shillings per month for such time as they have been in actual service; that the non-commissioned officers and privates of the militia that have served in the several guards to the convention troops and public stores that have passed through this State since the rising of the General Assembly in October, 1777, have the aforesaid premium of forty shillings per month for the time they were in actual service; and that the captains of the respective companies of militia and guards aforesaid be and they are hereby appointed paymasters of their companys respectively, and that they shall have and receive out of the treasury of this State as a reward for said service an allowance of two and half *per cent.* on the sums they shall pay as aforesaid. That the commissioned officers of the guards of militia to the convention troops that passed through this State shall be allowed pay for the expence and hire of their horses while on duty on the said guards; and that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby

directed to receive, examine and adjust the accounts of the several premiums and allowances aforesaid and draw orders on the Treasurer for such sums as they shall find due.

Whereas no provision is made in the law to exempt those persons from a poll tax who in consequence of a resolve of this Assembly passed in January last inlisted or were detached into the continental battalions belonging to this State untill the first day of January then next, and their services considering the enhanced prices of things merit such exemption: Resolved by this Assembly, that the persons who have inlisted or were detached into the service aforesaid for the term aforesaid and faithfully served till the expiration of said term, being regularly discharged, be abated their rates and taxes on the general list of estate for the year 1778, which have been laid on the polls of such persons; and the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are impowered and directed to abate the same accordingly.

Whereas it is represented that the public goal or work-house in Symsbury, called New Gate, is now in such a ruinous state as renders it at present altogether insufficient to answer the salutary purposes for which it was prepared:

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That Gen^l Erastus Wolcott, Colo. Roger Newberry, Asaph Holcomb, Esq', and Capt. Joseph Forward, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to repair to Symsbury and take a particular view of the goal aforesaid; and said committee are hereby ordered and directed to make all necessary provision for repairing the aforesaid New Gate prison, and also to build a convenient block-house on the surface of the earth over the mouth of the cavern of the said goal, suitable and convenient to secure and employ the prisoners in labour in the daytime according to the true intent of the laws of this State in that case made and provided, and to carry such repairs into execution accordingly. And the said committee are ordered and directed to build and erect a convenient building contiguous thereto for the accommodation of the keeper of the goal aforesaid. And the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby impowered and directed to draw orders on the Treasurer of this State to supply the said committee with such sum or sums of money as the aforesaid service shall require, who shall be accountable for the same; the accounts thereof to be adjusted by the Committee of Pay-Table from time to time as occasion shall require.

It is also resolved by this Assembly, That the aforesaid gentlemen be and they are hereby appointed Overseers of the said New Gate prison, to rule and govern the same and the prisoners that shall be confined therein, and render their account thereof agreeable to the laws of this State in that case made and provided.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That as soon as the said committee shall have sufficiently repaired the said prison so as to confine prisoners therein, the said overseers be and they are

hereby authorized and impowered by writing under their hand to appoint some suitable person master of the said prison, who shall thereupon have power and authority to exercise the office of master of the said prison and be subject to the laws of this State in that case made and provided.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Newberry, Esq^r, be and he is hereby appointed an agent for this State to call on all officers of the army or militia, paymasters of regiments or companies, commissaries, and any other persons who have been employed to purchase fire-arms for this State, or that have received public monies or other articles for public use, to render their account thereof to the Committee of Pay-Table and pay the ballance that shall be found due from any of them; and if any person or persons shall neglect or refuse to settle his or their account and pay the ballance due in a reasonable time, the aforesaid agent is hereby directed and impowered in behalf of this State to institute any suits or actions by and in the names of the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut against any such person or persons so neglecting or refusing, and the same to prosecute and pursue to final judgment and execution; and the aforesaid agent is further directed to enquire after all other debts due to this State and the circumstances attending them, and render an account thereof and of his proceedings in the premises to this Assembly at their next session.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the aforesaid agent in pursuing and transacting the business and matters aforesaid proceed therein agreeable to such orders and instructions as he may receive from the Committee of Pay-Table, who are hereby directed to furnish the aforesaid agent with such papers, accounts, assistance, orders and directions, as are or may be necessary and expedient in the premisses, and within their power, for the full accomplishment of the purposes of this act.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the depositions or testimony of those persons within this State, who have been prisoners to the British army or navy and survived their cruelty, stating the particulars of the severe usage and sufferings the American and French prisoners, which fell under their notice and observation, met with, be taken; and the selectmen of the several towns are hereby ordered and directed to collect the same within the respective towns they belong to and them transmit fairly written and attested to the Secretary of this State to be laid before the General Assembly in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be immediately raised by voluntary inlistment, for the defence of the sea coast and to be posted at the town of Stratford, twenty-five men, to consist of one lieutenant, one serjeant, one corporal and twenty two privates, to be holden

in service for the term of one year except sooner discharged, and to be placed as the civil authority and selectmen in said town shall direct, and to be under the direction of the commanding officer of the fourth regiment of militia of this State, and to make weekly returns to him, and to be entitled to the same provisions, pay &c., as other guards in this State are entitled to, and in case of a sudden emergency liable to be removed at the discretion of said field officer.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the militia guard to the continental stores in the town of Windsor be subject to the laws, rules and regulations of the militia of this State while in actual service, and that the colonel or commanding officer of the first regiment of militia be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to call and form a court martial of the officers of the said regiment to hear, try and determine any offences committed by the said guard, or either of them, against any of the said laws, rules and regulations, in the same way and manner, and the judgment of such court shall be carried into execution in the same way and manner, as if the said officers and guard were in actual service; and this resolution and the said laws, rules and regulations, shall be read and published to the said guard at the roll call by the officer commanding the same before any of the said guard shall be subject hereto, and shall in the same manner be published to the said guard at least once every month; and the president of such court martial shall receive four shillings, and other members of the said court shall receive three shillings, per day while attending the said court, to be paid by this State; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be immediately raised by voluntary inlistment, for defence of the sea coast and to be posted at Lyme near mouth of the Connecticut River, twelve men, to consist of one serjeant, one corporal and ten privates, to be holden in service for the term of one year unless sooner discharged, and to be placed as the civil authority and selectmen of said town of Lyme shall direct, and to be under the direction of the commanding officer of the third regiment of militia in this State, and to make weekly returns to him, and to be entitled to the same provision, pay &c., as other guards in this State are entitled to, and in case of a sudden emergency liable to be removed at the discretion of said field officer.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive, examine and liquidate the account or accounts of the expences of an entertainment* given by

* In the *Courant* for Nov. 3, 1778. mention is made of this entertainment and of the thirteen toasts drunk. The bills for it, amounting to £500, are in *Rev War*, xvi, 142-158.

his Excellency Governor Trumbull to the Hon^{ble} Maj^r General Gates and the officers of his division during the session of this Assembly in October last and draw an order or orders on the Treasurer for the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the officers and soldiers of the militia and the two battalions commanded by Colonels Enos and McLellan, belonging to this State, that have been in actual service for the defence of this and the rest of the United States in the year 1778, be and they are hereby entitled to the same provision and allowances for their losses, expences &c., in the same manner and under the same regulations as have been heretofore granted and allowed in the premisses in all respects to the officers and soldiers of the new levies and militia; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby directed to receive and adjust the accounts and draw orders for the same accordingly.

Upon the representation to this Assembly made by the Hon^{ble} the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, that the inhabitants thereof are in great want of some speedy supply of bread-corn: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and the same is hereby granted to the inhabitants of that State to purchase in this State seven thousand bushels of grain, namely rye and indian corn, and the same transport to that State, the embargoes by land and water notwithstanding, under the following regulations, *viz.*: in the county of Hartford, 2500 bushels; in the county of New Haven, 1500 bushels; in the county of Litchfield, 1000 bushels; in the county of Fairfield, 1500 bushels; in the county of Windham, 500 bushels; to be purchased by any one or two gentlemen appointed by the General Assembly or Governor and Council of Safety of that State and properly commissioned for that purpose.

And whereas it may be necessary that the aforesaid commissioners should have some assistant purchasers: It is further resolved, that liberty be and the same is hereby granted to such commissioners to appoint one gentleman in each town in the aforesaid counties, such as shall be nominated by the major part of the selectmen of such town in writing under their hands, whose power shall not extend to purchase in any other town than where such assistant purchaser dwells: and it shall be the duty of such commissioner or commissioners and assistant purchaser to make a return of the quantity and quality of the grain so purchased to the selectmen of the town where the purchase is made, and the duty of such commissioner or commissioners to make a return of the quantity and quality of the grain he or they shall procure as aforesaid, to his Excellency Governor Trumbull by the 10th day of May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Peleg Clarke, of Providence in the State of Rhode Island, be and he is hereby permitted to pur-

chase and carry out of this State three hundred bushels of grain, consisting of rye and indian corn, for the use of the distressed inhabitants who have lately been driven from New Port by their merciless enemies; the said Capt. Clarke being chairman of a committee appointed for that purpose. And this Assembly having received full information of the pressing necessity of the distressed inhabitants afore mentioned do earnestly recommend to the good people of this State to afford such relief as may be in their power by selling their grain at a reasonable price for the purpose above mentioned.

Upon the memorial of Colo. John Ely, in behalf of himself and other captives in New York and places adjacent, praying for relief &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advance and pay into the hands of Colo. John Ely one hundred and sixty pounds in silver and gold for the use of himself and other officers from this State in captivity in New York and places adjacent, in equal shares and proportion, taking his receipt to dispose thereof accordingly and account; and the Treasurer is hereby directed, if occasion require, to borrow the same and give his obligation to replace it with interest; and that the said Colo. Ely be allowed to carry or transport to said prisoners and for their relief and comfort such necessary refreshments as may be judged sufficient and expedient by and under the special permission of his Excellency the Governor.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Otis and Oliver Ring Warner, late of New Port on Rhode Island, both now of Middletown in this State, shewing to this Assembly that many of the inhabitants of Rhode Island after having suffered every evil and insult from the wanton cruelty of our common enemy are reduced to the most distressing necessity for the common supports of life, and are now thrust out at this inclement season stripped of their little interest to seek an asylum and succour from their brethren; that the persons thus cast upon the compassion and charity of their countrymen consist chiefly of widows and children, poor persons who were not able to remove from an invading enemy and who have virtuously and steadfastly though in the power of the enemy refused to acknowledge their jurisdiction or submit to the government of the King of Great Britain or take part against their country, rather choosing to suffer with their country and for their attachment to her just liberties, than to enjoy relief and plenty by closing with and favouring her enemies; that the inhabitants of the State of Rhode Island though tenderly affected with the distresses of these unhappy fugitives and willing to exert their utmost ability for their relief, yet for two years past having had the most fertile part of their State in the power of their enemy, having been debarred and cut off from their trade, navigation

and fishery, having been called from their fields almost constantly to do duty as guards of the extensive sea coast of said State exposed to the depredations of the enemy, by means whereof the lands have not been cultivated, the late expedition having increased this evil and in some measure exhausted the State of provisions; that they are not able to relieve their distress and save them from the sufferings they are exposed to; that the General Assembly of said State having made all the provision for their present relief in their power and having appointed committees to solicit for them the donations of the charitable and compassionate in their native State did appoint them, the said Otis and Warner, a committee to ask the like charitable assistance of the well disposed inhabitants of this State; and praying liberty and authority from this Assembly for that purpose &c., as per memorial on file: The memorialists having produced their proofs to this Assembly in support of the facts alledged in said memorial, it appears that the unhappy persons thus thrust out of their dwellings and cast upon the compassion of their well disposed and charitable countrymen are very numerous, and proper objects of commiseration, and worthy to be relieved and assisted, and that it is not in the power of the inhabitants of said State of Rhode Island to provide adequate support and relief for them.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialists have liberty, and liberty is granted to them, to solicit the donations of the charitable and well disposed inhabitants of this State for the relief of the unhappy sufferers aforesaid by a general collection and contribution to be made for that purpose in all the religious societies and assemblies within this State. And that said contribution may be speedily effected and applied to the use intended,

Be it further resolved, That the several ministers in the respective religious congregations in this State or the deacons, church wardens, or committee of such society where no minister is present, shall upon the next Sabbath after they shall receive this act read the same publickly in such congregation and give public notice that said contribution will be attended upon the then next Sabbath; and that the committee of said society for ordering the prudential affairs of the same on the succeeding Sabbath after such publication shall collect and receive the contributions of the inhabitants when publickly assembled immediately after divine service is ended, take an account of the same and by the first safe opportunity transmit the amount of such donations to the said Jonathan Otis and Oliver Ring Warner, to be by them applied for the purpose aforesaid, taking their receipts for the same. And this Assembly do earnestly recommend to the inhabitants of this State while they adore that Gracious Providence which in the course of this wasting and distressing, though just and necessary, war, hath exempted us from so many of the calamities and desolations which have fallen upon and been endured by some of our sister States, cheerfully and liberally to contribute, each one accord-

ing to his ability, to the relief and support of the unhappy persons suffering under the rigorous inhumanity and vindictive cruelty of our common enemy as aforesaid.

And it is further resolved, That said Jonathan Otis and Oliver Ring Warner may have liberty to lay out so much of the sums that may be collected by such contributions in the produce of this State and export the same to the State of Rhode Island for the use of said sufferers, as his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety of this State shall permit.

Upon the memorial of Nehemiah Scribner of Norwalk, now in Fairfield county goal under sentence of death by a judgment of the hon^{ble} superior court on an indictment for high treason against the State, shewing that though justly condemned yet he has been far from taking the most active part against the American States, and that his conduct however imprudent and unjustifiable yet is nevertheless attended with some alleviating circumstances; praying that his life may be spared and his punishment changed and mitigated, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that instead of the executing the said judgment and sentence of the superior court upon him he be continued in the goal where he now is confined until New-Gate prison in Symsbury is repaired and made fit for reception of prisoners, and that thereupon he be removed to and confined in said New-Gate prison and there kept to labour during the pleasure of the General Assembly; and the superior court is hereby empowered to give the proper orders for his removal accordingly.

Upon the memorial of the civil authority, selectmen and other inhabitants of the town of New London, shewing to this Assembly that there are a large number of prisoners of war sent by the enemy into said town for the purpose of exchange, which are sick with the small-pox and other infectious diseases; that there is not a sufficient quantity of provision, especially of the bread kind, for the consumption of the inhabitants, and that their vessells sent to the westward for said provisions have been stopt &c., all which greatly distresses the inhabitants of said town; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that Nathaniel Shaw, Esq^r, be and he is hereby appointed and empowered to take care of and provide for all such prisoners of war as heretofore have been or hereafter may be sent into the port of New London, and that he be supplied from time to time with such sums of money out of the treasury of this State as shall by the Assembly be judged necessary for that purpose; and that the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer therefor in his favour, who shall be accountable for the same; and the said Shaw is also hereby directed to keep separate accounts of what he shall expend for those prisoners which belong to the United States, and the French prisoners, and also separate accounts of what

he shall expend for each person respectively as far as may be; that he cause a list to be made of such prisoners, their names, places of abode, the services in which they were engaged, and when captured, and that he also give notice to the owners of privateers to which any of them may have belonged, or to the proper boards or persons who ought to take care of any such sick prisoners, of their state and condition and require of them payment of the expence attending them; and in case any difficulties should arise in the settlement of the accounts of persons who have or may be employed by the said Shaw to attend said sick prisoners &c., he is directed to apply to Messrs. Jabez Perkins, Rufus Lathrop, and Jacob DeWit, who are hereby appointed a committee with full power to adjust and settle all such accounts as occasion may require; and that in case wheat flour cannot at present be procured necessary for said sick persons, the said Shaw is to apply to Mr. Edward Hallam, commissary for this State at New London, who is hereby directed to deliver to said Shaw so much flour as may be necessary to relieve the present distress, if that may be done without great injury to the troops now stationed there; and the said Shaw is also directed to state all the accounts that have or may arise in the premises; and also the expence that has arisen in the matter of exchanging prisoners by the said Shaw, so far as concerns this State, and lay the same before the General Assembly or in their recess before the Governor and Council of Safety as soon as may be. And it is further resolved, that said Shaw receive out of the treasury of this State the sum of four thousand pounds in bills for the purpose aforesaid, and to be accountable for the same as aforesaid; and the Committee of Pay-Table are ordered and directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same.

This Assembly appoints Jeremiah Mead jun^r of Greenwich to be a Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Fairfield.

This Assembly do appoint Eli Bissell to be Surveyor of Land in and for the county of Hartford.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be and there is hereby granted to each of the Committee of the Pay-Table eight dollars *per diem* for each day they have served as one of the said committee since the rising of this Assembly in May, 1778, and an additional sum of thirty-five pounds, lawfull money, to Fenn Wadsworth, one of the said committee, for his extraordinary service in the time aforesaid, and the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to adjust and liquidate the account of the said service and draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Whereas a complaint has been exhibited to this Assembly by Daniel Ladd and others against Ezekiel Olcott of Bolton in Hartford county, a captain in the militia of this State, for malepractises in his office

aforesaid, as per complaint on file appears, and Stephen Mix Mitchell was ordered to prosecute the same on the part of this State, which complaint has been fully heard and said Olcott acquitted and a bill of cost has arisen against this State by said prosecution to the amount of £27. 16.: Therefore resolved, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby ordered to pay out of the treasury of this State the aforesaid sum of £27. 16 to Stephen Mix Mitchell, to be by him paid over to the several witnesses &c.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel McClallen Colonel of the eleventh regiment of militia in the State of Connecticut in the room of Colo. Danielson resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Abbott Lieutenant Colonel of the eleventh regiment of militia in the State of Connecticut in the room of Lieut. Colo. McClallen promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Cady Major of the eleventh regiment of militia in the State of Connecticut in the room of Major Abbott promoted.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Tucker to be Lieutenant of the second troop of horse in the fourth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daviss Flint to be Cornet of the second troop of horse in the fourth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abel Grosvenor to be Quartermaster of the second troop of horse in the fourth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Mills to be Captain of the 2d alarm list company in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Spencer to be Lieutenant of the 2d alarm list company in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asher Bull to be Ensign of the 2d alarm list company in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Botsford to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Curtiss jun^r to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Shepard to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Summers to be Captain of the eastern company of alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Platt to be Lieutenant of the eastern company of alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Botsford to be Ensign of the eastern company of alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Terrill to be Captain of the western alarm list company in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Kimberly to be Lieutenant of the western alarm list company in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Birch to be Ensign of the western alarm list company in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Botsford to be Captain of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Henry Firman to be Lieutenant of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Hatch to be Ensign of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Lyman to be Quartermaster of a troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Martin to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Edwards to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thaddeus Baldwin to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hanford Hait to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Holbrook jun^r to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Riggs jun^r to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bradford to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Hillhouse to be Ensign of the third company of the alarm list in the 3d regiment in this State.

Upon the memorial of Colo. Samuel McClellan, of Woodstock in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that he was appointed a colonel of a regiment raised by this State to serve untill the first day of March next, and that he received an order on the treasury for £1000, lawfull money, to pay the bounty of his regiment, and that he hath not been able to obtain said money, and in the month of June last he paid said bounty out of his own estate; praying that the Committee of the Pay-Table may be directed to allow the interest on the sums advanced by the memorialist to said regiment not exceeding one thousand pounds, as per memorial on file &c. : Resolved

by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby ordered and directed to receive the accounts of the memorialist of all monies by him advanced to said regiment for bounties or wages, and draw on the Treasurer of this State for such sum as they shall find justly due for the interest of the sums advanced by the memorialist to said regiment on account of this State.

Upon the memorial of the town of Farmington by Selah Hart and John Treadwell agents for said town, shewing to this Assembly the difficulty of repairing the public highways in said town at the present day in the way and manner directed by law, and praying that they may be authorized to tax themselves for said purpose, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them from time to time during the pleasure of this Assembly, to tax the poles and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town to raise such sums as shall be necessary for the purpose of repairing the public highways in said town; and it shall be the duty of the surveyors of highways in said town, within their peculiar districts to be set out and assigned them in such way and manner as the town shall direct, to cause the public highways within their respective limits to be well and sufficiently repaired, and to that purpose to hire and employ such and so many persons from time to time in proper seasons of the year as they shall judge necessary; and the said surveyors shall keep a true and fair account of the persons they shall employ for said purpose, the time of service and the necessary materials procured, and lay the same from time to time as may be expedient before the selectmen of said town, who upon proper examination shall draw on the treasurer of said town in favour of the person or persons who have done such service for such sums as they shall judge reasonable, necessary to effect the purpose designed, and promotive of uniformity through the various parts of said town.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Turrell, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, administratrix on the estate of Asahel Turrell, late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said Asahel for payment of which no provision is made exceed the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £70. 3. 2; praying for liberty to sell so much of said real estate as will pay said sum and incident charges: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Hannah have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to said Hannah, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay said sum and incident charges; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Bennit, of Ripton in the town of Stratford, for himself and for said parish of Ripton, representing to

this Assembly that said parish of Ripton lyeth at a remote distance from the first society in said town where the sign-post for said town is set, by means of which the inhabitants of said parish are often exposed to trouble and cost when their goods are taken by execution or otherwise and by law exposed to sale ; praying that liberty be granted to said parish to erect a sign-post in said parish where all goods taken by execution within said parish and by law exposed to sale may be sold, as may appear per memorial on file : Wherefore resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty is hereby granted to said parish of Ripton, to set up a sign-post in some suitable place in said parish where all goods taken by execution or otherways within said parish and by law exposed to sale and where all other business necessary to be done at a sign-post relative to said parish may be done.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Huntington, Esq^r, States Attorney for New London county, shewing to this Assembly that some lands, buildings and fences in said county, belonging to persons not inhabitants of any of the United States of America, are out of repair ; praying for liberty to let them out to good husbandmen at discretion, and to take some part of the rents to repair the same and to be accountable, as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist hath liberty and authority, and the same is hereby granted to him, to let out said lands at discretion to good husbandmen at the appraisal of judicious and disinterested freeholders or otherwise as he shall find best, and use his prudence in making such needfull repairs as to keep said lands and buildings in tenantable order, and to render his account of his doings and of the rents and proffits of said land and buildings to the Treasurer of this State as by law is provided.

Upon the memorial of John Dodd of Hartford, as he is administrator with the will annexed upon the estate of Joseph Shepard late of said Hartford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the deceas'd made his will and appointed his two sons, Luther and Eli, executors thereof, who proceeded and in part made a settlement of said estate, and then dyed without compleating the same ; that there is now due from said estate a legacy given by said testator to his daughter Mary for the sum of forty pounds, money, and to his daughter Sibel for the sum of seven pounds, as by said will appears, as also the sum of £28. 3. 7, like money, debts due and owing from said estate, and that there is no personal estate to satisfy the same ; that the said Luther, one of said executors and who survived the said Eli some time, obtained liberty to sell the real estate of said deceased, sufficient to satisfy said last mentioned sum but never carried the same into execution and said sums yet remain unpaid and due to said legatees and the creditors of the said Joseph, as by the records of the court of probate for the

district of Hartford fully appears; all the rest of the personal estate of said deceas'd being disposed of in payment of his debts; the memorialist, therefore, praying that liberty may be granted him to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd Joseph as shall be sufficient to pay the sums amounting in the whole to the sum of £75. 3. 7 with incident charges of such sale, taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd Joseph as shall be sufficient to pay the sums in the whole amounting to the sum of £75. 3. 7 with the incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Scott of Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that he served as a serjeant in Capt. Caleb Trowbridge's company, and served in the same from the sixth day of May, 1775, to the first of December, 1775, and that he hath received only one months pay for the same, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved, that the Committee of Pay-Table do adjust the account and draw on the Treasurer for the residue of the pay due to said Scott.

Upon the memorial of Jonah Scovil, of East Haddam in Hartford county, shewing to this Assembly that he was a soldier in Capt. Amos Jones' company, Colo. Lattimore's regiment of militia, in the service of the States in the northern army in the year 1777, and was in the action of the 19th of September in said year, and then and there received a wound in his left shoulder by having two musquit balls shot into the same by the enemy, and by reason of said wound suffered great pain and was put to much cost and charge in returning home and for doctors and nurses &c., for which he has received no recompence and been ever since and still is unable to do any labour by reason of said wound, and prays for relief as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to receive, examine, and adjust the accounts of the memorialist arising by said wound, and allow what shall be just and reasonable thereon, and further allow to the memorialist the sum of forty shillings per month from the time his wages ceast untill the day of the session of this Assembly; and the said Committee of Pay-Table are ordered and directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same.

On the memorial of Simeon Bebee, of Waterbury in the county of New Haven, administrator on the estate of Simeon Beebe, late of said Waterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that further debts since the order of the General Assembly in May last for the sale of land due from said estate amounts to £33. 4. 3, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said dec'd as will

raise the sum of £33. 4. 3, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £33. 4. 3, L. money, with the charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

To the Hon^{ble} General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, now convened at Hartford :

The memorial of George Wyllys, Esq^r, Secretary of the State of Connecticut, and John Lawrence, Esq^r, Treasurer of the same, humbly sheweth, that by reason of the great increase of business in their respective offices the year past they have been put to great additional expence and trouble more than has been usual in their offices, and by reason of the depreciated state of the continental currency their salaries have born but an inconsiderable part of the expences necessarily incurred in carrying on the business in their said respective offices. Your memorialists would therefore pray your Hon^{rs} to grant them such further sum in addition to their salaries the year past as to your Honors may seem just and equitable, and your memorialists as in duty bound shall ever pray. Dated at Hartford, this 19th day of January, *A. Dom.* 1779.

John Lawrence,
George Wyllys.

Upon this memorial granted to the Secretary, in addition to the grant made in May last, the further sum of one hundred pound for his salary, extraordinary services and expences the last year, and that the fees of the Secretary be stated and allowed at the rate of six for one as stated in the table of fees for his service in said office from and after the first day of May last; also granted to the Treasurer the further sum of seven hundred and twenty pounds for his extraordinary services and expences, in addition to the grant of his salary made in May last.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Sheldon, Sarah Ledyard, and Hannah Watson, shewing to this Assembly that Austin Ledyard and Ebenezer Watson both late of Hartford, deceas'd, were joint owners of a paper-mill in said Hartford, and that at the time of the decease of said Austin and Ebenezer the accounts respecting said paper-mill were unsettled, and that the fee of said mill-stream and the land and water belonging thereto was by a deed vested in said Austin, although the same was purchased by the joint stock of said Austin and Ebenezer, on which said memorial Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, Barnabas Hinsdale and George Merrells were appointed a committee, to take into consideration the matters alledged in said memorial, liquidate the accounts of said partnership and make report, who have reported

that the fee of said mill &c. at the decease of said Austin was in him, and that there was due to him in said partnership from said Watson the sum of £171. 17. 3½, and that said Watson executed a note to said Sheldon who is an administrator on said Austin's estate that he would pay the ballance which on a settlement should be found due to said Austin's estate, and have further reported that on said Hannah Watson paying in lawfull money to said Austin's administrators or securing to be paid the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, lawfull money, said note of hand shall be void and that a reconveyance of said stream mill-place aforesaid be made to the heirs of said Ebenezer Watson, dec'd, to belong to the said heirs as other intestate estate does and subject to the widow's dower &c.; which said report is accepted and approved of by this Assembly: Resolved, therefore, that on said Hannah Watsons paying or securing to be paid to said Austin's administrators the aforesaid sum of £380, L. money, the said note shall be void, and that one half of said land, stream &c. as aforesaid be reconveyed to the heirs of said Ebenezer, to belong to them as other intestate estate does, subject to the widow's dower in the same manner as if the said Ebenezer had dyed seized thereof; and that the administrators of said Austin be authorized and impowered to make and execute a conveyance of one half of said land and stream as aforesaid, exclusive of the present mill-house and utensills to said mill belonging; and that they the said administrators shall execute such conveyance within one month next after the said Hannah shall have paid or secured to be paid to said administrator said sum of £380, L. money, in continental money, within three months next after the rising of this Assembly; and in case said administrators shall refuse or neglect to execute such conveyance within the term of one month aforesaid after said sum is paid or secured, that in that case the said administrators of said Austin shall forfeit and pay to said Hannah to and for the use of said Ebenezer's heirs the sum of two thousand pounds in money aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Union, shewing to this Assembly that the situation and circumstances of the inhabitants of said town is such that they are by no means able to bear their proportion of public taxes &c.; praying for relief as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby excused from bringing in their lists for the year 1778 as ordered by this Assembly in January last, and that they be exempted from State taxes during the pleasure of this Assembly: they furnishing cloathing for their quota of soldiers in the continental army and supplying the families of the officers and soldiers in said service belonging to said town in the same proportion as other towns are by law required to do, without any expence to this State during the time they shall be exempted: they keeping regular accounts of all such expences and rendering the same to the Committee of the Pay-Table.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Bishop of Goshen, shewing to this Assembly that in October, 1777, in pursuance of orders from his superior officer he went to Fishkills as a serjeant in Capt. Timothy Stanleys company of militia, and there faithfully served his country according to the duty of his station twenty-seven days and until he was regularly discharged; that unfortunately he was through mistake omitted in the pay-abstract returned to the Pay-Master-General, by which means he has been deprived of his pay for said service, and praying the same may be granted him, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive, examine and adjust the accounts of the memorialist for his service aforesaid, and draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the memorialist for such sums as they shall find due.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Fenn and Sarah Scott of Waterbury, administrators of the goods and estate of Gershom Scott junr, late of said Waterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate surmount the personal estate the sum of £41. 16. 5, L. money, and that he has left only about a quarter of an acre of land and a house thereon, and praying for liberty to sell the same &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said administrators, to sell said house and land and to distribute the residue of the money arising from said sale after paying said debts and incident charges according to the law in case of distribution; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Charles Churchill of Weathersfield, a captain in the second regiment in the first brigade of militia in this State; praying this Assembly to grant the same wages to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers, who were by order of the brigadier general of said brigade sent under his command in July last as a guard to a train of artillery, as is allowed to the militia called out to join the continental army, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of said company be allowed for the time they were in said service at the rate of forty shillings per month as a premium over and above the continental wages and rations; and the Committee of Pay-Table are empowered to adjust and allow the same and order payment thereof from the treasury accordingly, upon application to them made.

Upon the memorial of David Squire, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the 21st day of March last, he being serjeant of a company stationed at Battery Point in said Fairfield and in the actual discharge of his duty in ramming a

shot into one of the guns in the battery the cartridge took fire, by means whereof the memorialist lost both his hands and was otherwise greatly wounded and hurt so as to lose one of his eyes, and that he is in a most destitute and miserable helpless situation, and incapable of doing any thing to serve himself or his country, and dependant on the charity and humane disposition of his fellow men &c. ; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file : It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be put upon the same footing and considered and treated in the same manner as if included in and belonging to one of the battalions raised by this State and not of the continental army and in an engagement with the enemy at the time of receiving his said wounds ; and the Committee of Pay-Table are specially impowered and directed to draw an order or orders in his favour on the Treasurer for the same.

Upon the memorial of Job Gleason, late of Enfield, now of Surrey in the State of New Hampshire, shewing to this Assembly that on the 27th day of Feb'y, 1760, one Elizur Wright of said Enfield, now decess'd, made and executed a deed to him the said Job Gleason of two certain pieces or tracts of land lying in the township of Enfield aforesaid in the South Field so called, one of which pieces contained about nineteen acres the other forty-one acres, for the consideration of one hundred pounds, money, then paid by the memorialist ; and that the memorialist has ever remained in quiet possession of the same untill this time ; but that at the time of executing said deed as aforesaid, the memorialist inadvertently omitted having the same acknowledged, and that some time after the said Wright died and never acknowledged the same, so that the memorialist is liable to loose the same ; praying for relief, as per memorial on file : Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the said deed with the deposition of the witnesses endorsed thereon be recorded, and be to all intents and purposes as valid and authentic as if the same had been acknowledged and recorded at the time it was made and executed as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Abel Clark, administrator on the estate of Janna Rutly, late of Killingworth, decess'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Guilford against said estate, surmount the personal inventory thereof the sum of £74. 16. 4, lawfull money ; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said decess'd as to satisfy said sum together with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of said real estate as to raise said sum of £74. 16. 4, L. money, together with incidental charges arising on said sale ; taking the direction of said court of probate therein.

Upon the memorial of the town of Newtown by the selectmen for said town, shewing to this Assembly the difficulty of repairing the public highways in said town at the present day in the way and manner directed by law, and praying that they may be authorized to tax themselves for said purpose, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them from time to time for the term of three years next comeing, to tax the poles and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, to raise such sums as shall be necessary for the purpose of repairing the public highways in said town; and it shall be the duty of the surveyors of highways in said town, within their peculiar districts to be set out and assigned them in such way and manner as the town shall direct, to cause the public highways within their respective limits to be well and sufficiently repaired, and to that purpose to hire and employ such and so many persons from time to time for the abovesaid term of three years, in proper seasons of the year as they shall judge necessary; and the said surveyors shall keep a true and fair account of the persons they shall employ for said purpose, the time of service and the necessary materials procured, and lay the same from time to time as may be expedient before the selectmen of said town, who upon proper examination shall draw on the Treasurer of said town in favour of the person or persons who have done such service for such sums as they shall judge reasonable and necessary to effect the purpose designed and promotive of uniformity through the various parts of said town.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Danbury, shewing to this Assembly the difficulty of repairing highways and bridges in the manner directed by law, and praying that they may be authorized to tax themselves for said purpose, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them from time to time during the pleasure of this Assembly, to tax the poles and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town to raise such sums as shall be necessary for the purpose of repairing the public highways in said town; and it shall be the duty of the surveyors of highways in said town, within their peculiar districts to be set out and assigned them in such way and manner as the town shall direct, to cause the public highways within their respective limits to be well and sufficiently repaired, and to that purpose to hire and employ such and so many persons from time to time in proper seasons of the year as they shall judge necessary; and the said surveyors shall keep a true and fair account of the persons they shall employ for said purpose, the time of service and the necessary materials procured, and lay the same from time to time as may be expedient before the selectmen of said town, who upon proper examination shall draw on the treasurer of said town in favour of the person or persons who have done such ser-

vice for such sums as they shall judge reasonable and necessary to effect the purpose designed, and promotive of uniformity through the various parts of the town.

Upon the memorial of Ephraim Barnum, administrator on the estate of Philip Barnum, late of Danbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Danbury against the estate of said deceas'd surmount his moveable estate the sum of £84. 0. 5; praying for liberty to sell real estate to pay said debt, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £84. 0. 5 with incident charges; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Elishama Porter, administrator of the estate of John Porter, late of Hartland, dec'd, shewing that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Symsbury surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of thirty-one pounds twelve shillings, L. money; praying liberty to sell so much of the real estate as will raise said sum of £31. 12. with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file, dated 7th of January, 1779: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to sell so much of said deceas'd's real estate as will raise the aforesaid sum of £31. 12, lawfull money, with incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in the said district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Anne Stebbins, administratrix on the estate of Theophilus Stebbins, late of Ridgfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Danbury against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate the sum of £87. 7. 10; praying for liberty to sell as much real estate as may be necessary to pay said debts &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby authorized and impowered to sell as much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the aforesaid sum of £87. 7. 10 together with the incident charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Fountain Smith and Elijah Fitch, administrators of the goods and estate of Robert Smith, late of Norwalk in the county of Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing that the debts allowed by the court of probate in the district of Fairfield surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £39. 17. 0½, for payment of

which the said administrators have nothing in their hands ; that the whole of said deceas'd's estate is a decayed dwelling-house and about three-quarters of an acre of land situate in said Norwak, and no probability of the same selling for much more than the amount of the debts and charges due from said estate ; praying for liberty to sell the same, as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to dispose of said house and land ; the surplus, if any there shall be after payment of the debts with incident charges of such sale, to be accounted for by said administrators to the heirs of the said Robert, deceas'd ; taking the advice of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Lyon of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that her late husband, David Lyon, deceas'd, was captured by the enemy at Compo, in September, 1777, and continued in captivity untill the 9th day of February, 1778, when he dyed through the inhuman barbarity of the enemy ; that he was at great expence while in captivity and had his gun and other things taken from him by the enemy &c. ; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of twenty pounds ten shillings be and is hereby granted to the memorialist in the premises, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Miller of Pomphret, shewing to this Assembly that on the 18th day of June, 1777, Jabez Huntington, sheriff of Windham county, by virtue of a warrant issued by his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, took from the memorialist one hogshead of spirits containing one hundred and thirty gallons much above proof, and also one tierce of coffee the property of the memorialist ; that at that time the act regulating the prices of sundry articles was in force ; that said sheriff never offered to pay said memorialist one farthing for said spirit or coffee until the latter end of October or beginning of Nov^r, 1777, at which time said regulating act was repealed ; that he then only tendered to pay to her the price common West India rum and the price coffee were set at in said regulating act without interest, which she did not take, as by repeal of said act the prices of said articles were greatly enhanced, by which taking said spirits and coffee the memorialist is greatly injured ; pray this Assembly to take her cause into consideration and order such sums to be paid to her as may be now just, and interest and reasonable cost, or otherwise grant relief, as per said memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorial and the consideration thereof be and the same is hereby referred to his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety, who are hereby empowered to inquire into the matters in said memorial set forth and do

and act thereon as shall appear to them just and equitable, and give orders to the Committee of Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the memorialist for such sum as shall be found equitably due.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Lee of Pomfret, shewing to this Assembly that on the 18th day of June, 1777, Jabez Huntington, sheriff of Windham county, by virtue of a warrant issued by his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, took from the said Lee thirty-five barrels, two tierces, and one bag of coffee, containing 6692 pounds weight, the property of the memorialist; that at that time said sheriff neither paid or tendered to pay one farthing for said coffee; that the first act for regulating prices of articles was then in force, by which act coffee was set at sixteen pence per pound; that said sheriff never offered to pay the memorialist for said coffee until the latter end of October or beginning of November, 1777, before which time said regulating act was repealed; that at that time price of coffee was greatly risen; that said sheriff tendered to pay for said coffee only at the rate of sixteen pence per pound, which the memorialist did not take, as thereby he must have suffered a great, and he apprehended a great and unreasonable, loss; that on the seventh of Feb'y, 1778, he received of said sheriff £443. 5. 5 of said money, for which the memorialist gave his note; praying this Assembly to take said case into their consideration and allow and pay him the price for said coffee at which it now sells by the quantity, with interest, with a reasonable sum for his trouble and expence, only deducting said sum of £443. 5. 4, or otherways grant relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorial and the consideration thereof be and the same is hereby referred to his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety, who are hereby impowered to enquire into the matters in said memorial set forth, and to do and act thereon as shall appear to them just and equitable, and to order the Committee of Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the memorialist for such sum as may be found due.

Upon the memorial of John Benham, administrator upon the estate of Ebenezer Trowbridge, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of the estate the sum of £38. 15; praying that he might be impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £38. 15 together with the incident charge of such sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Stafford in the State of Connecticut, by their agent Samuel Daviss, praying this Assembly to grant them liberty to make, mend and repair their highways and bridges, and procure materials for the same, by a rate or tax at all times hereafter, and enable them to tax themselves from time to time to defray the expences of it, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town of Stafford have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways and bridges in said town, which tax shall be collected in the same way as other taxes are collected, and be by the several surveyors in their several districts laid out and improved for the repairing all highways and bridges in each district in said town; and said town is hereby empowered by the selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time as occasion shall require to divide the highways in said town into districts, and assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways and bridges to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained; and any assistant or justice of peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such persons as shall be appointed by said town to collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid, in the same manner and form as other town rates are collected; and every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money so received to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereunto required after the same becomes payable; and all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors or any of them after such highways are sufficiently repaired, and shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the repairing of highways and bridges for the current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be directed.

And be it further resolved by this Assembly, That this resolution shall be and remain in force during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Thomas Wooster, administrator on the estate of Maj^r Gener^l David Wooster, late of New Haven, deceas'd, shewing that the said David Wooster was sent out with a body of militia in October, 1776, with the rank of major general, and continued in service untill the time of his death; that he received of the continent only the pay of a brigadier general; praying that the difference between that and the pay of major general may be paid to the

memorialist, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to settle, liquidate, adjust and allow the difference between the brigadier's pay and that of a major general during the time the said General Wooster was in actual service as major general by order of this Assembly, to be placed to his credit in the final settlement of his accounts with this State.

Upon the memorial of John Curtiss of Durham, Elnathan Camp and Hezekiah Camp, executors of the last will and testament of Israel Camp, late of said Durham, deceas'd, Mary, widow and relict of said deceas'd, Joseph Wright jun^r, Ann Wright, Huldah Camp and Rhoda Camp, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1774, the said deceas'd Israel bargained and sold to the said John a piece of land lying in said Durham, at the northeast corner of said Israel's land at a place called the Old Road, containing one hundred and eight rods, for the consideration of fifty-four shillings received of said John, and that said deceas'd never executed a deed of said premisses to said John; praying relief in the premisses, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Hezekiah Camp be and he is hereby empowered to make and execute a deed of sale under his hand and seal of said one hundred and eight rods of land to the said John Curtiss, by force and virtue whereof a good title to said premisses shall be derived to said John, his heirs and assigns.

Upon the memorial of William Cogswell, Esq^r, of New Milford, and others, inhabitants of the towns of Woodbury, Litchfield, Kent and New Milford, in the county of Litchfield, praying that certain lands within the towns aforesaid bounded and described as hereafter mentioned may be incorporated into a distinct town with all the rights, liberties and privileges that any town in this State by law have, and is bounded as follows, *viz.*: Beginning at the southwest corner of the parish of Judea in said Woodbury at the dividing line between New Milford and Woodbury, thence eastwardly in the line of Judea to the south-east corner thereof, thence northwardly in the dividing line between Judea and Bethlehem to Litchfield line, thence northwardly to the north-east bounds of the annexment from Litchfield to Judea, thence northwardly to the northeast bounds of New Preston parish in Kent, thence southwestwardly in the line between New Preston and East Greenwich to the West Pond, thence across said pond to the north line of Fairweather's grant, ninety rods from the west side of said pond, thence south to the south line of New Milford north purchase, thence southeasterly to the south-east corner of said New Preston parish, thence southwardly in the line between Woodbury and New Milford to the bounds first mentioned, as per memorial on file &c.:

Therefore be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representa-

tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all the lands within the bounds above mentioned and inhabitants dwelling within the same, and Amos Whitney now of Kent, excepting Thomas Kimber now residing within said boundaries, who belong to said New Milford be and the same is hereby incorporated into a distinct town, which shall be known and called by the name of Washington, and shall have and enjoy all the rights, liberties and privileges that other towns in this State have, and shall some time in the month of February next by warning from an assistant or justice of the peace meet and choose town officers in the same manner as other towns are required by law to choose annually in December. And the inhabitants of the said town of Washington shall pay all taxes already granted, and all State taxes that shall be hereafter granted on lists already given in to the collectors in the several towns respectively to which they did formerly belong, and shall receive their equal proportion according to their list of all military stores and public monies not yet expended belonging to the several towns to which said inhabitants of Washington did belong antecedent to the passing this act. And the said town of Washington shall furnish and supply the officers and soldiers in the continental army who belong to said town in the same manner as other towns in this State are by law obliged to furnish them, and under the same regulation, forfeitures and penalties.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Harriss jun^r, shewing to this Assembly that in August, 1778, he was ordered into the service of the State as major of the third regiment of militia; that while in the service he lost by inevitable providence a certain sorrel mare about seven or eight years old, and without any default of his own, and praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of fifty pounds, lawfull money, be granted to the memorialist for his loss aforesaid out of the public treasury of this State; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer accordingly.

Upon the memorial of John Staples, of Westmoreland in the county of Westmoreland, administrator on the estate of Jonathan Stovel, late of said Westmoreland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of one hundred and nine pounds twelve shillings and eight pence, L. money, for the payment of which no provision was made by said deceas'd; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sums and incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell and dispose of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be necessary to pay said sums

and the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Westmoreland therein.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Hartland preferred to the General Assembly held at New Haven, October, 1778, praying that said town might be divided into two distinct ecclesiastical societies, and that Messrs. Seth Smith, Nathaniel Terry, and Daniel Humphry might be appointed a committee to make said division, which committee were appointed accordingly by said Assembly, as per said memorial on file: And said committee have made said division in the following manner, *viz*: — The dividing line to begin in the north line of said town of Hartland at the foot of the West Mountain so called, from thence to run by the foot of said mountain southerly about one mile and an half to the south side of a lott of land laid out to the heirs of Timothy Bigelow on the first division or river teir of lotts, from thence easterly in said line to the river commonly called the East Branch of Farmington River, from thence southerly as said river runs to the south line of said township; all the lands and inhabitants thereon lying on the easterly and northerly side of said dividing line in said town to be and remain the first society in said town, and all the lands and inhabitants thereon lying on the westerly and southerly side of said dividing line in said town to be and remain the second or western society in said town; as by the report of said committee returned to the adjourned General Assembly held at Hartford in January, 1778, on file: which report is accepted: And thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that all the lands and inhabitants thereon lying on the easterly and northerly side of said dividing line in said town of Hartland shall be and remain one distinct ecclesiastical society and shall be called the first society in said town, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, rights, liberties and privileges that other ecclesiastical societies by law have. And it is further resolved, that all the lands and inhabitants thereon lying on the westerly and southerly side of said dividing line in said town shall be and remain the second or western society in said town, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, rights, liberties and privileges that other ecclesiastical societies have by law a right to enjoy.

Upon the memorial of Jabez Hill of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the late march of the enemy to Danbury he, as captain of the troop of light-horse, in discharge of his duty sent forward Samuel Thorp jun^r upon his, said Hill's, horse, to get forward of the enemy and inform the inhabitants of their coming, by which the said Hill lost his horse, saddle and bridle, for which he prays for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of sixty pounds, L. money, be and is hereby granted to the memorialist; and that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Pearsal of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that in September, 1777, he was captured by the enemy near Compo, and held in captivity untill the 21st day of July, 1778, during which time he suffered great hardships as well as loss of time and was also put to very great expence &c.; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of thirty-five pounds eight shillings be and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist in the premisses; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Foster, of Killingley in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that his son George Foster, a soldier in Capt. Strowbridges company in the campaign of 1776, was taken by the enemy and retained a prisoner untill January, 1777, when he was landed at Milford, where he lay sick of the small-pox untill the month of March then next, and that he afterwards languished at said Killingley until the 28th day of April and then dyed; that the memorialist has been at considerable expence on account of his said son in journies and for physicians, nursing &c.; praying this Assembly to direct the Committee of the Pay-Table to receive and examine his accounts and draw on the Treasurer in his favour &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby ordered and directed to receive, examine and adjust the accounts of the memorialist above mentioned and referred to, and draw an order on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find just and reasonable.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Peter Perrit, of Milford in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he was appointed a captain in Colo. Charles Webb's regiment, and that he received £97. 0. 0, L. money, from the Treasurer of this State in order to pay said company which he had not paid out to the soldiers when he was taken prisoner by the enemy at Fort Washington on the 16th of November, 1776, which money was taken from him by the enemy, and that while in captivity he borrowed and expended £15. 16., L. money, in hard money, to relieve the sick and distressed prisoners of his company in captivity in New York; praying that this Assembly would grant him the aforesaid sums, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist shall be paid the sum of £97., L. money, in continental bills out of the treasury of this State, and also the sum of £15. 16, L. money, in silver or gold, and in case said money is not now in the treasury the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to borrow the same on the credit of this State; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby ordered to draw orders on the treasury for the sums abovesaid.

Upon the memorial of the town of Goshen by Daniel Miles, agent for said town, shewing to this Assembly the difficulty of repairing the public highways in said town at the present day in the way and manner directed by law, and praying that they may be authorized to tax themselves for said purpose, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town have liberty, and authority is hereby granted unto them from time to time during the pleasure of this Assembly, to tax the poles and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town to raise such sums as shall be necessary for the repairing the public highways in said town. And it shall be the duty of the surveyors of highways in said town within their respective districts, to be set out and assigned to them as the town shall direct, to cause the highways and bridges within their respective limits to be well and sufficiently repaired, and to that purpose to hire and employ such and so many persons from time to time in proper seasons of the year as they shall judge necessary; and said surveyors shall keep a true and fair account of the persons they shall employ for said purpose, the time of service, and the necessary materials procured, and lay the same before the selectmen of said town, who upon proper examination shall draw on the treasurer of said town in favour of such surveyors as have procured such service to be done as they shall judge reasonable and just and promotive of uniformity through the several parts of the town.

Upon the memorial of Ezekiel Williams, Esq', preferred to this Assembly, praying this Assembly to grant him a meet recompence for his services at the Pay-Table as one of the Committee thereof &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the wages due to said Williams for service at the Pay-Table and his travelling fees on executions in favour of the Treasurer of this State be paid at the rates stated by this Assembly in the present session, and that all the other matters contained in said memorial be referred to a committee to consider what is equitably due to the memorialist; and Colo. John Pitkin and Colo. Roger Newberry are appointed a committee to examine all the other matters contained in said memorial and report their opinion thereon to this Assembly at their sessions in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all petitions and memorials between party and party depending before this Assembly and undetermined be referred for further consideration to the next session of the General Assembly; and that all committees heretofore appointed on any of the said petitions and memorials have power and are directed to hear, examine and report to the said next session of Assembly; and also that all protections of persons and estates from attachment, arrest and imprisonment, granted on any of said petitions and memorials, shall be continued and remain in full force untill the rising of the said Assembly in their next session.

Teste, GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD, THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Woolcot,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	
Roger Sherman,	Benj ⁿ Payne,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Thaddeus Burr,	
Joseph Spencer,	James Wadsworth,	

Consulted on various matters.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy.

Jabez Huntington,	Joseph Spencer,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Erastus Woolcot,	
Roger Sherman,	Andrew Ward,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Benj ⁿ Payne,	
James Wadsworth,		

Considered of divers matters.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Roger Sherman,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Abr ^m Davenport,	
James Wadsworth,		

Heard Lt. Brady on the subject of detained rations.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT
HARTFORD THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj ⁿ Payne,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Roger Sherman,	Thaddeus Burr,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joshua Porter,	
Andrew Ward,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table examine the resolution upon which the within company was raised, and that what rations they may find justly due to them be paid according to resolutions of Congress, and draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD THE 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Joseph P. Cook,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Roger Sherman,	Joshua Porter,	
Joseph Spencer,	Thaddeus Burr,	
Erastus Wolcott,	James Wadsworth,	
Andrew Ward,	Benj ⁿ Payne,	

Consulted on Mr. Lee's application for pay for goods taken by warrant for the use of the army.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN
HARTFORD ON THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	
Roger Sherman,	Benj ⁿ . Payne,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Joseph Spencer,	Joshua Porter,	
James Wadsworth,		

Voted, That there be paid to Mr. Thos. Lee the sum of one thousand nine hundred fifty-six pounds twelve shillings and one penny in addition to what he hath already received, in full compensation for a quantity of rum and coffee taken from him by Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, sheriff of Windham county, for the use of the army, and that the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer therefor.

Voted, That there be paid to Mrs. Hannah Millar the sum of six hundred and forty pounds, in full compensation for a quantity of rum and coffee taken from her by Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, sheriff of Windham county, for the use of the army, and that the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer for the same.

Voted, That an order be drawn on Colo. Wm. Pitkin in favour of the selectmen of New Hartford for 209 *lb.* powder belonging to this State in his custody, to be in account. *Order d^d to Capt. Gillet Feb^r 5th, 1779.*

Voted, That Colo. Joseph Thompson's abstract of rations for the years 1776 and 1777 be settled and adjusted at *8d.* per ration.

Voted, That Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, sheriff of Windham county, be and he is hereby directed to deliver to Mr. Thos. Lee his note of hand for the sum of four hundred and forty-three pounds five shillings and five pence given to said Huntington on said Lee's receiving the like sum toward payment for a quantity of coffee taken from him for the use of the army.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Roger Sherman,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joshua Porter,	
Joseph Spencer,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That Phinehas Bradly jun^r be appointed Captain, Daniel Bishop First Lieutenant, Evelyn Pierpoint Second Lieutenant, of a company of

artillerymen to be raised for the defence of New Haven, and that there be four serjeants and four corporals in said company, and that said company keep one guard in the town plat, one at the fort, one at the Five Mile Point, and one at the west side, and that a commission officer attend with each guard.

Voted, That Dan Lee be appointed Sergeant of a company to be raised for the defence of the town of Lyme.

Voted, That Ebenezer Whitney be appointed Lieutenant of a company of artillerymen to be raised for the defence of the town of Norwalk.

Voted, That blank commissions be delivered to Colo. Davenport for the commission officers of the companies of artillerymen to be raised for the defence of the towns of Milford, Stratford, Fairfield, Stanford and Greenwich, and that he be desired to fill up the same inserting the name of such persons as he shall judge proper.

Voted, That two lieutenants be appointed to the company of artillerymen to be raised for the defence of the town of Fairfield.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to write to Major Hawley, desiring him to look out for some proper vessel of between forty-five and seventy tons to be fitted to cruise in the Sound, and report to his Excellency the Governor.

Voted, That an order be drawn on Mr. Doolittle to deliver to the selectmen of Stanford 600 lb. of powder, to be in account. *Feb^r 1st, Order d^d Mr. Lockwood.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on Colo. Wm. Pitkin to deliver to the selectmen of Salisbury two casks of powder containing about 100 lb. each, to be in account. *Order d^d Colo. Porter Feb^r 1st, 1779.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

William Pitkin,	Joseph P. Cook,	} Esq ^r .
Roger Sherman,	Joshua Porter,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	James Wadsworth,	
Andrew Ward,	Benj ⁿ Payne,	

Voted, That Colo. Jonⁿ Fitch sell to Mr. Whittlesey of Middletown one barrel of tallow in his hands belonging to this State at the common price.

Copy d^d Colo. Hamlin Feb^r 6th, 1779.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

William Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	} Esq ^r .
Roger Sherman,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joshua Porter,	
Erastus Wolcott,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That Sergeants Josiah Buck and Strong be appointed Ensigns in the 2d continental battalion.

Voted, That Taylor and Barnum be appointed Second Lieutenants in the 2^d continental battalion to do the duty of ensigns.

Voted, That an order be drawn on Capt. Sam^l Russell to deliver to the selectmen of New Milford 200 lb. of lead in his custody belonging to this State, to be in account. *Order del^d Mr. Cumstock Feb^r 4th, 1779.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on Capt. Sam^l Russell to deliver to the selectmen of Glastenbury 100 lb. of lead in his custody belonging to the State, to be in account. *Order deliv^d Mr. Plumer Feb^r 4th, 1779.*

Voted, That Lt. Hall of Capt. Curtiss's company in Colo. McClellan's regiment be ordered with the men of said company belonging to Milford and Derby, not exceeding 18 in number, as a guard at a place called Burwell's Farms in said Milford.

Voted, That the wages of the issuing commissaries of refreshments be twelve pounds per calendar month for the space of one year to commence from the time of entering on said service, and that the pay for their rations be at the same rate at which the same has been allowed to the officers of the continental army during said year.

Voted, That the wages of the issuing commissaries of refreshments be twenty pounds per calendar month for the time they have been in service since the expiration of one year from the time of entering on said service.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD ON THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

William Pitkin,	Andrew Ward,	} Esq ^r .
Roger Sherman,	Benj ⁿ . Payne,	
Ab ^m Davenport,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That the prisoners confined in the goals in the counties of New Haven, Fairfield and Litchfield, and who by a resolution of the General Assembly are to be permitted to go into the counties of Hartford and Windham under the direction of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, on their complying with said resolution of Assembly be sent by the sheriff of the county where confined to the sheriff of the county of Hartford on their parole, who is directed to place them out to labour with some proper person or persons in said county or send them forward to the sheriff of the county of Windham to be by him disposed as aforesaid in said Windham county: Said prisoners to be confined within the bounds of the town where they are ordered to reside; and that the sheriffs of the several counties make return of their doings in the premises to his Excellency the Governor.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to write to Capt. Sam^l Lockwood, desiring him to look out for some proper vessel to be fitted to cruise in the Sound, and report to his Excellency the Governor.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Willam Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Joseph Spencer,	David Mumford,	

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON FEBRUARY 17TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
 Jabez Huntington, William Hilhouse,
 Joseph Spencer, Jedidiah Elderkin, } Esq^r.
 David Mumford,

Voted, That John Shipman be appointed a Lieutenant to command the company to be rais'd for Saybrook.

Voted, That Mr. John Robinson be permitted to move out of this State into the State of Rhode Island forty head horn-cattle, forty bushell indian corn, twenty bushell wheat, with his other family stores.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to order the Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Nath^l Shaw, Esq^r, for three thousand pounds, to be on account; and that the Governor write to the Treasurer in favour of his furnishing Mr. Shaw, by reason of the great demands on him.

Voted, That his Excellency Governor Trumbull be desired to write to Colo. Wm. Worthington and direct that the pass granted to Nath^l Richards to go into New York be interdicted, and that said Richards be not admitted to pass out of this State 'till further orders.

Voted, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard be directed to call on Mr. Edward Hallam of New London, for whatever quantity of leather he may want to be cut in a proper form, likewise to procure shoe thread and wax; and forthwith forward the same to camp, to the State Commissary, to be used in mending the shoes of the soldiers in the continental army belonging to this State, agreeable to the act of Assembly in January last.

Voted, That Maj. John Bigelow be directed to get the cloathing procured by the continent for the use of the troops belonging to this State made up in a good and effectual manner, taking care to employ in that service as many of the taylors in the army as may be ordered by the proper officers for that purpose, agreeable to the act of Assembly in January last.

Voted, That Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin and Nathan. Wales, Esq^r, be directed to send five hundred weight of powder to Major Ledyard, for the use of the forts at New London and Groton.

Voted, That permission be granted to Timothy Davis to export out of this State two hundred bushels of indian corn—one hundred bushels of indian corn more he is to offer to Mr. Thomas Shaw, one of the selectmen of New London, at a reasonable price: if he refuses to take it, then he has permission to proceed with the said hundred bushels likewise—also all the other mentioned articles in his clearance.

Voted, That permission be granted to Ensign Nicholson to export out of this State sixty bushels indian corn: twenty bushels of indian corn more he is to offer to Mr. Thomas Shaw, one of the selectmen of New London, at a reasonable price: if he refuses to take it, then he has permission to proceed with the said twenty bushels likewise—also all the other mentioned articles in his clearance.

Voted, That permission be granted to George Burt to transport from hence to the State of Massachusetts Bay two hundred bushels of indian corn: one hundred bushels more of indian corn he is to offer to Mr. Thomas Shaw, one of the selectmen of New London, at a reasonable price: if he refuses to take it, then he has permission to proceed with the said one hundred bushels

— also the value of twenty-five barrels of rie flour, one hundred weight of flex, one firkin hogs lard, and one barrel of pork.

Voted, That permission be granted to John Burt to transport from hence to the State of Massachusetts Bay forty bushels of grain.

Voted, That Samuel and Arnold Welles be permitted to transport from hence to the State of Massachusetts Bay eighty bushels of grain.

Voted, Whereas there are one hundred or more troops belonging to the State of New Hampshire among the Connecticut continental troops now at New London, that General Parsons be permitted to order the commissary of this State to issue refreshments to the New Hampshire troops in like manner as to those of Connecticut, to prevent discontent— and when at any other time it may be in his power, he is to give Connecticut troops the like advantage from New Hampshire stores.

Voted, That provisions and ammunition be sent to Groton Fort sufficient for three hundred men five days— and that his Excellency the Governor be desired to forward thither the rest of the beef remaining on hand, and also sixteen barrels of pork.

Voted, That his Excellency Governor Trumbull be desired and impowered, to order Timothy Parker, Esq', commander of the State ship of war called *The Oliver Cromwell*, and Samuel Smedley, Esq', commander of the other State ship of war called *The Defence*, now lying in the harbour of New London, to go on an expedition in the Sound against the enemy in company with the continental ships and troops. And that the shares of plunder &c. shall be as the other ships.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
MARCH 3D, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	}	Esq ^{rs} .
Abraham Davenport,	Daniel Sherman,		
Joseph Spencer,	Jedediah Elderkin,		
David Mumford,			

Voted, That one company be draughted out of Gen^l Erastus Wolcott's brigade : said company to be draughted out of Colo. Samuel Chapman's regiment ; two companys out of Gen^l Douglass's brigade ; two companys out of Gen^l Tyler's brigade ; one company out of Gen^l Ward's brigade : said company to be draughted out of Colo. Sage's regiment. All of said companys to consist of eighty men each, exclusive of officers,— to be immediately order'd to New London and Groton, there to serve for the term of six weeks after their arrival upon the ground if not sooner discharg'd. The above six companys to be formed into one regiment to be commanded by a colonel out of the fifth brigade, lieutenant-colonel out of the third brigade, the major out of the first brigade : the above three field officers to be appointed by the different brigadier generals commanding said brigades. *The above is reconsidered.*

Adjourned till tomorrow.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY, LEBANON,
MARCH 4TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^r .
Abraham Davenport,	Daniel Sherman,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jedediah Elderkin,	
David Mumford,		

Voted, That two companys be draughted out of the first and fifth brigade, *viz.:* one company out of the first brigade, consisting of eighty men exclusive of commission officers, and one brigade [*company*] out of the fifth brigade, consisting of eighty men exclusive of commission officers. The company from the first brigade to march forthwith to New London to go into the fort there to garrison for the space of one month after their arrival at New London, and the other company to march forthwith to Groton to go into the fort there to garrison for the space of one month after their arrival at Groton.

On the petition of the authority and selectmen of the town of Killingworth in behalf of said town for two field-pieces and a number of men as guards: *Voted,* that they have an order on the managers of the furnace at Salisbuary for two three-pound cannon and shot sufficient, and for said town to get the said two cannon mounted on field-carriages; likewise to get inlisted twenty men including one sergeant and one corporal, to be commanded by a lieutenant, for guards and to continue in service untill the first of December next unless sooner discharged, and to lay the accounts for the same before the General Assembly. And his Excellency the Governor is desir'd to give orders accordingly.

Voted, That Colo. Aaron Elliot have an order in behalf of the town of Killingsworth on Mr. Isaac Doolittle of New Haven for one hundred cannon-powder.

Voted, That Mr. William Elliot be appointed a Lieutenant to command a company of twenty men to be rais'd for the defence of the town of Killingsworth.

On representation of Capt. Samuel Barker that the town of Branford are about setting up a row-galley for the defence of said town and State, have ask'd some assistance from this Board, and also a guard to protect said galley while in building: *Voted,* that they have a guard of one sergeant one corporal and twelve men, to protect said galley while in building.

Voted, That Colo. Henry Champion be desir'd to send to Norwich Landen, to the care of Capt. Jabez Perkins, all the pork, beef, pork-hams, and tallow he has in his custody belonging to this State; also to sell all the empty barrels he has on hand, so that he may be enabled to settle his accounts on the purchase of above articles.

Voted, That Maj^r William Ledyard be directed and impowered to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay off the matross-men who serv'd at the fortifications at Groton and New London the last year, and also for paying the bounties to be given such who shall enlist into the two companies order'd by the Assembly in January last to be rais'd for said fortifications, and the interest on the sums so borrowed to be allowed untill the same can be repaid out of the treasury of this State, and the orders which he may have received to be properly settled accordingly.

Voted, That Nathaniel Shlaw, Esq^r, be directed to borrow five thousand pounds, to enable him to carry on the business that he is prosecuting by order of the State, and promise interest on the same so borrowed, and said interest to be allowed until the principle sum can be paid by the State.

Adjourned till tomorrow.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
MARCH 5TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Erastus Wolcott,	} Esq ^r .
Abraham Davenport,	Daniel Sherman,	
Joseph Spencer,	Jedediah Elderkin,	
David Mumford.		

Voted, That Colo. Abra. Davenport be desir'd to return by the town of Guilford and to take to his assistance Brigadier G. Ward, and they are authoriz'd and empowered a committee to enquire into the state and condition of the armed sloop of war belonging to the enemy lately cast on the shore of said town,* the claims made upon her by any person or persons for bringing her into that condition for salvage or otherwise, and to settle with all persons concerned for their claims in a reasonable manner, and to order the said sloop to be fitted up forthwith for an armed vessel for the use of this State, and if need be to have her apprized with all her appurtenances, and to direct the States Attorney, with respect to the right of the State to said sloop, and to act and do whatever shall be found necessary relative to said sloop and appurtenances, as the principle part of sloop will belong to this State. And when the committee have properly conferred on this subject, Brigadier Gen^l Ward is authoriz'd and directed to pursue and carry on the same accordingly.

Voted, That Capt. William Latham, captain of the matross company at Groton, have an order on Pay-Table to liquidate his account for men hired to keep guard at Fort Griswold and for them to give an order on the treasury accordingly.

Voted, That Capt. Adam Shapley, captain of the matross company at New London, have an order on Pay-Table to liquidate his account for men hired to keep guard at Fort Trumbull, and for them to give an order on the treasury accordingly.

Voted, That Capt. William Nott is appointed to the command of the sloop that was cast on shore at Guilford, to cruise in the Sound ; she being taken for this State and is now called the *Guilford*.

On the application of the authority and selectmen of the towns of Standford and Norwalk to his Excellency the Governor for sixty men as a guard to said towns, and his Excellency having given directions for the supply of said men, this Council approve of the same, and his Excellency is desir'd by this Council to write to General Putnam to supply the soldiers raised for the defence of the State with provisions out of the continental stores.

Voted, That an additional number of twelve men be ordered to be rais'd in addition to the number already granted, to garrison the fort at Say Brook

* New Haven, February 24. A privateer sloop of 8 carriage-guns and 22 men, belonging to the enemy, bound from Newport to New York, was last Sunday night driven ashore at Guilford by the wind. The crew are secured and the vessel is like to be got off.—*Courant*, March 2, 1779. No. 786.

under the command of Lieutenant John Shipman, that he may be enabled to keep up a guard-boat.

Voted, That Lieutenant Peter Hepborn, commander at Milford, have leave to have a whale-boat with a swivel-gun in her bow, if he can find such a one belonging to this State.

On application of Acors Sheffield, lieutenant commanding at Stonington, asks for the additional number of four men in addition to the number already raised : *Voted*. that he have orders to raise the aforesaid four men.

‡ *Voted*, That an order be given to the selectmen of the town of Stratford on Mr. Isaac Dolittle for four barrels powder.

March 9th, 1779. Gave an order to Russell Woodbridge of Hartford, Esq^r, to deliver James Hooker of Windsor, Esq^r. twenty-seven arms, to be used by the guard for the public stores in that town ; taking said Hooker receipt to return them to said Woodbridge's custody when the service is over.

March 9th, 1779. Maj^r Joshua Huntington sent per Colo. Sam^l Abbot for a set of surgeon's instruments, which were delivered to the colonel with a box-knife and catheter — a reasonable price to be paid.*

Receipt taken.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
MARCH 22TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Roger Sherman, }
William Pitkin, Jedediah Elderkin, } Esq^r.
David Mumford.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desir'd to draw orders in favour of Colos. Bradley and Swift on General Waterbury and Colo. Hinman for the colours they have in their possession belonging to this State, they taking duplicate receipts, and lodge one of them with the Pay-Table, that they may be charged to the continent.

Voted, That Brig. Gen^l G. Selleck Silliman have an order for three thousand flints on Mr. David Trumbull, an order on Capt. Samuel Russell of Middletown for five hundred weight lead, and that he have leave to repair the battery at Black Rock in Fairfield with 20 sticks timber 8 feet long, 10 inches square, 48 plank 2½ inches thick, 4 pick-axes, 8 spades, 3 or 4 narrow axes, 3 or 4 common hoes, a large quantity of deck nails, 300 double tens or 10d. nails, 3 or 4 common joiners hammers.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY, LEBANON,
MARCH 23TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Jedediah Elderkin, }
William Pitkin, David Mumford, } Esq^r.
Roger Sherman, William Williams, }

* These two paragraphs in the handwriting of Gov. Trumbull.

Voted, That this Board concur in the opinion of the Navy Board of the Eastern Department in their letter of the 15th inst. — in the cruise of the ships *Confederacy* and *Oliver Cromwell* up Sound to annoy the enemy, to attack their ships and cruisers as shall appear prudent, — and to prosecute the expedition with greater security of success, that the ship *Putnam* be taken into the service of the United States for the present expedition, as the measure carries the appearance of insuring success, and [on] the most deliberate reflections we cannot doubt of Congress approving the measure.

Voted, That Maj^r William Ledyard, commanding at New London and Groton, be directed to exchange two six-pound cannon with Capt. John Deshon for the use of the continental ship *Confederacy*, and likewise to lend him a twelve-pound cannon for the use of said ship, and also to exchange one twelve-pounder.

Voted, That the Governor be desired to instruct Nath^l Shaw, Esq^r, to send for, on the State account, a quantity of sulphur.

·AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON
THE 30TH MARCH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Maj^r Gen^l Huntington.
William Pitkin, } Esq^r.
Roger Sherman, }
Wm. Williams, }

Voted, That the Governor grant permit to Sylvester Jones, master of the schooner *Industry*, to proceed to Tiverton in the State of Rhode Island, having on board 190 bushels indian corn, 23 bushels rie, four barrels wheat flour, two barrels rie flour, three hundred and fifty weight of flex, five cart-boxes, and one hogshhead beans,—the articles of bread corn to be estimated as so much of the seven hundred bushels ordered by this State — and that the Governor give notice thereof to John Updike, Esq^r, their purchaser, accordingly.

Voted, That Messrs Otis and Warner, committee for the poor sufferers at the State of Rhode Island, who had liberty of a brief, be permitted to carry from this to that State the grain contributed for their use, and to take their further directions from the General Assembly now specially called.

Voted, That Brigadier General Ward be ordered forthwith to agree for and get built a good whale-boat, for the service of this State, — that the other things mentioned in his letter be referred till the sitting of the General Assembly, which is now specially called to meet the 7th of next month.

Voted, That this Board approves the letters and doings of the Governor relative to the preparations for defence of the town and harbour of New London, and that the 25th regiment in the 3d brigade be forthwith ordered to march to New London ; that care be taken to prevent the troops being infected by the small pox ; that works be cast up on Town Hill, the super-numerary cannon at Fort Trumbull be removed, at the discretion of the officer commanding there ; that the Governor be desired to write to Maj^r General Gates, informing of the intelligence of the enemy's designed attack upon New London, asking his advice and assistance with continental troops,

should the landing of the enemy near New London be begun or seriously attempted. That the Captain General be desired, on the application of the commander at New London, to order the 5th regiment in the 5th brigade to march thereon to New London; that on further intelligence from the officers at New London, and application for calling in the 1st, 3d and 5th brigades, in whole or in part, the Captain General give orders at his discretion; that Maj^r General Wadsworth be ordered by the Captain General to New London and take the command of the militia there; that the Captain General appoint an Adjutant General on this occasion in case the enemy make a serious attack, the Governor to give him a commission; That the Captain General give such further orders as the emergency of cases may require, and in the present emergency, in case of necessity of bread for the forces, the Governor is desired to give warrants for impressing from such as can spare.

Voted, That Jonathan Strong, post-rider to Providence for the four New England governments, lay his accounts before the Pay-Table at Hartford, to be liquidated, and order payment of the ballance.

April 3d, 1779. Commissioned John Crane Lieutenant of the 20 men at Killingworth in the room of Lt. Wm. Elliot, resigned. Gave him orders on Colo. Jonth Fitch, commissary for provisions and refreshments—Rum to be given when on fatigue. The lieutenant to be paid from the 9th of last month, the time he entred on duty.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY THE SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, ANNO DOMINI 1779.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esq ^r ,	<i>Governor.</i>
The Honorable Matthew Griswold, Esq ^r ,	<i>Deputy Governor.</i>
Jabez Hamlin, Esq ^r ,	} <i>Assistants.</i>
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq ^r ,	
Jabez Huntington, Esq ^r ,	
William Pitkin, Esq ^r ,	
Roger Sherman, Esq ^r ,	
Oliver Wolcott, Esq ^r ,	
Samuel Huntington, Esq ^r ,	
Richard Law, Esq ^r ,	
Titus Hosmer, Esq ^r ,	

* This paragraph in the handwriting of Gov. Trumbull.

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

[The names of the Deputies present at this session do not appear on the record.]

An Act in further Addition to a Law of this State entituled An Act against counterfeiting Bills of public Credit, Coins or Currencies, and emitting and passing Bills or Notes on private Credit, and to prevent Injustice in passing Counterfeit Bills.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all the provisions and directions in said act for preventing the passing of the counterfeit, forged and altered bills therein mentioned, and the injustice occasioned thereby, shall be and are hereby extended to prevent the passing of counterfeit, forged or altered bills made in imitation of the bills emitted on the credit of the United States and for the recovery of the damages that may be sustained by any person or persons thereby.

And be it further enacted, That any person who shall counterfeit, forge or alter any of the continental bills of exchange, or shall negotiate or put off any such counterfeit, forged or altered bill of exchange, knowing it to be such, shall suffer the same penalty as persons convicted of making or uttering counterfeit bills of public credit are by law subjected to.

An Act in Alteration of a Law of this State entituled An Act more effectually to prevent Illicit Trade.

Whereas the licences granted by the authority and selectmen by virtue of said act to refugees from Long Island and other places in the possession of the enemy, to bring off their effects, have been abused for the purposes of carrying on a clandestine and illicit trade with the enemies of the United States, and to keep up an unwarrantable and dangerous intercourse with them:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the power given by said act to the civil authority and selectmen in any town to grant licences to any refugees or other person whatever to go from this State to any place in the power or possession of the enemies of this and the other United States, and all such licences granted to any person or persons by them by virtue of said act, be and the same are hereby repealed, revoked and made void.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this State entituled An Act to enable the Governor to lay an Embargo and for rendering the same when laid effectual.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That when it shall appear to any one assistant and justice of the peace, or to any two justices of peace, that there is a reasonable ground to apprehend or believe that any wheat, flour, meal, rye, indian corn, pease, beans, beef or pork, is on board any vessell in any river or port, or in any house or store in this State, with an intent that the same

shall be concealed or removed therefrom by the owner or owners thereof, out of this State, contrary to law, it shall be the duty of such authority to issue a warrant to some proper officer to enter any vessel, house or store, designated by said warrant, and search for and seize any of said provisions which he shall find therein; which officer shall proceed according to the directions of such warrant, and shall secure any of such provisions which he shall so find, and shall make his return to said authority of the kind, quantity and situation of said provisions which he shall have so seized and secured, whereupon said authority shall according to their discretion order said provisions to be removed to any place within this State and there secured, or take bond of the owner or owners of said provisions that the same shall not be removed out of this State as aforesaid, or shall order the same to be returned to said owner or owners, as upon consideration of the evidence and circumstances relative to said provisions it shall appear just and reasonable, both in regard to the owner or owners of such provisions, and a due attention to prevent the same being concealed or removed out of this State contrary to the laws of it; that all the cost attending the seizing, removing and securing such provisions shall be paid by the owner or owners thereof, before the same shall be returned, to be taxed by said authority, in case such provisions shall not be returned to the owner or owners thereof without bond being taken as aforesaid, within twenty-four hours after the same shall have been so seized.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall carry out of this State, or be aiding or assisting therein, any articles whatever prohibited by any embargo duly laid from being carried or transported out of this State, he shall forfeit all such articles together with the team, cattle, horse or horses, cart, waggon or carriage, or the value thereof, used or employed in carrying such articles out of this State or aiding or assisting therein: one half of which forfeitures shall belong to any person that shall prosecute the same to effect, and the other half to the treasury of this State.

An Act for repealing a Part of a Law of this State made and passed in May, A.D. 1777, entitled An Act for raising and completing the Quota of the Continental Army to be raised in this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That that part of said act which enacts, that any two men belonging to this State, and not of the continental army, who shall procure an able-bodied soldier or recruit to enlist into either of the continental battalions to be raised in this State for the term of three years or during the war, shall be exempted from actual service and from all drafts during the term for which they shall so procure such soldier or recruit to enlist,—being found inconvenient, shall continue in force no longer than the first day of June next; and that the same be and hereby is from thenceforward repealed and made null and void.

An Act to suspend for a limited Time the Force and Effect of an Act passed in October, 1777, entitled An Act in Addition to a Law of this State entitled An Act to prevent the Obstructing the Course of Fish up the River Paucatuck.

Whereas it is found to be inconvenient at this time to continue said act in force: Therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the force and effect of said act be suspended untill the first day of July next, and no longer.

An Act for ascertaining the Quantity of Grain, Flour and Meal in this State, and thereof to make Provision for an immediate Supply of Bread for the Army and the necessitous Inhabitants of the State, and for securing other necessary Articles for the Army.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That an exact account shall be taken of the number of persons belonging to each family in this State, and of the quantity of wheat, meslin, rye and indian corn, and of all the flour and meal made of such grain, in the possession of every person in this State in manner following, *viz*: That the selectmen in each town by themselves or such persons as they shall appoint shall by the twenty-ninth day of April instant give warning in writing or otherwise to all the heads of families and other persons in their towns, to make and return to them, on or before the sixth day of May next, a true account under oath (or affirmation, if of the people called Quakers,) of all the wheat, meslin, rye and indian corn, and of all the flour and meal made of such grain, which they have in their possession and to whom the same belongs on the twenty-ninth day of April aforesaid, and also an exact account of the number of persons each family consists of; on penalty that each person who refuseth to give a true account of his or her grain, flour and meal as aforesaid, shall forfeit to and for the use of this State double the value of such grain and meal as any such person hath and is found to be possessed of on said twenty-ninth day of April, and also the sum of one hundred pounds, lawfull money, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information; which oath shall be in the form following, *viz*: You A. B. do swear (or affirm) that this return by you made contains a just and true account of all the wheat, meslin, rye, indian corn, flour and meal, made of either of said kinds of grain, you had on the twenty-ninth day of April, 1779, in your possession, being either your own or the property of any other person, and the number of persons of which your family consists, according to the best of your knowledge: So help you God. Which oath may be administered by an assistant or justice of peace or any selectman within the town to which he belongs. That the selectmen of each town by themselves or such person or persons as they shall appoint shall receive said accounts so returned, and enter them in a book or roll, keeping each family and its number of persons with the kinds and quantities of such grain, flour and meal returned as the stores of each family or on hand, in distinct columns; and of all persons having such grain, flour or meal in possession at the time aforesaid, with the footing of the sum total of the inhabitants and of each kind of the aforesaid grain, flour and

meal in each town on the twenty-ninth day of April instant, and such book or roll so made up shall be lodged with the town-clerk in such town by the tenth day of May next, and a true return of the sum total of such inhabitants and of each kind of such grain, flour and meal aforesaid in each town shall by the selectmen be made from the footings or rolls aforesaid, entered in separate columns, according to the form hereto annexed, and transmitted to his Excellency the Governor by the 15th day of May next. That an allowance of one bushell of wheat, or five pecks of meslin, or one bushell and a half of rye, or two bushells of indian corn, or flour or meal equivalent, shall be reserved in the hands of the possessors for each person in their families per month respectively, untill the 29th day of August next for their subsistance; and such owners and possessors of such grain, flour and meal on hand on said 29th day of April more than the aforesaid allowance for their families use for the time aforesaid shall stand accountable to the selectmen of their respective towms for the same and not dispose thereof unless to the Continental or State commissarys, or to such persons as by a certificate of the town-clerk, or in his absence of any one of the selectmen of the town where they dwell, appear to be deficient of the quantity of such grain, flour and meal for support of their respective families, as also the quantity that is necessary for that purpose untill the first day of August aforesaid; and whoever shall otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, or shall refuse to render an account thereof to the selectmen when required, shall forfeit the value of all such grain, flour and meal refused to be disposed of or accounted for as aforesaid, one half thereof to the town-treasurer of the town where such grain is found, and the other half to him who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect in any court proper to try the same. And in case any owner or possessor of any such grain, flour or meal, more than is wanted for his own family by the allowance aforesaid, will not sell to any continental or State commissary, or his agent, at a reasonable price, such commissary or agent may immediately apply to an assistant or justice of peace, who shall grant a warrant directed to any proper person, to enter any house or store and seize and take from such refusing owner or possessor all such grain, flour and meal in his or her hands, over and above the allowance made by this act, and deliver the same to such commissary, taking a true account thereof to be laid before the General Assembly to be considered and allowed as they shall judge just and reasonable; and such commissary shall thereupon pay for the same accordingly. And any person who shall be in want of any such grain, flour or meal as aforesaid for his families use may take a certificate from the town-clerk, or in his absence from any one of the selectmen of said town where he belongs, of the quantity in which he is deficient, which shall be a sufficient warrant to him to purchase the quantity therein specified, on the back of which certificate shall be endorsed the quantity of grain purchased and of whom, and shall be re-

turned to the town-clerk, and such persons receipt left with him of whom he shall purchase shall be good accounting by the seller for such quantity of grain sold as aforesaid; and whenever any such certificate shall be given by any selectman as aforesaid he shall forthwith lodge a memorandum thereof in the town-clerk's office; and the selectmen of any town deficient in supplies of such grain or meal as aforesaid may take a certificate from their town-clerk of their deficiency, and the same shall be a warrant to them to purchase of such persons and in such town as have to spare, and cause the same to be disposed of to such persons as are in necessity thereof, and shall have power to transport the same by the most convenient carriage to their own towns, giving bond to the treasurer of the town from whence transported in double the value of the grain, flour and meal by them so transported, to be forfeited to and for the use of such town, in case the whole of such grain, flour and meal be not disposed of for the purpose aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any purchasing commissary for the continent or State shall have occasion for rum, molasses, sugar, coffee or other supplies and refreshments, necessary for the continental or State troops, and cannot purchase the same at a reasonable price of such person or persons as may have the same on hand, such commissary shall make information thereof, as also whose hands such articles are in, to any assistant and justice of the peace or to any two justices of the peace, who shall consider thereof, and, if they judge it reasonable, shall grant a warrant directed to some proper officer to enter any house or store, seize and take such quantity as they shall judge sufficient, and deliver the same to such commissary, taking his receipt; and a true account thereof, and such warrant, shall be returned to the authority granting the same by such officer with his doings and a list of the goods taken and delivered by virtue thereof truly endorsed thereon, and an account of such goods with the expence of seizing and delivering the same as aforesaid shall be laid before the General Assembly as soon as may be to be adjusted and allowed as they shall judge just and reasonable, and such commissary shall pay for the same accordingly.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be and is hereby enjoined on the commissarys and all other persons whatsoever to stop, take and seize, all such grain, flour or meal as they shall find in the hands of any person or persons conveying or transporting the same by land or water out of this State, without a special permit from the General Assembly therefor or from his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, and the same being so seized and stopped shall be reported with the facts and circumstances attending the same to his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, and be liable to such orders and directions as they shall give thereon, any law of this State notwithstanding.

Provided, nevertheless, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit any licenced tavern-keeper or victualler from purchasing or retaining in his or her possession such supplies as the selectmen shall judge necessary for the use of his or her tavern.

Provided, also, That masters and owners of vessels may purchase such necessary stores for the use of such vessells, having regard to the number of men and the length of the voyage intended, as his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety shall allow and grant them a licence to purchase for that purpose.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the selectmen in any town in this State, or any of them, shall neglect or refuse his or their duty in executing the trust reposed in them by virtue of this act, each selectman so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit as a penalty to the treasury of this State the sum of one hundred pounds, lawfull money, to and for the use of this State, to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information, in any court proper to try the same; and the selectmen and town-clerk of each town shall be allowed a meet reward for their services by their respective towns. And this act shall be and remain in full force until the first day of August next and no longer; and all suits that may then be depending for the breach of this act may be pursued thereon to final judgment and execution. And the form in which said returns shall be made from the selectmen to the town-clerk and from the town-clerk to his Excellency the Governor shall be as follows, viz :

Names of Families.	No. of Persons in each Family	No. of Bushels of Wheat	Bushels of Mealin	Bushels of Rye	Bushels of Indian Corn	W ^t of Wheat Flour	W ^t of Mealin Flour	W ^t of Rye Flour	W ^t of Indian Meal	Each Persons own property	What belongs to others and to whom	Total	Surplus	Deficient

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of two shillings on the pound be laid on the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1778, to be levied and paid into the treasury by the 15th day of June next, (in any except of the May 20th, 1777, and April 11th, 1778, emissions.)

Provided, nevertheless, That for the relief of the indigent who are

unable to pay their proportion of said taxes, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either a whole or a part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge in greatest need of such abatement, to the amount of one-twentieth part of such town's proportion of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town-clerk of such towns, respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors of said tax, and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatements in their settlement with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants to the collectors accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a bounty of forty shillings per month be allowed to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the militia of this State that have been called into actual service since the rising of the Assembly in January last, and also to those that are now in service, or that shall hereafter be called into service until the Assembly shall make some other or different order or resolve in the premisses; and the captain or commanding officer of each company of militia so called into service shall be paymaster to his said company and shall have two and a half *per cent.* commission on all monies he shall receive and pay out to his said company; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to adjust and settle the several pay-rolls accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary forthwith cause to be published in all the publick newspapers within this State an act or law passed in the present session of the General Assembly entituled An act in addition to the law of this State entituled an act to enable the Governor to lay an embargo and for rendering the same, when laid, effectual.

Whereas the encouragements proposed to be given to the matross companys to be stationed in the forts of New London and Groton, as set forth in a resolve of the General Assembly passed at their session in January last, are found to be inadequate for the purpose of raising said companys: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that instead of the encouragements in said resolve mentioned the following bounties and wages be given to those men who shall engage in said services, and that they be inlisted to serve either for one year, or for three years, or during the war, as they shall choose to enlist: Those that shall enlist for one year to receive a bounty of £6, continental currency, and their monthly pay or wages to be as follows, *viz*: Major, £12; Captain, £9; 1st Lieutenant, £7; Second Lieutenant, £6; Serjeant, £2. 5. 0; Gunner, £3. 7. 0; Clerk and Quarter Gunner, £2. 1. 0; Corporal, £2. 1. 0; Drum and Fife, £2. 0. 0; Private, £1. 18. 0; and that the pay of those subalterns and privates that shall inlist

for three years or during the war be as follows: Serjeant, £2. 10. 0; Gunner, £3. 12. 0; Clerk and Quarter Gunner, £2. 6. 0; Corporal, £2. 6. 0; Drum and Fife, £2. 5. 0; Private, £2. 8. 0; and also a bounty of £10. 0. 0, continental currency, to each. And that their polls respectively be exempted from the list as mentioned in said resolve, and that said wages be made good and secured to them either in gold or silver coin or continental bills or other articles equivalent, in the same way and manner as is provided by a resolve passed at this Assembly in behalf of the officers and soldiers serving in the Connecticut Line of infantry in the continental army.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the company of artillery men ordered by this Assembly in January last, to be raised for the defence of New London, be augmented to one hundred, and that the officers appointed to raise said company proceed to enlist and compleat said company to the number of one hundred; and the men so inlisted to have the same encouragements, allowances and privileges, as given to others raised for the defence of the sea coast.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the officers and soldiers now serving or that may hereafter be commissioned or inlist to serve for three years or during the war in the Connecticut Line of infantry in the continental army who at the time of the expiration of their service shall not have received the value of their wages in articles of refreshment, cloathing or other supplies, or in money or other considerations, shall have their wages secured and made good to them either in gold or silver coin or continental bills or other articles equivalent, so as to make their respective wages equal in value upon the whole as though the same had been or should be from time to time paid in gold or silver as said wages are affixed and stated by resolutions of Congress of the 16th of September and eighth of October, 1776.

Whereas the Hon^{ble} Congress by their resolve of the month of March last have made a requisition that the several States make up and compleat their respective battalions in the service of the United States by draughts or otherwise as they shall think proper, so that the quota of deficiencies be ready to take the field and to march to such place as the Commander-in-Chief shall direct, without delay; and whereas it is the duty of this State to furnish their just quota of troops for the necessary defence of this and the other United States: This Assembly, being desirous to give proper encouragement to such as shall voluntarily inlist to serve in either of the battalions raised in this State during the war or untill the 20th day of March next:

Therefore resolved by this Assembly, That there be immediately raised by voluntary inlistment six hundred effective men for that purpose, and that each able-bodied and effective man who shall on or before the third day of May next voluntarily inlist to serve in either

of said battalions during the war shall receive the sum of sixty pounds bounty offered by Congress, and shall be entitled to the same wages, cloathing and refreshments, as those in the Connecticut Line in the army of the United States are entitled to have and receive; and each able-bodied and effective man who shall on or before the third day of May next inlist to serve in any of said battalions untill the 20th day of March next shall receive as a bounty twenty pounds; and have the same wages and refreshments as the troops in the continental service now or hereafter have and receive.

And that said recruits may be expeditiously engaged in said service, it is further resolved, That the commanding officer of each regiment shall as soon as may be issue orders to the several commanding officers in the trainbands and alarm-list companys under their respective commands, (the 24th regiment excepted,) directing them to inlist what may remain now wanting of four fifths of the number of the quotas apportioned and assigned to the several towns respectively by his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, to be ascertained and proportioned by such field officer respectively to each town and company, by computing and substracting from each town's quota those already inlisted into and now serving in said battalions for three years or during the war and also such as belong to and are now serving in Colonels Hazen, Warner, Samuel B. Webb, and Sherburn's battalions.

And it is further resolved, That the commanding officer of each regiment shall make a return of the number and names of those who shall inlist agreeable to this act in their respective regiments, and of the towns and companys to which they belong, and the deficiencies of any town in any regiment, to the Captain General by the second Thursday of May next, that in case the number of recruits to be raised by this act shall not then be filled up by voluntary inlistment such further steps may be taken as may be necessary to compleat the same.

It is further resolved, That the military and alarm list companys in the town of Washington shall be considered and allowed to the respective towns to which they belonged in apportioning the number to be raised in such other towns before said town of Washington was incorporated, and said companys in said town of Washington shall raise the same proportion of said six hundred recruits as would have been their quota had they not been set off. That his Excellency the Governor be desired to issue such proclamation and orders as he shall judge proper to carry this act into execution and also direct the manner in which said recruits shall be collected and join the army.

Resolved by this Assembly, That in future the officers, marines, mariners, and men employed on board the navy of this State in vessels under twenty guns in the service of the State, be allowed the following wages per calendar month, viz :

	Dol. per Cal. Month.		Dol. per Cal. Month.
Captain,	48	Boatswain,	13
1 Lieutenant,	24	Boatswain's Mate,	9
2 Lieutenant,	24	Cook,	8½
Master,	24	Armourer,	9
Surgeon,	21¾	Lieutenant of Marines,	20
Master's Mate,	15	Serjeant of Marines,	8
Gunner,	13	Stewart,	10
Gunner's Mate,	9	Captain's Clerk,	12
Surgeon's Mate,	13½	Pilot,	15
Carpenter,	13	Prize Master,	15
Carpenter's Mate,	9	Marines,	6¾
		Seamen,	8

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the commanders, officers, seamen and marines in the navy of this State, of vessels under twenty guns, be entitled to the whole value of all ships and vessels of war by them taken from the enemy and made prize of, and of all privateers authorized by his Britanick Majesty to war against the United States, and the one half in value of the neet proceeds after condemnation of all cargoes and all other vessels which they shall capture and make prize of, to be shared and divided among them in manner following, that is to say —

	Shares.		Shares.
To the Captain,	10	Master,	5
First Lieutenant,	5	Surgeon,	5
Second Lieutenant,	5	Master's mate,	2½
Gunner,	2½	Armourer,	2½
Gunner's Mate,	1½	Lieutenant of Marines,	3
Surgeon's Mate,	2½	Serjeant of Marines,	1½
Carpenter,	2½	Captain's Clerk,	2
Carpenter's Mate,	1½	Steward,	2
Boatswain,	2½	Prize Masters, each,	3
Boatswain's Mate,	1½	Pilot,	3
Cook,	2	Seamen and Marines, each,	1

Boys under sixteen years of age, each half a share.

Provided nevertheless, That ten deserving shares be first taken out of the captain's part, to be divided among the ship's crew who most deserve them, over and above their share aforesaid, to be determined by the captain, first lieutenant, and seven seamen chosen by the people on board.

It appearing to this Assembly to be essentially necessary for the preservation, safety, independance and sovereignty of the United States of America, that the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual

Union be acceded to, ratified and confirmed; and whereas all of said States except Maryland have agreed to and confirmed said Articles of Confederation, and Maryland hath not acceded to said articles as drawn up for reasons heretofore published; and whereas the confederation of thirteen States may not be considered as obligatory on twelve States only:

Resolved, That the Delegates of this State in Congress be directed and impowered, and full power and authority is hereby given and granted to said Delegates, in the name and behalf of this State to enter into, ratify and confirm said Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union with the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantation, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, in the most full and ample manner. Always provided, that the State of Maryland be not thereby excluded from acceding to said confederation at any time hereafter.

Resolved by this Assembly, That in future the officers, marines, mariners and men employed on board the navy of this State in vessels of twenty guns or upwards in the service of the State be allowed the following wages per calendar month, *viz*:

	Dol. per Cal. Month.		Dol. per Cal. Month.
To the Captain, . . .	60	Lieutenant of Marines, . . .	20
Lieutenants, each, . . .	30	Armourer,	9
Master,	30	Sail Maker,	10
Master's Mates, each, . . .	15	Sail Maker's Mate,	8½
Boatswain,	15	Yeoman,	8½
Boatswain's Mate,	9½	Quarter-Master,	9
Gunner,	15	Cook,	9
Gunner's Mate,	9½	Coxswain,	9
Surgeon,	25	Captain's Clerk,	15
Surgeon's Mate,	15	Steward,	10
Carpenter,	15	Chaplain,	20
Carpenter's Mate,	9½	Yeoman of Powder-room, 9½	
Cooper,	9	Master at Arms,	10
Mid-hipman,	12	Seamen,	8
Captain of Marines,	30	Marines,	6½
		Sergeant of Marines,	8

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the commanders, officers, seamen and marines, in the navy of the State in vessels of twenty guns or upwards, be entitled to the whole value of all ships and vessels of war and privateers by them taken from the enemy and made prize of, and the one half in value of all cargoes and all other vessels which they shall capture and make prize of, after deducting the expences of condemnation, to be shared and divided among them

in manner following, that is to say, to the captain of a single ship or armed vessel, one-twentieth and an half part; the captain of marines, lieutenants of the vessel and master thereof have three-twentieth parts; the lieutenants of marines, surgeons, chaplain, purser, boatswain, gunner, carpenter, master's mate, have two-twentieth and an half parts equally divided among them; that the following petty warrant and petty officers, *viz.* allowing for each ship or vessel six midshipmen, one captain's clerk, one surgeon's mate, one steward, one sailmaker, one cooper, one armourer, two boatswain's mates, two gunner's mates, two carpenter's mates, one cook, one coxswain, two serjeants of marines, have three-twentieth parts equally divided among them; that the remaining ten twentieth parts be divided among the remainder of the vessel's company, share and share alike, excepting boys under sixteen years of age to each of which shall be allowed half a share: provided nevertheless, that ten deserving shares from the aforesaid company shall be set apart to be divided among the said company's crew who shall most deserve the same, over and above their allotted shares, to be determined by the captain of the vessel, lieutenants and master; provided also, that no officer or man have any share but such as are actually on board when any prize or prizes are taken, excepting only such as may have been ordered on board any other prize before or sent away by his or their commanding officer.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the defence of the sea coast and frontiers of this State there be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment, to serve untill the first day of Febr'y next unless sooner discharged, one company in addition to those already ordered by his Excellency the Governor, to consist of eighty men including officers, to be commanded by one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign, to be stationed on the western frontiers of this State at or near Greenwich, to be employed there or elsewhere as his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety shall from time to time as exigencies require order and direct, to be employed as a company of rangers; and as an encouragement for the men to engage in said service and also to encourage the filling up of those two companys already ordered to be raised by his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety for the defence of Norwalk and Stamford, each non-commissioned officer and private soldier, who shall voluntarily inlist into said companys and furnish himself with a blanket, fire-arms, bayonet and accoutrements, to the acceptance of the commanding officer of said company, shall be paid a bounty of eight pounds, continental currency, at the time of his inlistment, and the polls of the officers and soldiers shall be exempted from the list of rateable estate to be given in next August, and their monthly pay shall be as follows: a Captain £18, Lieutenant £12, Ensign £10, Sergeant £7. 4. 0, Corporal £6. 12, Drummer and Fife £6. 12, Private, £6. And his Excellency the Governor and

Council of Safety are fully authorized to nominate and appoint the necessary officers aforesaid and commissionate the same and to give the necessary orders for carrying the aforesaid resolution into execution.

Whereas it was resolved by this Assembly at their sessions in January last that a guard of twelve men including one serjeant and one corporal should be raised by voluntary inlistment and stationed near the mouth of Connecticut River for the defence of the sea coast; and whereas it is apprehended that the situation of the land and water at the mouth of said river is such that the provision already made is not sufficient to prevent transporting supplies to the enemy down Connecticut River through an eastern passage to a narrow beach at the mouth of said river: It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby impowered and directed to order such guard to be raised by detachment in case it cannot be done forthwith by voluntary inlistment, to be improved for the purpose aforesaid; and that one or two armed boats as shall be judged best be procured to guard said channel and the Sound, more effectually to prevent the mischief aforesaid, and be subjected to such rules and orders as shall be given by this Assembly or his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety from time to time accordingly.

Whereas this State is necessitated to raise the sum of forty-five thousand pounds for the benefit of the officers and soldiers of the continental battalions belonging to this State, agreeable to the resolution of this Assembly to that purpose, which sum cannot be procured in proper time without application to Congress: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to write to the Delegates from this State in Congress, directing them to use their influence in Congress to procure the sum of forty-five thousand pounds, money of the emission preparing to be exchanged for the like sum of the emissions of May 20th, 1777, and April 11th, 1778, collected into the treasury of this State pursuant to the resolution of Congress for that purpose, as soon as may be, and if procured to pass their receipts and transmit the same as soon as it can conveniently and safely be done to the Treasurer of this State for the purpose aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency Governor Trumbull be desired to make application to his Excellency General Washington and request of him that one or two regiments of continental troops may be stationed in this State for the defence of the sea coast.

Resolved by this Assembly, That any one of the Delegates of this State in Congress be and is hereby fully authorized in the absence of

the others to represent this State untill the Articles of Confederation are fully ratified so as to be made the rule of proceeding in Congress.

*Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to write to the commanding officer of the continental frigate *Trumbull*, now lying in Connecticut River, signifying to him the danger and probability that large quantities of grain and other provisions much wanted for the supply of the army of the United States may be speedily exported clandestinely to the enemy and elsewhere out of this State, and recommending that he keep up a vigilant guard by night and day to prevent the passage of any boat or vessell whatsoever, freighted with any kind or quantity of grain, flour or other provision, and the same keep in safe custody untill further order from the General Assembly or his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall be obtained therein.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard of Midletown be and he is hereby impowered and directed forthwith to purchase and procure a suitable quantity of shoes, shirts, white stockings and linnen cloath, proper for the continental troops in the Connecticut Line, taking effectual care that the several articles be of good quality and workmanship and suitable size for the use of said troops, and make return of his proceedings therein to the Assembly early in their session in May next. And it is further resolved by this Assembly, that said Elijah Hubbard be and he is hereby directed and impowered to collect an account of all the cloathing furnished by this State and delivered for the use of the continental army in the year 1777, and for that purpose to call on all persons possessed of any such accounts, and receive the same, and to exhibit such accounts when collected without delay to Mr. Ralph Pomeroy, commissioner appointed to receive the same agreeable to the resolve of Congress of the 2d of March, 1779.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard, commissary of purchases for this State, be and he is hereby directed to make out an account of the quantity of refreshments and cloathing which he has received from the several towns in this State, distinctly and separately, and also which he has purchased pursuant to his appointment; therein specifying particularly the quantity of every sort of refreshment, and the quantity or number of each particular article of cloathing, and to whom particularly and in what quantity such articles of refreshment and cloathing have been delivered, as far as possible, and return the same to the General Assembly in their session in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a guard, consisting of one lieutenant, two serjeants, two corporals, one drummer and twenty-four privates, be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment for the same term of

service and to be entitled to the same bounty, pay, wages and emoluments, as the guards in the other seaport towns in this State are raised for and are entitled to have and receive, to be stationed at Guilford: the said lieutenant to be designated by the civil authority and selectmen of said town of Guilford.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the bills of credit emitted by order of the General Assembly of this State of one dollar and upward not yet brought in may and shall be received by the Treasurer of this State and bills emitted by Congress on the credit of the United States exchanged to the same amount therefor until the first day of September next, any law or act of this Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a guard of forty men including officers be forthwith raised by voluntary enlistment, to be officered with one lieutenant, two serjeants, two corporals and one drummer, to be entitled to the same pay, wages and emoluments, as the guards in the other seaport towns in this State are entitled to have and receive, and also a like bounty in proportion to the time of their service, and to continue in service until the first day of June next, unless sooner discharged, to be stationed at Branford; and in case a sufficient number of men cannot be procured by voluntary enlistment agreeable to this resolve by the first day of May next, it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of the second regiment of militia in this State, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to order a sufficient number of effective men to be detached from said regiment for the purpose and under the encouragement aforesaid, exclusive of the bounty aforesaid, to serve for the term of one month unless sooner discharged; the said lieutenant to be designated by the commanding officer of the aforesaid regiment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor with the advice of his Council of Safety be and they are hereby empowered to improve or lease out the furnace at Salisbury with the appurtenances thereof at their discretion, as shall be judged necessary and most beneficial for the State and public utility, for any term not exceeding one year.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Guilford, shewing to this Assembly that the collector of the State taxes for the year ensuing in said town having sold his interest in said town and about to remove therefrom, and that Jonathan Todd jun^r has been by said town chosen in the room of said other collector; praying that the Treasurer may be directed to issue his warrants to said Jonathan, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby ordered to direct his warrants for the collect-

ing of State taxes for the current year within said town to the said Jonathan Todd jun' as collector.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Shaw and Abijah Beebe, both of New London in New London county, shewing to this Assembly that they have purchased 105 bushels of rye, corn, beans and oats, eight barrels beef and pork, one barrell of cyder, for their own use, which is now shipt on board the sloop *Richard*, Abijah Beebe master, now lying at Weathersfield; praying for liberty to transport said rye, corn, beans, oats, pork and beef and cyder on board said sloop to New London, and that a proper pass may be granted to said Beebe to proceed to New London with said sloop and cargo, as per memorial on file &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to proceed with said sloop and cargo to New London, and the said Beebe is hereby permitted to pass from Weathersfield to New London with said sloop and cargoe; the said Beebe giving bonds to deliver said cargo at said New London as the law directs, for the use of the inhabitants of said town.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Mumford of Groton, and John Raymond of New London in New London county, shewing to this Assembly that they with sundry other inhabitants of said towns of New London and Groton have purchased 276 bushels of corn and 26 barrels of flour which they have purchased for supplying their families and the necessitous inhabitants, which corn and flour is now shipped on board the sloop *Prudence*, Thomas Parks jun' master, now lying at Hartford; praying for liberty to transport said corn and flour on board said sloop to Groton and New London, and that a proper pass may be granted to said Parks to proceed with said sloop, corn and flour from Hartford to said New London and Groton, as per memorial on file &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to transport said corn and flour in said sloop to the towns of Groton and New London, and the said Parks is hereby permitted to pass with said sloop and cargo from Hartford to New London and Groton; he giving bond as the law directs to deliver said cargo at said towns for the use of the inhabitants.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Smith jun', of Groton in New London county, shewing to this Assembly that he and Solomon Perkins jun' of said Groton were by the authority and selectmen of said Groton appointed to purchase and procure a quantity of indian corn for supplying the necessitous inhabitants of said Groton with bread, who are in great want thereof, and that they have purchased 250 bushels of corn for the purpose aforesaid and have received on freight 30 bushels of corn for Jabez Fitch of Norwich, and 20 bushels of corn, 15 bushels of rye, six bushels of wheat, 2 bushels of beans, for Sam-

uel Avery of Norwich, all of which said corn and grain is now laden on board the boat called *True Blue*, now lying in Hartford; praying for liberty to transport said grain and corn to said towns of Groton and Norwich, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to transport said corn and grain in said boat from Hartford to said towns of Groton and Norwich for the use aforesaid; he giving bonds as the law directs to deliver said corn and grain at said towns for the use of the inhabitants of said towns.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Wales the 3d, administrator on the estate of John Decker, late of Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said dec'd the sum of £124. 18. 6, L. money; praying that the memorialist or some other person may be authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay said sum and charge of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said John, deceas'd, as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £124. 18. 6 and incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of Jabez Meigs of Falmouth in the State of Massachusetts Bay, shewing to this Assembly that he and his neighbours were in great want of grain and provisions for their necessary supplies, and that in the month of December last his Excellency the Governor of this State gave him permission to purchase and transport out of this State seventy bushels of rye and indian corn, two barrels of pork, two barrels of flour, one hundred weight of cheese and fifty pound of butter, and that he hath purchased 23 bushels and three pecks of corn and rye and five bushels and a half of wheat, 70 pounds of cheese and twenty-five pounds of butter, which provisions he now has on board a two mast boat in Connecticut River; praying for liberty to transport said provision out of this State to Falmouth in the State of Massachusetts Bay, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jabez Meigs have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to transport out of this State in the said boat 23 and $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels of indian corn and rye and $5\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of wheat, 70^{lb} of cheese and 25^{lb} of butter and two barrels of pork, which he now has on board said boat: the embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of James Clark of Danbury, shewing to this Assembly that he was adjutant of the 16th regiment of militia of this State in the public service at New York in the year 1776, and on the 15th day of September there captivated by the enemy, at which time

his horse and furniture also fell into the hands of the enemy, which he has never been able to recover nor by any general resolve of Assembly can receive any recompence for; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be allowed out of the public treasury of this State the sum of thirty-six pounds in consideration of said losses, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Prescott of New Haven, shewing that he had been exposed to the infection of the small-pox; that application was made to the civil authority and selectmen in said New Haven for permission for him to be inoculated, but for want of a full representation of the circumstances of his case permission was not obtained; that he afterwards obtained more full evidence by a certificate of a physician, but had not opportunity to lay it before said authority before it would be too late to receive any benefit by inoculation, and therefore for preservation of his life was inoculated without licence, for which a complaint is exhibited against him to David Austin, Esq', justice of peace, by the grand jurors of said New Haven; praying to be discharged from any further prosecution on said complaint, as per memorial on file: Resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby discharged from any further prosecution on the complaint exhibited against him as aforesaid.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Hall, Esq', of Wallingford, shewing to this Assembly that after divers ineffectual efforts used by his enemies and by informing officers as he apprehends instigated by them to convict him of crimes of the highest magnitude against the State, he was apprehended and committed to close confinement in New Haven goal for having more than two years ago entertained at his house for a few days one Porter, a brother-in-law of the petitioner, now in New York with the enemy; that if the petitioner should be convicted of the crimes charged against him, of which there is not the least probability, he shall suffer no other or higher punishment than fine and imprisonment and thereforeailable by law, and praying that he may be set at liberty on his procuring sufficient bail for his appearance and tryal at the next superior court to be holden at New Haven &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of the county of New Haven be and he is hereby authorized and directed, on the petitioner giving bond with good and sufficient surety to the Treasurer of the State in the sum of one thousand pounds, lawfull money, for his appearance and tryal before the superior court to be holden at New Haven in the county of New Haven on the last Tuesday of August next in due form of law [to] liberate the said Benjamin from his confinement aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of David Holmes of Pomphret, shewing that in the year 1775 he inlisted a soldier in a company then under the command of Capt. Wells in General Spencer's regiment then stationed at Roxbury; that through mistake of the time when his service expired he returned home on the first day of December then next, by means whereof he was returned a deserter and has never been able to obtain his wages and pay, and praying that the same may be allowed and granted him in consideration of his undesigned mistake and future services: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed on application made to them by the memorialist, to liquidate and adjust the accounts of the wages and allowances of the memorialist for the campaign aforesaid, and draw on the State Treasurer for such sums as shall be found justly due to him accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jeremiah Halsey of Preston, Samuel Prentice, Benjamin Clark, and Stephen Hall, of Stonington in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that they have purchased and have in their care the several quantities of corn and grain of the several sorts as set to their names, viz: Jeremiah Halsey 110 bushels of corn, 22 bushels of rye; Samuel Prentiss, 80 bushels of corn, 5 bushels of wheat, and 10 bushels of rye; Benjamin Clark, 150 bushels of corn and 20 bushels of rye; Stephen Hall, 150 of corn and 10 bushels of wheat, which they have purchased for the necessary supplies of themselves and families and the inhabitants of the towns of Preston and Stonington, which said grain is now shipped on board the pettiaugre called *Ranger*, William Wellbur, master, now lying at Hartford; praying for liberty to transport said grain to said towns, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to transport the several quantities and sorts of grain aforesaid to the towns of Preston and Stonington in said pettiaugre, and the said pettiaugre is hereby permitted to pass from Hartford to said towns with said cargo; the memorialists giving bond as the law directs to deliver said grain at the places aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Palmer jun^r, of Stonington in New London county, shewing to this Assembly that he was appointed by the authority and selectmen of said Stonington to purchase a quantity of corn, wheat and rye and flour for the support of the inhabitants and soldiers families belonging to said town, and that he hath purchased two tons and four hundred weight of rye flour, ten hundred weight of wheat flour, 250 bushels of indian corn, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said town; praying for liberty to transport the same to said Stonington, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to transport said rye flour,

corn and wheat flour from Hartford to Stonington for the purpose aforesaid ; giving bond as the law directs to deliver the same at said Stonington for the use of the inhabitants of said town.

Upon the memorial of Mortimer Stoddard, of Preston in New London county, shewing to this Assembly that he has purchased in Suffield about one hundred bushels of indian corn and one bushel of beans for his own family and for the family of Prosper Wetmore, Esq', of Norwich, and Capt. John Lamb of Stonington, who are out of grain and flour; praying for liberty to transport the same to Norwich by water for the purpose aforesaid, as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Stoddard has liberty, and the same is hereby granted to him, to transport the said corn and beans to Norwich in the sloop *Eleanor* commanded by Benjamin Horton, and that the said Stoddard shall make or cause to be made a true return thereof to the selectmen according to the directions of an act of this Assembly in such case on the penalties in said act provided ; and all naval officers, forts, ships and guards, are to take notice hereof and suffer the same to pass accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Nickerson of Province Town in the State of Massachusetts Bay, shewing to this Assembly that by the permission thereof he purchased in this State the last fall fifteen barrells of rye flour and one hundred and fifty bushels of indian corn for the distrest inhabitants of said Province Town, and the weather coming on extreme cold he dare not carry the same to said Province Town in his vessell ; and thereupon praying for liberty now to carry the same to said Province Town where they are suffering for want of it : Resolved, that the memorialist be permitted to transport the said 15 barrels of rye flour and 150 bushels of indian corn to said Province Town : he clearing out the same and giving bond according to law, the embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Anne Hart and Asahel Hart, of Farmington in said State, administrators on the estate of Joseph Hart, late of said Farmington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate together with an allowance made to the widow and family of said deceas'd, as allowed and made by the court of probate for the district of Farmington, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £89. 9. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with the incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £89. 9. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$, L. money, together with incident charges of sale ; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commanding officers of the respective companies of alarm list and militia within this State shall make a return to the commanding officers of the regiments to which they respectively belong of the state of the several companys under their command, according to the several forms hereto annexed, by the 10th day of May next, upon pain that every officer who shall neglect his duty herein shall forfeit to the treasury of the county to which he belongs the sum of thirty pounds, L. money; and it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of the regiment to which said neglecting officer belongs to make return to the State Attorney in the same county, which return shall be admitted as evidence of such neglect on any tryal relative thereto; {which attorney shall inform against and prosecute such neglecting officers before the county court in the same county; and the commanding officers of the several regiments in this State shall by the 15th day of May next make a return of the state of their respective regiments to the brigadier general of the brigade to which they belong, according to the annexed forms; and that the several brigadiers general shall make similar returns of the state of their respective brigades to the Captain General by the 20th day of May next.

A Return of the ——— Company in the ——— Regiment of Militia of the State of Connecticut.

	Fit for Duty.	Sick.	Cripples.	Incurables.	At sea or in the Navy of the Continent or State.	On Journeys or Transfers.	Excused for hiring a man for the war or for 8 years.	Armed and Equipped.	Total.	In Continental Service				In State Service		
										In the Infantry.	Light Dragoons.	Artillery.	Artificers.	Total.	Artillery.	Guards.
Captain,																
Lieutenant,																
Ensign,																
Serjeants,																
Corporals,																
Drum and Fife,																
Privates under 50 years of age,																
Privates over 50 years of age,																
Total.																

Dated at ——— the day of ——— 1779

Signed Pr

Commanding Officer
of said Company.

A Return of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Inlisted in the Connecticut Line of Infantry in the Continental Army for the ——— Company in the ——— Regiment of Militia in this State.

Names of those inlisted for three years or during the war.	Regiments into which they are inlisted.	Inhabitants of what town or transient person.	Town accounted for.	Company accounted for.	By whom hired.	Name and Rank of the officer who gave the certificate.	Summ received of the Class or other person hiring.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Seymour to be Captain of the sixth troop of horse in the fifth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Borden to be Lieutenant of the sixth troop of horse in the fifth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Roswell Coe to be Cornet of the sixth troop of horse in the fifth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Gilbert to be Quarter-Master of the sixth troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Edmond to be Captain of the sixth company of alarm list in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Palmer to be Lieutenant of the sixth company of alarm list in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ira Kinne to be Ensign of the sixth company of alarm list in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Selah Norton to be Captain of the third troop of horse in the fourth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Augustus Fitch to be Lieutenant of the third troop of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Saul Alverd jun^r to be Cornet of the third troop of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Terry to be Quarter-Master of the third troop of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Botsford to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Curtiss jun^r to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Shepard to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Summers to be Captain of the eastern company of alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Botsford to be Lieutenant of the eastern company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Platt to be Ensign of the eastern company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Terrell to be Captain of the western company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Kimberly to be Lieutenant of the western company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Birch to be Ensign of the western company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Botsford to be Captain of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Henry Firman to be Lieutenant of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Hatch to be Ensign of the north company of the alarm list in the town of Newtown in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Mead jun^r to be Captain of the 6th company of alarm list in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Mead jun^r to be Ensign of the 6th company of alarm list in the ninth regiment in this State.

Upon the memorial of Jeremiah Halsey, of Groton in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that he and sundry of his neighbours being in great want of bread and have purchased in the county of Hartford 135 bushels of indian corn, 15 bushels of rye, 50 bushels of potatoes, 3 bushels of beans, and eight bushels of oats, to

supply the needy inhabitants with bread and seed to plant and sow their land; praying for liberty to transport said corn, rye, potatoes, beans and oats in the sloop *Fish-Hawk* from Hartford to Groton, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to transport said corn, rye, potatoes, beans and oats, on board said sloop from Hartford to Groton; he giving bond to deliver said grain at said town of Groton for the use of the inhabitants of said town as the law directs.

Upon the memorial of James Rhodes, of Stonington in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that the sloop *Louis*, Benjamin Pendleton, now lying at Hartford, is seized in pursuance of an act of this State; that said sloop has on board about 100 bushels of grain of his own property for the use of the inhabitants of said Stonington and the officers and soldiers belonging to said town, and 107 bushels of corn shipped by John Rathburn of said Stonington, 110 bushels of corn shipt by Amos Palmer, for the use of themselves and families and neighbours, and about 100 shipt by Capt. Stanton of the State of Rhode Island which was purchased by lawful permit for that purpose, and that the memorialist has purchased 400 bushels of corn, which the memorialist desires liberty to take on board at Weathersfield; praying that said sloop and cargo may be discharged and be permitted to take on board the remainder of said corn and grain, and transport the same on board said sloop to Stonington for the use aforesaid, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to transport the grain, rye flour, and corn mentioned in said memorial to Stonington in said sloop *Louis*; first lodging a manifesto of the same with the naval officer of the port of Middletown and giving bond with sufficient security in the sum of £3000, L. money, to the Treasurer of this State to deliver the said cargo to the selectmen of Stonington, to be by them disposed of for the use of the inhabitants at the price not exceeding the prime cost and reasonable charges, as said selectmen shall judge just and reasonable.

Upon the memorial of George Colfax, of New London in the county of New London, praying for liberty to transport by water from Weathersfield to said New London thirty bushels indian corn, and four bushels of wheat for the use of his family &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist to transport said grain to New London, on his delivering a manifesto of the same to the naval officer at the port of New London under oath and giving bond to transport the same to said New London and deliver the same there to the families for whom the same is procured, and also make a return of what each family shall receive, respectively, to the selectmen of the town

to which they belong on or before the sixth day of May next; that the same may be accounted for as part or in whole of the allowance to said families agreeable to an act passed at this Assembly in their present sessions.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Barker and others of Branford, shewing that the memorialists have built a large row-galley for the general defence of the sea coast within this State; praying to be supplied with guns, rigging, sails, ammunition &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Governor and Council of Safety be authorized to furnish out of the stores belonging to this State to the memorialists to equip said galley two eighteen-pound cannon, two twelve-pound ditto, and suitable number of six and four-pounders, and a sufficiency of rigging, sails, powder and shot, on loan during the pleasure of this Assembly, taking receipts of the memorialists therefor to be returned when called for, dangers of the sea and capture by the enemy excepted; and also sufficient bond that said galley shall be kept in the Sound for the defence of the sea coasts of this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD
THE 15TH OF APRIL, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Maj^r Gen^l Huntington, Hon^{ble} Roger Sherman,
Colo. Pitkin, Colo. Davenport,

B. Payne.

Voted, That Barzillai Hudson, ensign of the guard of 15 men at the goal at Hartford, having resigned, Wm. Bernard is appointed Ensign of said guards in his room. His pay to begin when the former left and the latter undertook the service.

Voted, That Jonth Trumbull's jun^r account for two reams and fifteen quires of paper at £18 be allowed, and the Treasurer ordered to pay the same.

Voted, Wm Fitch Doctor of the sloop *Guilford*, Obadiah Spencer First Lieutenant, Daniel Mallery Second [Lieutenant].

Voted, That Colo. Jonth Fitch be directed to deliver Capt. Nott of sloop *Guilford* the necessary supplies of provisions for his cruises from time to time, as he shall judge reasonable and necessary. And Colo. Fitch is directed also to call on Mr. Doolittle for such quantity of cannon and musket powder as needful, and also said Fitch to supply the shot necessary, and to send to Salisbury for it, if not otherwise to be obtained. And Colo. Fitch is directed to deliver Gen^l Ward 112½ lb. tallow for the use of the sloop *Guilford*.

The Governor be desired to write to B. Gen^l Parsons to furnish Capt. Bradley at New Haven with one or two whale-boats to be used there for the State.

[*In margin* — 28th, sent of Gen^l Parsons.]

Colo. Fitch to furnish the rum for the sloop *Guilford* according to custom. To General Ward an order for £500, for the sloop *Guilford*, the whale-boat. and to account.

General Ward to use his prudence in taking or purchasing the two cannon lately taken up, belonging to sloop *Guilford*.

Voted, That Colo. Wm. Pitkin & Co. have liberty to exchange powder, to obtain, at Boston or Providence, one hogshead of sulphur for making powder for the benefit of this State.

That Sarah Segars have a permit to go to New York as prayed for.

Voted, That to encourage the detachment now at New London to exert themselves they be informed as soon as the works proposed on Town Hill are finished, on information thereof to the Governor and Council of Safety they shall be dismissed.

That fatigue rum shall be provided, and Mr. Hallam directed to purchase the same and deal it out according to custom and order.

That plank for platform be provided in the best and most advantageous manner, and likewise tools, materials and teams, that the business be not retarded.*

That Maj^r General Wadsworth, on having given proper orders and directions to the commanding officer concerning the works to be done, have leave to retire home.

Voted, That Colo. Davenport and Colo. Mead be desired and impowered to fill the commissions for the officers to command the men raised, and also such as are ordered by the Assembly in their sessions in April, 1779, to be raised, to such persons as on advice and consideration they shall see fit.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Governor.

To Colo. Jonathan Fitch, commissary at New Haven :

Capt. John Shipman jr's company of 32 men stationed at Saybrook Fort are and have been for some time past destitute of bread, but only what hath been borrowed, and in danger of suffering.

If you have flour in store that can be spared, you are ordered to deliver Capt. Shipman or his order ten barrels of flour, or less if so much cannot be furnished.

'Tis to be hoped that the scrutiny now to be made will shew us where supplies may be had, and that there will appear a competency for the people, and also to spare for the army and our soldiers. Take receipt for what you deliver.

Given at Lebanon the 28th April, 1779.

JON^{NS} TRUMBULL.

Capt. Shipman moves to be appointed and have the pay of a captain since his company is enlarged to 32, and that he may have a subaltern. and recommends Wm Prat to be appointed — moves for some person to be appointed commissary in the room of Capt. Jno. Cockran — recommends Capt. Martin Kirtland.

* A copy of this order with the addition "that Major Hilhouse be directed and impowered to do what is necessary for this end," is in *Rev. War*, xvii, 121, wherein the date is given as April 17th, at the council chamber at Hartford.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
By the Captain General.

To William Ledyard, Esq^r, Maj^r Commandant of the garrisons at the forts in New London and Groton :

Your letter of yesterday is considered. You will get men sufficient to keep up the guards at the forts. If needful for that end, you are hereby directed and authorized to call on Colo. Latimer for what may be needful at New London, and on Colo. Smith for men for the other fort at Groton. Keep out recruiting officers till the two companies are filled. If not to be had near, send a greater distance. A detachment of men to fill the continental army will soon be needed, then they may choose whether they will enlist into this service or be liable to a draft for that. Promote the getting the planks for the platform and gate at the works on Town Hill, and the having teams when the season will [serve] after the coming of feed. Consult Maj^r Hillhouse (I suppose now at New London,) on this subject. No orders can yet be given concerning Mr. Roach's goods.

Given under my hand in Lebanon, 29th day of April, 1779.

JON[™] TRUMBULL.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
MAY 1TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jesse Root,	} Esq ^r .
William Williams,	William Hillhouse,	
Jedediah Elderkin,	David Mumford,	

Voted, That Acors Sheffield, lieutenant of the company of matross at Stonington, have an order on Pay-Table to liquidate his account for men hired to keep guard at Stonington Harbour, and for them to give an order on the treasury accordingly.

Voted, That Nathaniel Shaw, Esq^r, pay Doctor Tausin what shall be thought reasonable and right for his detention in waiting for the ship *Oliver Cromwell*.

Voted, That Mr. Ebenezer Ledyard and Mr. Edward Hallam be order'd to deal out of the continental stores to the troops and militia at New London and Groton, and that his Excellency write to the Commissary General, and Mr. Thomas Fanning jun^r at Norwich, to supply them with flour and other provisions out of the continental stores, and that the State will bear them harmless.

Voted, That Mr. William Whiting immediately enter and take possession of the furnace at Salisbury with its appurtenances and appendages, also the furnace lands and oar-bed with the other lands belonging to Richard Smith late of Boston now gone to the enemy; that he proceed to make necessary repair on the premises; also that he take the stock on hand provided by this State, which stock he is to have at prime cost paying therefor in pig-iron at prime cost at the end of the blast, and that said Whiting shall have a lease of said furnace &c. for one blast at least or longer and for such rent as shall be hereafter agreed upon between the Governor and Council of Safety and said Whiting, to be settled and concluded in May next.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the treasury of this State in favour of Mr. William Whiting for thirty-two hundred pounds, L. money, to enable him to pay for stock engag'd for the furnace at Salisbury for the use of this State, and to account.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MAY, BEING THE 13TH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS UNTILL THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT FOLLOWING, ANNOQUE DOMINI, 1779.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r, *Governor*.
The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, *Deputy Governor*.

Jabez Hamlin, Esq ^r ,	} <i>Assistants.</i>
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq ^r ,	
Jabez Huntington, Esq ^r ,	
William Pitkin, Esq ^r ,	
Abraham Davenport, Esq ^r ,	
Oliver Wolcott, Esq ^r ,	
Richard Law, Esq ^r ,	
William Williams, Esq ^r ,	
Titus Hosmer, Esq ^r ,	}

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz :

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Oliver Elsworth, for Hartford.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Colo. Solomon Willes, for Tolland.
Mr. Eliakim Marshall, Doct^r Alexander Wolcott, for Windsor.
Colo. Matthew Talcott, Colo. Comfort Sage, for Middletown.
Mr. Nezhiah Bliss, Mr. John Phelps, for Hebron.
Capt. Thomas Pitkin, Maj^r Abiel Pease, for Somers.
Maj^r Gad Stanley, Capt. Ichabod Norton, for Farmington.
Colo. Jabez Chapman, Colo. Dyer Throop, for East Haddam.
Capt. Cornelius Higgins, Mr. Hezekiah Brainerd, for Haddam.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Capt. Joseph Mosely, for Glastonbury.
Capt. Ozias Pettibone, Colo. Noah Phelps, for Symsbury.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.
Capt. Timothy Pearle, Mr. Moses Holmes, for Willington.
Mr. Eliphalet Terry, Mr. Joseph Kingsbury, for Enfield.
Colo. Henry Champion, Maj^r Elias Worthington, for Colchester.
Mr. Alexander King, Mr. Phineas Sheldon, for Suffield.
Capt. Amasa Loomiss, Mr. Frederick Elsworth, for East Windsor.
Mr. Samuel Carver jun^r, Capt. Edward Payne, for Bolton.
Mr. Stephen Mix Mitchell, Maj^r James Lockwood, for Weathersfield.
Colo. John Penfield, Capt. Joseph Kellogg, for Chatham.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Eneas Munson, for New Haven.
Colo. Street Hall, Maj^r Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Capt. James Beard, for Derby.
Capt. Thomas Fenn, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.

Colo. Edward Russell, Capt. Samuel Barker, for Branford.
Mr. Samuel Lee jun^r, Mr. Nathaniel Stone, for Guilford.
Mr. Gideon Buckingham, Mr. Ephraim Strong, for Milford.
Gen^l James Wadsworth, Capt. Stephen Norton, for Durham.
Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, Maj^r William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Nathaniel Niles, Mr. Aaron Cleaveland, for Norwich.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Colo. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Mr. William Noyes, Mr. Samuel Ely, for Lyme.
Capt. Edward Shipman, Colo. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Capt. Samuel Crane, for Killingworth.
Colo. Samuel Mott, Mr. Timothy Leister, for Preston.
Mr. Jonathan Palmer jun^r, Colo. Oliver Smith, for Stonington.
Capt. Samuel Squire, Mr. George Burr, for Fairfield.
Mr. Seth Sanford, for Reading.
Mr. John M^cKay, Mr. Bezaleel Brown, for Greenwich.
Colo. Charles Webb, Capt. Daniel Boughton, for Stamford.
Mr. Stephen Barns, Capt. James Potter, for New Fairfield.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
Mr. Samuel Cook Silliman, Colo. Matthew Mead, for Norwalk.
Mr. Timothy Keeler jun^r, Mr. Stephen Norriss, for Ridgfield.
Maj^r Caleb Baldwin, Colo. John Chandler, for Newtown.
Capt. Abraham Brinsmade, Mr. Elisha Mills, for Stratford.
Colo. Hez^t Bissell, Capt. Nathaniel Wales, for Windham.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Colo. Jesse Root, for Coventry.
Capt. Elisha Child, Mr. Charles Church Chandler, for Woodstock.
Colo. Experience Storrs, Mr. Daniel Dunham, for Mansfield.
Capt. Simeon Smith, Maj^r John Keyes, for Ashford.
Mr. Asa Witter, Mr. John Felch, for Canterbury.
Mr. Jacob Elliott, Mr. Elkanah Tisdell, for Lebanon.
Colo. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Joseph Shepard, Mr. Elisha Perkins, for Plainfield.
Capt. Samuel Craft, Colo. Joseph Abbott, for Pomfret.
Mr. Obadiah Clough, for Killingley.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Maj^r Andrew Adams, for Litchfield.
Capt. Sherman Boardman, Mr. Abel Hine, for New Milford.
Mr. Joseph Cook, Capt. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
Mr. John Canfield, Colo. Samuel Elmore, for Sharon.
Mr. Dudley Humphry, Capt. Michael Mills, for Norfolk.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Colo. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
Maj^r Jethro Hatch, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Colo. Seth Smith, Maj^r Aaron Austin, for New Hartford.
Mr. Timothy Hurlburt, Capt. Samuel Forbes, for Canaan.
Mr. John Borden, Mr. Israel Williams, for Hartland.
Capt. Increase Mosely, Capt. William Cogswell, for Washington.
Mr. Noah North, Mr. Abner Marshall, for Torrington.
Capt. Asaph Hall, Capt. Asa Franciss, for Goshen.

Capt. Timothy Chittenden, Capt. Joshua Stanton, for Salisbury.
 Capt. Nathan Dennison, Mr. John Hurlburt, for Westmoreland.
 Andrew Adams Esq^r, Speaker }
 Jedidiah Strong, Esq^r, Clerk } Of the House of Representatives.*

This day being appointed by the laws of this State for the election of the publick officers of the same, viz : Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Treasurer and Secretary, proclamation was made in manner accustomed and then the votes of the freemen were given in to the persons appointed by the Assembly to receive, sort and count them, and to declare the names of such persons as shall be chosen to any of the forementioned offices according to law ; which persons so appointed were : Jabez Hamlin, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, Colo. Sage, Colo. Jabez Chapman, Mr. Buckingham, Colo. Russell, Colo. Mott, Colo. Gallop, Colo. Chandler, Mr. McKay, Colo. Root, Capt. Craft, Capt. Cogswell, Mr. Canfield, Mr. Mitchell, Maj^r Atwater, Colo. Worthington, Mr. Mills, Mr. Kingsbury, and Mr. Hine, who were all sworn to a faithfull discharge of that trust.

And the votes of the freemen being brought in, sorted and counted, His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, is chosen Governor of this State for the year ensuing.

The Honorable Matthew Griswold is chosen Deputy Governor of this State for the year ensuing.

Jabez Hamlin, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Richard Law, William Williams, and Titus Hosmer, Esquires, were chosen Assistants for the year ensuing.

John Lawrence, Esq^r, is chosen Treasurer of this State for the year ensuing.

George Wyllys, Esq^r, is chosen Secretary of this State for the year ensuing.

The Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duely administred to his Excellency, Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, now chosen Governor of the State of Connecticut, who thereupon took the Governor's chair.

The Deputy Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duely administred to the Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, now chosen Deputy Governor of this State, who thereupon took the Deputy Governor's chair.

The Assistant's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duely administred to Jabez Hamlin, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Abraham Davenport, Oliver Wolcott, Richard Law, William Williams and Titus Hosmer, Esquires, now chosen Assistants over this State, who thereupon took their seats at the Council Board.

* According to the roll published in the *Courant*, No. 747, May 18th, 1779, the following gentlemen were also returned as chosen: Mr. Abraham Hawkins for Derby, Mr. Lemuel Sanford for Reading, and Mr. Sam. Danielson for Killingly.

The Treasurer's oath appointed by the law of this State was duely administred to John Lawrence, Esq^r, now chosen Treasurer of this State.

The Secretary's oath appointed by the law of this State was duely administred to George Wyllys, Esq^r, now chosen Secretary of this State.

Ordered, That the Hon^{ble} Jabez Hamlin and Colo. Street Hall return the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev^d Doct^r James Dana, for his sermon delivered before the General Assembly on the anniversary election, 13th May, 1779, and request a copy thereof that it may be printed.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Superior Court in and over this State the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Pitkin and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, to be Assistant Judges of the Superior Court in and over this State the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint James Wadsworth, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Zebulon Butler, Esq^r, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of East Hadam the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Middletown the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Pinney, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stafford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Whitman, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Farmington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Owen, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Symsbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Whiting, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Elliott, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Guilford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norwich the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stonington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Sturgiss, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Platt Cook, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Williams, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Pomfrett the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Sherman, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Woodbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Porter, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the year ensuing.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Denison, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Caleb Hall, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Wallingford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Giles Pettibone, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norfolk the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Hopkins, Esq^r, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Waterbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Wolcott, Samuel Talcott, Erastus Wolcott, and Stephen Mix Mitchell, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Oliver Elsworth, George Pitkin, Jonathan Wells of Hartford, Elisha Williams, Thomas Belden, Solomon Wells, John Chester, Charles Churchell, Elias Williams, Henry Allen, Roger Newberry, Peletiah Mills, James Hooker, Mathew Talcott, Nathaniel Chauncey, John Dickinson, Roger Riley, Philip Mortimer, Elijah Tredway, Solomon Whitman, Jared Lee, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee jun^r, Stephen Hotchkiss, Noadiah Hooker, John Treadwell, Ichabod Norton, John Curtiss, Daniel Elsworth jun^r, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphry, Asahel Holcomb, Daniel Humphry, Joseph Brooks, Nehemiah Brainerd, Hezekiah Brainerd, Elizur Talcott, Jonathan Wells of Glastonbury, Alexander King, John Leavitt, John Harmon jun^r, Jabez Chapman, Dyar Throop, Samuel Huntington of East Hadam, John Chapman, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion of Colchester, Elias Worthington, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert, Neziah Bliss, Elijah Kellogg, Ephraim Terry, Edward Collins, Eliphalet Terry, Peter Reynolds, Benjamin Talcott, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman, Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, David Sage, Ebenezer White, Thomas Pitkin, Reuben Sikes, Simeon Hart, Nathaniel Gilbert, Isaac Miller, Isaac Foot, Noah Phelps, Timothy Gates, Joseph Dart, John Clark of Chatham, Aaron Hubbard, and Ozias Pettibone, Esquires, to be Justices of Peace within and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Bishop jun^r, Samuel Barker, Joseph Hopkins, and Andrew Ward jun^r, Esquires, to be Justices of Peace and Quorum in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint James Wadsworth, John Whiting, Daniel Lyman, Caleb Beecher, William Greenough, Lamberton Smith jun^r, David Austin, Eneas Munson, Thomas Mansfield, Amos Morris, Bazila Munson, Ephraim Strong, Gideon Buckingham, John Dibble, Isaac Miles, Samuel Treat, Charles French, John Daviss, Eliphalet Hotchkiss, James Beard, John Holbrook, Thomas Clark, Thomas Mathews, Timothy Judd, Jonathan Baldwin, Phineas Royce, Samuel Lewis, Aaron Lyman, Dan Johnson, Caleb Hall, Reuben Atwater, Oliver Stanley, Samuel Beach, Eliakim Hall, Caleb Cook, John Hough, Daniel Hall, Nathaniel Ruggles, John Burges, Timothy Hill, Augustus Collins, Josiah Rogers, James Barker, Edward Russell, Ebenezer Russell, Thomas Fenn, Ezra Brunson, Street Hall, and Thomas Burgess jun^r, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Coit, William Hilhouse, Elisha Lathrop, and William Noyes, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Lattimer, John Hemsted, Joshua Raymond, Winthrop Saltonstall, Elisha Fitch, Ebenezer Harts-horn, Simon Tracy, Samuel Tracy, Benjamin Huntington, Elijah Backus, Christopher Leffingwell, Rufus Lathrop, Samuel Leffingwell jun^r, Nehemiah Huntington, Daniel Bishop, Jonathan Huntington, Jonathan Brewster, Benjamin Coit, Samuel Mott, Robert Crary, John Tyler, Roger Sterry, Jeremiah Halsey, John Avery jun^r, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Joseph Palmer, Nathaniel Miner, Jonathan Palmer ju^r, Peleg Cheeseborough, William Denison, William Williams of Groton, William Avery, Benadam Gallop, Ebenezer Ledyard, Thomas Mumford, David Avery, Samuel Ely, John Lay 2^d, Eleazer Mather, Ezra Selden, Moses Warren, Richard Wait jun^r, John Shipman, Justus Buck, William Worthington, Samuel Field, Aaron Eliott, John Person, Hezekiah Lane, George Eliott, Timothy Green, Amos Geer, and John Dean, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Robert Fairchild, Joseph Platt Cook, Andrew Rowland and John Chandler, Esq^{rs}, Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Adams, Daniel Fairchild, Daniel Judson, David Wilcox, Abraham Brinsmade, John Judson, Elisha Mills, Stephen Burroughs, Samuel Whiting, John Brooks, Daniel Bennett, Gold Selleck Silliman, Samuel Squire, Jonathan Sturges, Abraham Andrews, Samuel Bradley, George Burr, Increase Bradley, Samuel Wakeman, Thomas Fitch, Thaddeus Betts, Samuel Cook Sillyman, Clapp Raymond, Stephen St. John 2^d, Matthew Mead, Charles Webb, Benjamin Weed, Abraham Weed, John Davenport jun^r, John Mead, Messenger Palmer, David Wood, Samuel Olmsted, Philip Burr Bradley, Daniel Cowley, John Benedict, Daniel Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Thaddeus Benedict of Danbury, Eli Mygatt, Ephraim Hubbell, Thomas Brush, Nehemiah Beardsley, Alexander Stewart, Zacheus Towner, Henry Peck, Caleb Baldwin jun^r, Jabez Botsford, John Reed, Lemuel Sanford jun^r, Hezekiah Hubbell, Jonathan Lewiss, Samuel Burr, Eliphalet Lockwood, John M^cKay, Jabez Fitch, Joseph Smith and Timothy Keeler jun^r, Esquires, to be Justices of Peace within and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Peter Mead, Esq^r, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Joshua West, Nathaniel Wales jun^r, and Ebenezer Devotion, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gray, Jedidiah Elderkin, Hezekiah Manning, Jacob Simonds, John Clark, James Pineo jun^r, Jonathan Trumbull jun^r, Thomas Moffatt, James Bradford, John Pierce, Phineas Strong, Ephraim Root, Jesse Root, Abraham Burnap, Joseph Storrs, John Salter, Constant Southworth, Eliashib Adams, David Payne, Jacob Dresser, Bryant Brown, William Danielson, Benjamin Leavins, Ebenezer Williams, John Grosvenor, Samuel Craft, Nathan Frink, Jonas Frost, Samuel Child jun^r, Jedidiah Morse, Charles Church Chandler, Elisha Child, Samuel Stewart, James Gordon, John Dixon, Elijah Whiton, Benjamin Sumner, Benjamin Clark, Abner Sessions, Solomon Wales, Ebenezer Mosely, and John Felch, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace within and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jacob Elliott, Esq^r, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Joshua Porter, and Samuel Canfield, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum within and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, David Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everit, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Edward Hinman, Bushnel Bostwick, Joseph Ruggles, Abel Hine, Nathan Elliott, Ephraim Hubbel jun^r, Jethro Hatch, Jedidiah Hubbel, Daniel Griswold, John Canfield, Abiel Camp, Lott Norton, Charles Burrall, Elisha Baker, Samuel Forbes, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, Heman Swift, Thomas Russell, Daniel Catlin, John Cook, Epaphras Sheldon, Zebulon Merrels, Giles Pettibone, Hosea Wilcox, Nehemiah Andruss, William Cogswell, John Calhoon, David Hurd, Jedidiah Strong, Justus Sacket, David Downs of Sharon, Cyprian Webster, Judah Kellogg, Eleazer Ensign, Sherman Boardman, Nathan Hale, Seth Smith, Dudley Humphry and Eliphaz Alvord, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Denison and Zara Beach to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Zebulon Butler, William Judd, Joseph Hamilton, John Franklin, Zebulon Marcy, John Hurlbut, Obadiah Gore, Uriah Chapman, and Stephen Harding, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

An Act for the Direction of Listers in their Office and Duty.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the listers in the several towns in this State, being sworn to a faithfull

discharge of their office, shall give warning to the inhabitants of their respective towns to give in the lists of their polls and rateable estate, by posting up a notification in writing, signed by the listers in such town, in the month of July annually, on the publick sign-post in every town, and also on some sign-post or publick place in every society in such town, thereby giving notice to all persons obliged by law to pay taxes to give in their respective lists according to law; which warning so posted up as aforesaid shall be sufficient to such persons to give in their lists to the listers; and the inhabitants being so warned shall give in to the listers in writing a true account of all their listable polls and of all other rateable estate, being their property or belonging to them on the twentieth of August following, at or before the tenth day of September following, particularly mentioning therein all such things as are in this act hereafter expressly valued, signed with their names; which account the said listers shall accept, adding thereto according to their best judgment a value for all things hereafter mentioned in this act to be listed, that are not particularly valued, and make the whole into one general list. And every person or persons having any land or real estate proper to be rated in any other town than where such person dwells shall give in to the listers of such towns where such estate doth lie a true list thereof in the manner before mentioned, without any warning given by the listers of the town where such estate is liable to be rated as aforesaid, or be liable to be fourfolded; and in case the town in which such estate lyeth be unincorporated and not taxed, then said estate to be given in to the listers of the town where such person dwells; and all lands not as yet laid within the bounds of any town, whose* lands with the persons and estates thereupon shall be assessed by the rates of the next town unto it, the measure or estimation to be by the distance of the meeting-houses. That the listers shall receive, make up, and transmit to the General Assembly in October annually the lists of such towns with a certificate from an assistant or justice of the peace or town-clerk before whom the said listers were sworn, that they were sworn to a faithfull discharge of their duty before the first day of July preceding; and that every of the aforesaid listers who shall neglect his duty herein shall forfeit and pay to the treasury of this State ten pounds; and that if no such return of the list be made from any town, or there be no such certificate, such town shall be doomed by and at the discretion of the General Assembly. That said listers after the rising of the General Assembly in October annually shall, and they are hereby required, carefully to inspect the said list, till the last day of December following annually, and to add fourfold for all the polls and rateable estate they shall find left out of the list by any particular person or persons, the property whereof did belong unto such person or persons on the twentieth day of August preceding; and if any doubt thereon shall arise the

* Instead of "whose" the contemporary printed act reads "those."

said estate shall be adjudged or reputed the property of the person assessed for the same unless he can shew it to have been the property of some other person on the said twentieth of August, and also add to said list fourfold for the whole rateable estate and polls of all such persons as have given in no list at all, as a penalty on the said inhabitants for their neglect, who shall pay rates for the same according to their fourfold assessments; and one half of all such sums arising upon such additions shall by the constable and other collectors of rates that shall be made upon such lists be paid to the listers as a reward for their trouble, and the other half shall be for the uses for which such rates are made; and the listers shall transmit the sum total of all the additions agreeable to the form aforesaid, which they shall so make, to the General Assembly in May following, on pain of incurring the same penalty for their neglect thereof as is provided in this act in case they neglect to send the sum total of the list to the General Assembly in October. That said listers shall annually some time in the month of January deliver the list of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of their town made out according to law, to the clerk of the town, taking his receipt for the same, upon the penalty that every lister that shall neglect the same shall pay the treasurer of such town the sum of five pounds to be recovered by action, bill, plaint, or information. That when and so often as any person or persons are over charged in their list, it shall be the duty of the listers to grant relief in such cases only where the estate shall appear not to have belonged to the person on the twentieth of August preceeding, or that it was not left out by him through his wilfulness or negligence but from sufficient ground to conclude the estate to have been lost or perished, and that so soon as he was sensible of his duty therein he did offer his said estate *bona fide* to the listers to be entered in the publick list, but if such listers will not give just relief, then upon application made by the aggrieved party to two or more justices of the peace and three selectmen of the town, notifying two or more of the listers to shew reason, if any they have, why relief should not be granted to such aggrieved person, they shall consider the case and give such relief as they shall judge just and reasonable; and also in all cases where any person may be wrongly charged or overcharged by the listers in their lists as aforesaid: provided such application be made within six months next after such overcharge complained of be made.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all male persons within this State from sixteen years of age to twenty-one, not hereafter specially exempted, shall be set in the list, each person at nine pounds; and all male persons within this State from twenty-one years of age to seventy, except the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Ministers of the Gospel, the President and Tutors of the Collegiate School, constant school-masters, and students of the college until the expiration of the time for taking their second degree, and

persons disabled by sickness, lameness and other infirmities, and officers and soldiers from this State engaged and serving in the continental army for three years or during the war, who are exempt during such their service, shall be set in the list each person at eighteen pounds; and all rateable estate shall be set in the list as follows, *viz*: Every ox or steer of four years old and upwards at four pounds, every steer of three years old and every cow or heifer of three years old and upwards at three pounds, every steer or heifer of two years old at two pounds, every steer or heifer of one year old at one pound, each horse or mare of three years old and upwards at three pounds, except troopers horses inlisted, all horse kind of two years old at two pounds each, every horse kind of one year old at one pound each, every swine of one year old and upwards, boars excepted, at one pound. That all dwelling-houses shall be set in the list according to their state, size and the materials whereof built, as follows, *viz*: all wood houses of one story high of more than four hundred square feet upon the ground at the rate and in the proportion of eight shillings for every hundred square feet upon the ground; all wood houses of two or more stories high at the rate and in the proportion of fourteen shillings for every hundred square feet upon the ground; all brick or stone houses of one story high of more than four hundred square feet upon the ground at the rate and in the proportion of twelve shillings for every hundred square feet upon the ground; all brick or stone houses of two or more stories high at the rate of twenty shillings for every hundred square feet upon the ground, excepting in all cases from the rates aforesaid houses shattered and decayed by age, which if tenantable shall be set at one half the rates aforesaid, respectively, except such parts or proportions, if any, of such houses as are not tenantable which are exempted; all stores, warehouses, and traders shops, at twenty shillings for every two hundred and twenty-five square feet on the floor in each upright or square room made use of for storage or trade, and in that proportion for greater or less. All meadow lands in the county of Hartford both plowing and mowing at fifteen shillings per acre, except boggy meadow, which, if mowed, at five shillings per acre, if not mowed at two shillings per acre; all other plow-lands in this State at ten shillings per acre; all meadow lands, both salt and fresh, within the counties of New Haven, New London, Fairfield, Windham and Litchfield, at seven shillings and six pence per acre, except boggy meadow, which if mowed at five shillings per acre, if not mowed at two shillings per acre: Always provided, that all plow-lands shall be so assessed only for that year in which the crops are taken off or separated from the said land, but in the next year following it shall be assessed as and for pasture land at eight shillings per acre, and so from year to year till the year wherein the said land shall be plowed for another crop, in which it shall be rate free, and in the year in which the crop is to be taken off or separated from said land, it shall be rated at ten shillings as afore-

said. All upland pasture, either for feeding or mowing, at eight shillings per acre, except such lands as are much overgrown with wood, bushes, bryars, and the like, whereby the lands become unserviceable for pasture, whether the same have been cleared or not, which shall be assessed at two shillings per acre. All uninclosed lands in this State, except in the county of Westmoreland, shall be set as follows, *viz*: all timbered land, which if cleared would be fit for mowing or plowing, at two shillings per acre; all other timbered lands except on mountains inaccessible to teams at one shilling per acre, and all other uninclosed lands at six pence per acre. That all horsekind and other creatures rateable by law that are put upon any farm in this State remote from the towns where the owners dwell and under the care, occupancy and improvement of a tennant there, shall be put into the list of the owners of such creatures in the town where such farm lyeth, and in all other cases all horsekind and other creatures rateable by law shall be put into the list of the polls and rateable estate of the owners thereof in the towns where they dwell. All ministers of the gospel that now are or hereafter shall be settled in this State, during their continuance in the ministry, shall have all their estates, lying in the same society or town wherein they dwell, and all polls belonging to their several families exempted; and also the president of Yale College for the time being, his estate shall be under the same regulations as ministers of the gospel, as also in like manner shall all lands and buildings in this State sequestered to and improved for schools or other pious uses. That all ships and other vessels in employ or that have been within one year next before the twentieth of August annually shall be set in the list at fifteen shillings per ton, according to their true and just burthen, to be computed by the carpenters rule. That each coach shall be set in the list at twenty-five pounds, each chariot at twenty pounds; each phaeton at fifteen pounds, each curricule at ten pounds, each chaise or other riding wheel-carriage with a covered top at five pounds, and every open chair and all other open top riding wheel-carriage at three pounds; each gold watch at five pounds; all other kinds of watches at one pound ten shillings each; all steel and brass wheeled clocks at three pounds each; wooden wheeled clocks at one pound each; all wrought household silver plate at six *per cent.* on the just value thereof in lawfull money, to be computed at six shillings and eight pence per ounce. That all monies any person is possessed of on the twentieth of August annually more than he oweth, over and above the sum of fifty pounds, shall be set in the list at the rate of two *per cent.*; and all persons shall be set in the list at the rate of two *per cent.* for the monies due to them on interest on good security, more than they pay interest for. That all traders and shopkeepers shall be set at the rate of fifteen *per cent.* on the value of all goods, wares and merchandize they are possessed of on the twentieth of August annually, estimating the same according to the rule of valuation in *A. Dom.* 1774. That all allowed attorneys at

law shall be set, the least practitioner at twenty pounds, and the next order of larger practitioners at fifty pounds, and others in proportion according to their practice, at the discretion of the listers of the respective towns where said attorneys dwell, during their practising as such. That all owners of iron works shall be set in the list the amount of their annual gains and clear profits, estimating them by the rule of valuation in 1774, according to the best estimate of the listers. That each town shall be assessed for faculty on all tradesmen, artificers, physicians, surgeons, tavern-keepers, and owners of mills, in proportion to the number of polls returned to their list annually at ten shillings per poll; and such assessment shall by their listers respectively be made for faculty on all tradesmen, artificers, physicians, surgeons, tavern-keepers, and owners of mills, dwelling in such towns respectively, in proportion to their gains and profits by their said business according to the best estimate of said listers. That persons who make a business of buying and selling the necessaries and conveniences of life and by engrossing the same or other artificial methods enhance the prices thereof and thereby make great gain to themselves, the least dealer in that way shall be set in the list at fifty pounds, and others in like proportion, according to the discretion of the listers. That listers chosen in any town shall take the oath by law provided for such officers.

And for enabling said listers to recover their part of the fourfold assessments out of the hands of the officers collecting the same,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any constable or collector of rates shall neglect or refuse to make payment to the listers of any such sum or sums of money as is or shall become due to them from such constable or collector on account of such fourfold assessment, it shall be lawfull for such listers to make application to the next assistant, or justice of the peace, who shall be and is hereby impowered to grant out a writ of *scire facias* against such constable or collector to shew cause, if any he hath, why execution should not be granted out against such constable or collector for levying such sum or sums with necessary charges out of such constable or collector's estate, and if such constable or collector shall not appear according to such *scire facias* before such assistant or justice or county court, according to the value of the action, and shew sufficient cause why execution shall not be granted out as aforesaid, such assistant, justice or county court shall grant out execution in due form of law to levy such sum or sums so neglected to be paid with necessary charges arising thereon out of such constable or collector's estate, or for want of estate to take their persons and retain the same till satisfaction be made and the said monies so collected shall be paid to said listers. That if any person or persons shall refuse to give a true list of his or their monies on hand or on interest, or any trader shall refuse to give a true list of the value of his goods, wares and merchandise as before directed in this act, to the satisfaction of said listers, in such case the listers are hereby authorized and directed to add to the

list of such person or persons, trader or traders, to such amount as on due enquiry and consideration of such case or cases respectively shall appear just and reasonable; which sums so added shall not either in whole or in part be abated unless convincing proof shall be offered by such person or persons that he or they are overcharged by such additions. That if any person shall make application to the listers by whom he is assessed to reconsider such assessment, they may reconsider the case; and if on full hearing they shall find such person is overcharged, they shall make proper abatement thereof. And the civil authority and selectmen of each town within this State be and they are hereby authorized and empowered on application to them made, the listers being duly notified thereof, to grant relief to every person or persons that shall be aggrieved by the assessment of the listers according to law when such assessment is not fixed by law, and if any relief granted to any such person as aforesaid shall affect or alter the assessment at the rate of ten shillings per poll as before directed, the listers shall immediately add such sum so relieved to some other of the class on whom the same was assessed, or apportion the same among them according to their best discretion. That when it shall so happen that the listers in any town in this State shall inadvertently miscast the list of such town, it shall be the duty of such listers to certify the same under their hands to the Treasurer of this State, specifying the amount of the sum so miscast, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to abate said sum or add them to the general list of such town as the circumstances of the case shall require. Servants and children, who take not wages, their masters or parents shall pay for them, but such as shall take wages shall pay for themselves. That the listers shall receive, make up and transmit to the General Assembly and lodge with the town clerk the lists of such towns respectively in the following form and order, viz:

A true List of the Polls and Estate of the Inhabitants of the Town of ——— Rateable by Law on the 20th Day of August, A. D.

No.	Articles rateable and Sums stated by Law to each annexed.	£.	s.	d.
	Male Polls from 16 to 21 years of age not specially exempted,	at	£9.	0. 0.
	Male Polls from 21 to 70 years of age not specially exempted,	at	18.	0. 0.
	Oxen four years old and upwards,	at	4.	0. 0.
	Steers of 3 years old and cows or heifers of 3 years old and upwards,	at	3.	0. 0.
	Steers or Heifers of two years old,	at	2.	0. 0.
	Steers or Heifers of 1 year old,	at	1.	0. 0.
	Horse-kind of 3 years old and upward,	at	3.	0. 0.
	Horse-kind of 2 years old,	at	2.	0. 0.
	Horse-kind of 1 year old,	at	1.	0. 0.
	Swine of 1 year old and upwards,	at	1.	0. 0.

No.	Articles rateable and Sums stated by Law to each annexed.	£. s. d.
	Wood Houses 1 story high square feet upon the ground at 8s. p 100 square feet	
	Wood Houses of 2 or more stories high square feet upon the ground a 14 ^s p ^r 100 square feet	
	Brick or Stone Houses 1 story high square feet upon the ground at 12 ^s p ^r 100 square feet	
	Brick or Stone Houses 2 or more stories high square feet upon the ground at 20 ^s p ^r 100 square feet.	
	Wood Houses 1 story high decayed by age square feet upon the ground at 4 ^s p ^r 100 square feet.	
	Wood Houses 2 or more storys high decayed by age square feet upon the ground at 7 ^s p ^r 100 square feet.	
	Brick or Stone Houses 2 or more stories high decayed by age square feet upon the ground at 10 ^s p ^r 100 square feet.	
	Brick or Stone Houses 1 story high decayed by age square feet upon the ground at 6 ^s p ^r 100 square feet.	
	Stores, Warehouses and Trader's shops square feet upon the floor or ground at 20 ^s for each 225 square feet	
	Acres of Meadow land both mowing and plowing in the county of Hartford at 15 ^s p ^r acre,	
	Do Boggy Meadow mowed at 5 ^s p ^r acre.	
	Do Boggy Meadow land not mowed at 2 ^s p ^r acre.	
	Do Plow land at 10 ^s p ^r acre.	
	Do Meadow land at 7 ^s 6. per acre.	
	Do Upland pasture for feeding or mowing at 8s. per acre.	
	Do Bush pasture at 2s. pr acre	
	Do Uninclosed Timbered land proper for plowing or mowing at 2 ^s p ^r acre	
	Do other uninclosed Timbered land accessible to Teams and not proper for mowing or plowing at 1 ^s p ^r acre	
	Do other Uninclosed Land at 6 ^d p ^r acre.	
	Tons of Vessels each ton at 15s	
	Coaches at £25. each,	
	Chariots at £20. each,	
	Phaetons at £15 each,	
	Curricles at £10 each,	
	Chaises and other riding Wheel-Carriages with covered Tops at £5. each,	
	Open Top Chairs and other riding Wheel-Carriages at £3 each,	
	Gold Watches at £5 each,	
	Silver and other kinds of Watches at £1. 10. 0. each,	
	Steel and brass wheeled Clocks at £8. 0. 0. each,	
	Wooden wheeled Clocks at £1. 0. 0 each,	
	Ounces of wrought household Silver Plate computed at 6s. 8 per Ounce a 6 ^p cent.	
	£. s. d of monies in actual possession at 2 ^p cent.	
	of monies on loan at 2 ^p cent.	
	Goods, wares and merchandize at 15 ^p cent.	
	Attorneys at Law assessed at	
	Iron Works assessed at.	
	Tradesmen, Artificers, Physicians, Surgeons, Tavern-Keepers and Owners of Mills assessed at.	
	Engrossers of the necessarys and conveniences of life assessed at.	
	Total Amount of Rateable Polls, Property and Assessments, £	

That all acts heretofore passed for the direction of listers in their office and duty, except one passed in May, 1765, and one other passed in May, 1768, be repealed and the same are hereby repealed.

An Act for regulating the Choice of Delegates to represent this State in the Congress of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the freemen in the several towns in this State, on the day when they give in their votes for the nomination of the Hon^{ble} Council of the State in September annually, shall prepare and give in also in like manner their votes or suffrages not exceeding twelve each for such gentlemen as they shall choose to represent the State as Delegates in the Congress of the United States the next year; and the votes being returned to the General Assembly in October shall be sorted and counted, and those who stand highest in nomination to the number of twelve shall be declared and published to stand in nomination for election in May following, whereof the freemen at their annual meeting in April shall proceed to choose seven Delegates; and on the day of the general election by sorting and counting the votes returned the same shall be determined, whereof any, not exceeding four nor less than two, to attend as Members of Congress in behalf and at the expence of this State.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Delegates from this State, whether chosen in manner aforesaid or by the General Assembly as hereafter provided, shall be accountable and answerable to this Assembly for their conduct from time to time, and be liable to be recalled in case said Assembly shall judge fit.

Be it further enacted, That the Delegates so chosen shall enter upon their offices on the first Monday of November next ensuing their election, and continue in the same for the term of one year thence next ensuing. Always provided, that Delegates may be chosen by the General Assembly to represent this State in Congress untill their places may be supplied in the manner in this act directed, any thing in this act before contained notwithstanding.

Provided always, That in case of death, resignation, refusal or revocation, the General Assembly may supply such vacancy as may so happen.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this State entitled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Whereas it is of great importance that returns be duly made, and that peremtory drafts when ordered be effectually attended to, as also that all inlisted and belonging to the troops of horse be compleatly equipped; for the enforcing of which sufficient provision has not by law been heretofore made,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That when the captain or commanding officer of any company of alarm list, or militia, or troop of horse within this State, by force of laws now in being or any orders which may hereafter be given him by his superior officer, shall neglect or refuse to make a return as required to the

commanding officer of the regiment to which he belongs, every such disobedient officer for that neglect shall forfeit and pay to the treasury of the county to which he belongs the sum of thirty pounds, lawfull money; and if any colonel or commanding officer of any regiment of militia or troop of horse within this State shall neglect or refuse to make such return of his regiment as he now is or shall be by legal authority required to do, such disobedient officer shall forfeit to the treasury of this State the sum of one hundred pounds, lawfull money; and if any brigadier general of the militia or colonel commandant of the troop of horse within this State shall neglect or refuse to make return of the state of his brigade or command, as he now is or hereafter by lawfull authority shall be required to do, every such brigadier general or commandant so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit a penalty of two hundred pounds, lawfull money, to the treasury of this State. And it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of the regiment to which said neglecting captain or chief officer of the company or troop of horse belongs, to make return to the State attorney in the same county, and it shall also be the duty of the commanding officer of the brigade, or colonel commandant of the troop of horse, to which said neglecting colonel or chief officer of the regiment or troop of horse belongs, to make return to the State attorney in the same county, which returns or a certificate from the captain general of the neglect or disobedience of any brigadier general or commanding officer of brigade or troop of horse shall be admitted as evidence of such neglect or refusal on any tryal relative thereto, which attorney shall inform against and prosecute such neglecting officers before the court in the same county to full effect.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever after any preemprory draft shall be made upon the militia, alarm list, or troop of horse within this State, and notice thereof be given to the drafted non-commissioned officer or soldier or horseman, and he be directed to march and join any corps in the service of this or the United States, that if such drafted man shall refuse to obey such direction or shall endeavour to make his escape, all reasonable expence in removing, seeking after or guarding such drafted man, shall be borne and sustained by him, except such person drafted as aforesaid shall have a just and reasonable excuse, and on application made to the captain general, major general, brigadier general, or the colonel of the regiment, or major of the troop of horse, from which the detachment is made, and such excuse shall be so adjudged, and the person so applying be released therefrom. And any one of the field officers of the regiment to which such person shall belong may and is hereby empowered to tax all reasonable costs for the service and subsistence of such guards or pursuers against such offender, and upon such bill so taxed, either two of the field officers of the same regiment may issue their warrant directed to the clerk of the company or troop of horse to which such offender belongs, empowering and

directing him to levy and collect such bill of expence out of the goods, chattels or estate of such offender at any time afterwards, and the same to dispose of according to law, and to those to whom the same shall be due.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any captain of the troop of horse within this State shall, after the term of one month next after the rising of this Assembly, hold within his roll and company and neglect to certify to the captain of the company where such man lives, any man not equipped and furnished according to the provision and intention of law, such captain shall for that offence forfeit the sum of thirty pounds, lawfull money; and for every month's neglect afterwards a like forfeiture with an increase of ten pounds for each month: one half of which forfeitures shall be to him who shall prosecute the same to effect, and the other half to the treasury of the county in which such captain shall dwell.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person in this State shall at any time after the rising of this Assembly inlist into any of the troops of horse in this State, which exceeds forty men, officers included, at the time of such inlistment, he shall be liable to do duty in the company where he did belong at the time of such inlistment, and be liable to all military drafts and duty, such inlistment notwithstanding.

An Act to prevent Sharping and Engrossing.

Whereas there are divers persons of this and the other States who make it a practice to go from place to place purchasing and endeavouring to purchase cattle and every other kind of provision, for no other purpose but to make extravagant gain, and thereby are constantly raising the price of every article of provision, tending to distress the poor, prevent seasonable supplies for the army, and to enhance the price to the purchasing commissarys, to depreciate the public credit, and taking occasion of the present calamitous war increase the distress, co-operate with the enemy therein, and have proved the greatest pests to society: To put a final stop to such pernicious practices,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons whatever, during the present war, (except persons duly empowered to purchase for this or the United States and producing a certificate thereof in writing, or having obtained a permit therefor from his Excellency the Governor,) shall hereafter purchase in this State any pork, beef, grain, meal or flour, unless it be necessary and ordinary supplies for the use and consumption of his or her own family, tavern or victualling-house, or necessary stores for his or her vessel bound to sea, nor any horn-cattle, unless to stock his or her own farm, or to fat thereon, or to work and perform his or her ordinary service, except butchers purchasing to kill and sell out by retail,

on penalty of forfeiting double the value of all cattle and provisions so purchased.

And, to prevent fraud by persons pretending to purchase for fattening,

It is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person purchasing such horn-cattle for the purpose of fattening shall sell or dispose of the same to any other person than an authorized purchasing commissary for this or the United States, or to some person wanting the same for the use and support of his own family, or some butcher to kill and sell out by retail, or some person or persons permitted to purchase the same by the Governor and Council of Safety as hereafter provided, on penalty of forfeiting as aforesaid. And all forfeitures incurred by this act shall be to the treasury of the county where the conviction shall be had, except one-third part thereof which shall be to the informer and prosecutor when the same shall not be an informing officer. And his Excellency the Governor is hereby authorized, with the advice of his Council of Safety, to grant permits for purchasing any of the articles enumerated in this act, to such persons and in such quantities as he shall judge necessary and to consist with the design of this act.

An Act in Addition to an Act entitled An Act for confiscating the Estates of Persons inimical to the Independence and Liberties of the United States within this State and for Payment of their Debts, and directing Proceedings therein.

Whereas it so happens that some persons in said act described are seized of real estates in this State in joint-tenancy, or tenancy in common with others, and no provision is made in said act for partition thereof,

Therefore, be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whenever the estate of any such person or persons holding the same in joint-tenancy, tenancy in common, or as co-parceners, which has been or hereafter shall be confiscated and adjudged forfeit in pursuance of said act, it shall be the duty of the court of probate, which by law hath power of granting administration thereon, to appoint three sufficient freeholders to make partition thereof under oath, which being done and accepted by said court and entered on the records thereof shall be binding and conclusive to all persons, saving to every person aggrieved by any such order, appointment, or acceptance, their right to appeal therefrom, under the same regulations as in said act are already provided in other cases.

An Act in Addition to an Act entitled An Act to enable the Governor to lay an Embargo, and for rendering the same when laid effectual.

Whereas it is provided by said act, that when any goods under embargo are put on board any ships or other vessels, or loaded upon any cart, carriage, waggon, pack-horse or otherwise, for transportation, or that may be driving on foot, that a true invoice and account

of the same shall be given to some naval officer, assistant or justice of the peace; and that the person shipping or transporting the same shall become bound with two sufficient sureties to the Treasurer of this State in the penal sum of five times the value of such embargoed articles which they are about transporting or carrying out as aforesaid, with a condition to such bond importing, that if such embargoed articles or things shall be landed or sold in some place in this State for the use of the inhabitants thereof then the said bond to be void, but on failure thereof to be and remain in full force: Yet no mode being prescribed by said act whereby such bonds when forfeited may be recovered for the use of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the condition of such bonds in future shall be of the import following, to wit: That if the said embargoed articles or things shall be landed or sold in some place in this State for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and a certificate of such landing or sale under the hand of some assistant or justice of the peace, or of the major part of the selectmen of the town where such landing or sale shall be, procured and within six months after the date of such bond be returned and lodged with the officer taking such bond, then the said bond to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

And be it further enacted, That when any person or persons, who have given such bond, shall for the term of six months after the date thereof neglect to lodge such certificate with the officer who took such bond, it shall be the duty of such officer to deliver such bond to the States attorney of the county in which he resides, who shall put the same in suit and recover the same in due course of law, and account with the Treasurer for the same. And the States attorney shall be allowed on his account two and an half *per cent.* upon the sums he shall collect, for his service in collecting and accounting for the same.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall ship or lade any embargoed article or thing on board any ship, vessel, boat or other water-craft, in any river, port, creek, harbour or place within this State, to be transported from one place to another, not having given bond with condition as aforesaid, such embargoed articles or things together with the ship, vessel, boat or other water-craft, on board which the same shall be so laden, shall be forfeited, two-thirds to the person or persons who shall seize and prosecute the same to condemnation, and the remaining third to the county treasury in which the tryal shall be had, unless the seizure and prosecution shall be made by a public officer, in which case the whole shall be forfeited to the county treasury aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any person or persons shall give bond as aforesaid, he or they shall take a certificate of the same from the officer taking the same, which

certificate it shall be the duty of such officer upon request to give; and that when any embargoed articles or things shall be found laden upon any ship, vessell, boat or other water-craft within this State, any public officer or any inhabitant of this State who hath taken the oath of fidelity to this State may demand of the person or persons shipping or lading the same, if he or they be known or can be found, to shew them the certificate of their having given bond as aforesaid; and if such person or persons lading the same as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to produce such certificate, or is not known and cannot be found, it shall be lawfull for any such inhabitant, and the duty of all informing and peace officers, to seize and secure such embargoed articles, together with the ship, vessell, boat or other water-craft, on which the same shall be laden, and secure and hold the same untill a warrant may be procured from some assistant or justice of peace to take, seize and hold the same, untill they shall be delivered and released in due course of law; which warrant upon the application of any such publick officer, or upon the request of any such inhabitant, such assistant or justice may grant, taking a sufficient bond of such inhabitant to prosecute such seizure to effect and answer all damages if he fail to make his plea good.

And be it further enacted, That any person or persons making seizure as aforesaid shall as soon as may be file a libel or declaration upon such seizure with the judge of the county court of the county in which such seizure shall be made; who shall thereupon publish a monition as in maritime causes, appointing a day for the tryal of such seizure and notifying all persons claiming interest in the things seized to appear on such day and make out their claims; and at the day appointed the county court shall proceed to try the justice of such seizure by a jury, and if such embargoed articles or things shall be found to [be] laden contrary to this or the aforesaid act, the said court shall sentence, condemn and decree the same, with the ship, vessell, boat or other water-craft, on which the same shall be laden, to be forfeited and disposed of as in this act is before directed.

Provided, nevertheless, That nothing in this act shall extend, or [be] construed to extend, to any such goods or articles as may be transported or laden for transportation across any river, creek or other body of water within this State in any common ferry-boat, or to any such goods that may be transported in any vessell, boat or craft from any person's field, where the same was raised or grew, to his home or store, or from any person's house or store to any mill to be ground, or thence back again to such house or store.

Provided, also, That this act shall not be construed to extend to any such goods or articles as may be shipped from one town to another, for the supply of the inhabitants of the town to which the same are transporting, by any person or persons recommended by the selectmen of the town to which he belongs as a person of credit, and one who hath taken the oath of fidelity to this State.

An Act in Addition to an Act entitled An Act more effectually to prevent
Illicit Trade.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That when any goods, wares or merchandize, shall be seized and libelled in any of the maritime courts in this State, pursuant to the act aforesaid, they shall be deemed forfeit and prize to the libellants, though they shall not be able to produce any other evidence than to render it probable that such wares, goods and merchandize were imported into this State from Long Island or some other place in the enemy's possession, or were going to such place or island when taken, unless some person shall appear at the tryal and claim such goods, wares and merchandize, and evince to the satisfaction of such court and jury that the same were not imported into this State from any place in the enemy's possession, nor were going thereto from this State when taken.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entitled An Act for Licencing and Regulating Houses of Public Entertainment or Taverns and for Suppressing Unlicensed Houses.

Whereas many disorders are practiced and tolerated in taverns, which the provisions in said act are found ineffectual to restrain; and whereas it may be necessary in some instances to have more or other taverns than such as are nominated according to the regulations of law heretofore provided,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That it shall be the duty of the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns in this State, to inspect the conduct of taverners or innholders within their respective towns, and when it shall appear to them by their own observation, the information of any informing officer, or otherwise, that any such tavern-keeper does not duly observe the laws for regulating houses of public entertainment, but suffer disorders and irregularities to be practised in his or their houses contrary to law, such authority and selectmen, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and directed to cite such tavern-keeper before them and examine into the matters alledged or complained of by any proper evidence; and on finding such tavern-keeper in fault may duly admonish him or them for such misconduct; or, as the case may be, they may and are hereby impowered to suspend such tavern-keeper's licence untill the next session of the county court of the county wherein such tavern-keeper dwells, and shall cause a copy of such order of suppression to be left with such taverner; and thereupon such tavern-keeper's licence shall be wholly suspended accordingly, and his or her house under the same restraints in that behalf as other unlicensed houses by law are.

And be it further enacted, That said authority and selectmen shall certify their doings to said county court, and said court are authorized upon due application by such tavern-keeper to consider

said cause, and may remove said suspension or continue the same untill the expiration of the year for which such licence had been granted, as on due enquiry shall appear to be just and reasonable; and if no such application shall be made to said court, such suspension shall remain and continue in force untill the expiration of the year as aforesaid.

And it is further enacted, That in all prosecutions on this act before such authority and selectmen wherein such tavern-keeper shall be found in fault and suspended, he shall pay reasonable and necessary costs, to be taxed by one or more of said civil authority, who are also impowered to grant execution accordingly: but in case such tavern-keeper shall not be found in fault and suspended, such cost shall be taxed as aforesaid and paid out of the town treasury.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any tavern-keeper, nominated by the civil authority and other officers authorized by law to make such nomination in January annually, shall remove from the place of abode at which he or they were nominated for the purpose aforesaid, or when such authority and other officers shall judge it to be of public convenience and necessity to add to the number of tavern-keepers who are or may be nominated in the month of January annually, or to supply the places of any who may be suspended by virtue of this act, that then and in either of said cases the said civil authority and other officers as aforesaid may convene on proper notice and nominate any suitable person or persons for the purpose aforesaid at any time within the year, and the county court in the county where such nomination shall be may on application grant a licence to such person or persons so nominated to keep an house of public entertainment untill the expiration of the time set in the licences granted to such as were nominated in the month of January preceding; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to prevent the Practice of Duelling.*

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any person within this State shall challenge the person of another, or shall accept any such challenge, to fight at sword, pistol, rapier or other dangerous weapon, such person so challenging or accepting shall forfeit and pay into the treasury of this State for every such offence, being thereof convicted before the superior court by the testimony of one or more credible witnesses, confession of the party offending, or other sufficient evidence, the sum of one thousand pounds, and shall also find sufficient sureties to the acceptance of such court for his good behaviour during life; and such person shall also be dis-

* The immediate occasion of this act was a difficulty between Josiah Stoddard, Capt. 2 L. Dragoons, and William Nichols, Esq., of Hartford, respecting the conduct of the former in the expedition to Skeensborough in May, 1775. *Rev. War*, xiv, 276-8.

abled ever after from holding any office of profit or honour under this State; and if such convict shall be unable or neglect to pay the said forfeiture, he or they shall be closely imprisoned for the term of one full year.

Be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall willingly and knowingly carry or deliver any written challenge, or verbally deliver any message meant as or purporting a challenge, or shall be present at the fighting any duel as aforesaid, as a second or aid or to give countenance thereto, he or they being convicted as aforesaid shall suffer the same forfeitures, pains, penalties and disabilities as aforesaid, saving only finding sureties for good behaviour during life as before provided.

Whereas the practice of selling prize goods and other articles of merchandize by the way of vendue is found to be a method attended with many ill consequences, enhancing the price of the articles sold, to the great detriment of the publick:

Whereupon it is enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future no goods, wares or merchandize shall be sold or advertized to be sold at vendue, except by officers on execution, on the penalty or forfeiting of the goods sold or offered on sale by vendue, or the value thereof in money, to the Treasurer of this State, by the person who shall sell or procure his goods, wares, &c. to be sold as aforesaid; as also the same sum or value by him who shall bid off or buy the same; to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, before any court proper to try the same. And it shall be the duty of all informing officers to make presentment of the breaches of this act: and if any private person shall make information thereof and prosecute the same to effect, he shall be entituled to one third of the forfeiture incurred and recovered thereon.

An Act to continue in Force an Act or Law of the General Assembly passed in October last, entituled An Act further to prevent Monopolizing and Engrossing and to provide for obtaining Supplies for the Continental Army, Navy and Militia of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That said act shall be and continue in force untill the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

An Act for Stating Fees, Fines and Penalties for a Limited Time.

Whereas by reason of the enhanced prices of labour and the necessaries of life, occasioned by the present war, the fees of the legislative, executive and other civil officers in this State, are inadequate to their services and insufficient for their support, and the fines, forfeitures and penalties in cases of delinquency and trespass imposed by law are ineffectual to prevent the breaches of the penal laws,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the assistants fees for attending the General Assembly shall be three pounds twelve shillings per diem, and four shillings per mile for their travel out; and that all other fees, fines, forfeitures, penalties, and fares of ferries, be paid and received in the same or like proportion to what they were as by law established before the present year: provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to extend to or alter the fees heretofore by law allowed to collectors of rates or taxes, except travelling fees.

Be it further enacted, That an assistant or justice of the peace shall have power to hear and determine all causes of delinquency and trespass wherein the fine or penalty by this act doth not exceed the sum of twenty-four pounds. This act to continue in force until the rising of the General Assembly in October next and no longer.

An Act in Alteration of an Act entitled An Act [for] forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the militia of that part of the town of Farmington which lyeth in the parish of Wintonbury be and the same is hereby annexed to the first regiment of militia of this State.

An Act for making and naming a District for a Court of Probate in the Town of Waterbury in the County of New Haven, and for erecting a Court of Probate therein.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the town of Waterbury aforesaid shall be one district for a court of probate, and shall be called and known by the name of the District of Waterbury; and that in said district there shall be a court of probate held by one judge, to be appointed and commissioned for that purpose according to law, who shall have a clerk to be by him appointed and sworn to that office; which court shall have and exercise the same powers, authorities and privileges that the other courts of probate in this State by law have and are respectively vested with; and all appeals from said court of probate shall be regulated and governed according to the orders and directions of the law respecting appeals from the courts of probate in this State: provided, nevertheless, that all matters and business that hath been begun, entered or depending in the court of probate in the district of Woodbury shall be issued and finished in the court of probate for the district of Woodbury as though this act had not been made, any thing herein contained notwithstanding.

An Act for making and naming a new District for a Court of Probate in this State, and erecting a Court of Probate therein.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the towns of Norfolk, Colebrook and Winchester, shall be one entire district for a court of probate, and shall be called and known by the name of the District of Norfolk; and that in said district there shall be a court of probate held by one judge, to be appointed and commissioned for that purpose according to law, who shall have a clerk by him to be appointed and sworn to that office; which court shall have and exercise the same powers, authorities and privileges that the other courts of probate in this State have and are respectively vested with; and all appeals from said court of probate shall be regulated and governed according to the orders and directions of the law respecting appeals for the courts of probate in this State. Provided, nevertheless, that all matters and business that have been begun or depending in the courts of probate in the districts of Litchfield and Symsbury shall be issued and finished in the courts of probate for the districts of Litchfield and Symsbury as though this act had not been made, anything therein contained notwithstanding.

An Act for appointing a Brand for Horses in the Town of Washington.

It is ordered and enacted by this Assembly, That the brand for horses in the town of Washington shall be the letter or figure following, *viz*: W.

An Act for providing for the Families of the Officers and Soldiers belonging to the Battalions of Continental Troops raised by this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the respective towns in this State shall annually, during the present war, choose a committee for the purpose of supplying the families of the officers and soldiers belonging to the battalions of continental troops, or to the corps of artillery, or light-dragoons, raised by this State and who are reckoned as part of the quota of this State in the continental army, below the rank of a brigadier general; which committee being so chosen, or the selectmen in said towns respectively, shall annually furnish and supply the families of such officers and soldiers belonging to or residing in their respective towns with such provision and cloathing as may or shall be necessary for their support, to the amount of the sums hereafter mentioned, *viz*: for a field officer's family £24; for a captain, subaltern or staff officer's family £18; for a non-commissioned officer or soldier's family £12; and shall deliver the same to such families at the prices stated and affixed by a late law of this State entitled An act to prevent monopolies and oppression by excessive and unreasonable prices for many of the necessaries and conveniences of life; the amount of which supplies to be considered as part towards making good the wages of such officers and soldiers

respectively agreeable to a resolve of this Assembly in April last. That when any town shall supply families living therein of soldiers who are accounted to the quotas of other towns, the town furnishing such supplies may exhibit an exact and particular account of the whole expence thereof to such town or towns for whose quotas such soldiers are accounted, who shall pay the same in full and charge such accounts so by them paid with their other accounts for supplying officers and soldiers families, and be entitled to the same allowance thereon as on their other accounts by the Committee of Pay-Table.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the several towns in this State, and they are hereby directed, to provide for said committee or selectmen such sums of money as may be needfull for their purchasing said articles for the support of the families of the officers and soldiers in the respective towns as aforesaid, to the amount aforesaid, and that said committees or selectmen shall be accountable to the respective towns which shall furnish money as aforesaid for the sums they shall so receive for the purpose aforesaid. And it shall be the duty of said committees and selectmen annually, or as much oftner as they shall think proper, to exhibit an account under oath of the sums they shall so expend, and of the articles they shall so purchase for each family in their respective towns, before the Committee of Pay-Table, who are hereby directed to settle and adjust the same and to draw on the Treasurer for the sum they shall find justly due thereon, payable to said committee or selectmen for the use of the town to which they belong; which said committee or selectmen shall be allowed a reasonable reward for their trouble, to be settled and adjusted by the Committee of Pay-Table as aforesaid, and to be paid to them in manner aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to settle and adjust the accounts of the committees or selectmen of the several towns within this State for the sums they may have expended in providing for the families of the officers and soldiers above mentioned, and for their trouble therein, and to draw orders on the Treasurer of this State in favour of said committees or selectmen for the sums they shall find justly due to them. Always provided, that said Committee of Pay-Table shall adopt a uniform rule in the settlement of said accounts.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case said committee or selectmen cannot procure such provision and cloathing at a reasonable price of any particular person who hath a surplusage of those articles, upon their or the major part of them applying to and representing the same to any assistant or justice of the peace, it shall be the duty of such assistant or justice of the peace to make suitable enquiry into the same; and if upon such enquiry said assistant or justice shall judge it just and reasonable, it shall then be

the duty of said authority to issue a warrant to seize and impress such article of provision or cloathing from such person or persons who can conveniently spare the same but refuse so to do. And the officer who shall execute said warrant, having duely impressed any such article by virtue thereof, shall cause the same to be apprized by three indifferent freeholders, to be nominated and appointed by the assistant or justice of the peace who shall issue said warrant; which said apprizers shall be duely sworn to apprize said articles at their true and just value in money, and shall be allowed a reasonable reward for their service, to be taxed by the authority who shall issue said warrant; and upon the payment or tendry of the sum at which said articles shall be apprized to the owner or owners thereof the said officers, in case such owner shall refuse to receive the same, shall deliver the same to said committee or selectmen, who shall pay said sum or sums to said person or persons from whom said articles have been impressed any time when requested.

Always provided, That if the owner or owners of such articles impressed as aforesaid shall not request payment thereof from said committee or selectmen within one year from the time when said articles were impressed, said money shall then be forfeited to the treasury of said town in which said articles were so impressed, and shall be paid by such committee or selectmen to the treasurer of such town for the use and benefit of said town accordingly. And all cost shall be paid by the owner or owners of such articles in case the same shall not be apprized at a greater sum than had been offered by said committee or selectmen, and may by them be deducted out of the price of such articles; otherwise to be paid by said committee or selectmen; and the same shall be allowed and adjusted by the Committee of Pay-Table in the settlement of their accounts.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any town in this State shall neglect to comply with any of the particulars required by this act, on complaint thereof and proof made to this Assembly such town shall be liable to suffer such disabilities, forfeitures or penalties, as on consideration of the case this Assembly shall see fit to inflict. And the several State attorneys are required to make information of the breaches of this act within their respective counties to the General Assembly of this State, that such disobedient or negligent town may be dealt with accordingly.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all acts and resolves heretofore made and passed by the General Assembly of this State at any former sessions thereof for the purposes in this act contained shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and made null and void.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all those persons belonging to the militia of this State, who heretofore have been or hereafter shall be wounded by the enemy, or otherwise disabled in the service of this State, in such manner as to be entitled to

half-pay by a former resolve of this Assembly, shall be supplied in the same manner as is provided for the families of the officers and soldiers of the Connecticut Line in the continental army, to the amount of one half of their half-pay during the pleasure of this Assembly. And the selectmen and committees of supplies in the several towns in this State are directed to supply the above mentioned persons belonging to said towns, and to settle their accounts in the same manner as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard be and he is hereby appointed a Sub or State Cloathier for this State, to reside with or near the army or such part thereof as shall contain the greater number of the troops raised in this State, as the commander-in-chief shall direct, to receive and distribute the cloathing that shall be furnished for the troops of the Connecticut Line in the continental army, and in every respect to execute the office of sub or State Cloathier agreeable to the resolutions of Congress in that respect made and provided. That Chauncey Whittlesey of Midletown be and is hereby appointed a Purchasing Cloathier for this State, whose business and duty shall be to purchase and collect cloathing for the officers and soldiers of the Connecticut Line in the continental army, to forward the same to the sub-cloathiers of this State, residing at the army, to keep a true and just account of all such articles he shall purchase, or collect and receive from the several towns in this State for the purpose aforesaid, and of each town separately and distinct from each other, with the price of each article as purchased, and the cost and expence of the several and respective towns in purchasing and delivering the same to him or his order; which cloathing purchased by himself or by the several towns shall be put up, kept and forwarded in distinct and separate packages, fairly marked and described, with the name of each town purchasing the same, with exact invoices of the articles and prices, to the said sub-cloathier in the army, taking his receipt therefor accordingly; which said sub-cloathier is to deliver over the packages thus collected and sent to him to the regimental cloathiers, so as that the articles purchased by each town be distributed to the officers and soldiers of the town purchasing the same, so far as may be consistent with the regulations of Congress respecting cloathing. That the said sub-cloathier and purchasing cloathier shall each give a bond to the Treasurer of this State of ten thousand pounds, lawfull money, with two sufficient sureties, for the due and faithfull discharge of such their trust respectively.

And it is further resolved, That every town within this State, by the selectmen or committee or some suitable person or persons specially appointed for that purpose, shall provide two linnen shirts, two pair linnen overhalls, one pair of shoes, two pair of stockings, and one frock or hunting shirt, for each individual, to the amount of four-fifths the number of soldiers assigned by the Governor and Council of

Safety in March, A. D. 1777, as the quota of the respective towns to raise for three years or during the war in the continental army, and forward the same with a proper account and invoice of the same with the true and just prices at which they were purchased and expence in purchasing and forwarding the same to the purchasing cloathier in this State, or to such stores as he shall provide to receive the same, by the first day of July next, taking proper receipt therefor. And such selectmen or others appointed for that purpose shall provide two pair of woollen stockings, two pair of shoes, two pair of woollen overalls, two shirts and one suitable blanket, in the proportion aforesaid, and so much woollen cloath for coats and waist-coats as may be purchased, and forward the same as aforesaid by the twentieth day of October next. And all cost and expences of purchasing and forwarding the aforesaid articles shall be exhibited to the said purchasing cloathier, and being examined and adjusted by him, he to forward duplicates or copies of the same to the sub-cloathier in the army, and also lay his accounts, including all those exhibited to him from the respective town as aforesaid, before the General Assembly at least once in six months. And that the purchasing cloathier in this State be and is hereby authorized and impowered to receive, either from the Treasurer of the United States, Cloathier General, or Sub-Cloathier of this State, all such monies as may be ordered for the purchasing cloathing in this State, and to pay out or deliver the same to the selectmen or such others of each town as shall be appointed to purchase cloathing as aforesaid, as occasion may require. And that there be no delay in supplying our troops with necessary cloathing, it is recommended to the selectmen or others employed to purchase cloathing for the purpose aforesaid, to borrow of the inhabitants of their respective towns such sums as they may find necessary to expedite and cheapen their purchases, and to allow interest therefor until Congress shall enable them to repay the same. And it is also earnestly recommended to the good people in the several towns in this State, to exert themselves in making blankets, hats, shoes, stockings, shirts, coats, waist-coats, woollen and linnen shirts and over halls, for the troops in the Connecticut Line of the army, and that they sell to none but public agents employed to purchase for the use of the army, or to such as want for their own or families use, and to furnish the purchasers with such monies on loan for present purchase and payment, as the exigence of the case requires.

Be it further resolved, That in case it shall not be in the power of the selectmen or committee as aforesaid in any town to obtain said cloathing by purchase, it shall be their duty to apply to a justice of peace for a warrant to impress the same, who shall issue such warrant accordingly, to take any of said articles for the use aforesaid from such person or persons as he shall judge, upon the advice of said selectmen or committee, can spare the same and shall appear necessary for their soldiers. And every person from whom such cloathing is so

taken shall be paid therefor at the appraisal of any two indifferent men appointed by said justice, as soon as it shall be in the power of said selectmen or committee to pay for the same.

Whereas sundry persons, late the inhabitants of this State, living under and enjoying the blessings of one of the best constituted and most free governments in the world, have, contrary to all political obligations, forsaken their country, friends and dearest connections, and joined with our most unnatural and blood-thirsty enemies, and have contributed their active aid to further the base and inhuman purpose of our unprovoked enemy to deprive a free and virtuous people of every thing dear and valuable in life; which crime, if committed with deliberation and persisted in with obstinacy, is justly deserving the most severe and exemplary punishment: But whereas it is apprehended that very different motives and principles have influenced the conduct of the deluded few who have taken part against their country and the rights of mankind; some through ignorance of the nature and grounds of the dispute between Great Britain and America; some through particular prejudice, prospects of reward and gain, or through timidity; others, deceived by the treacherous arts of subtle and secret enemies, have without deliberation given way to the force of various temptations; which persons are now convinced of their error and lament their folly, and are desirous to be restored to the friendship and favour of their country,

This Assembly, taking the matters aforesaid into consideration, and ever willing to exercise lenity and mercy according to the genius of this free and happy constitution as far as may be consistent with justice and publick safety, do therefore, in tenderness and compassion to such deluded persons, resolve and declare, That any and all of those formerly belonging to this State, who, convinced of their error and great misconduct, have already or shall voluntarily escape from the enemy and return into this State on or before the first day of October next, and deliver themselves up to the civil authority of the towns to which they belonged, may and shall be suffered to remain and dwell in safety in such town: provided said authority and the selectmen of such town with the consent of the inhabitants shall think it prudent and safe to allow such residence under the inspection of said authority and selectmen so long as such town shall allow the same; and if such person or persons so returning cannot obtain liberty as aforesaid, or if such liberty shall be revoked, such persons may repair to the inland counties of Hartford and Windham, and put themselves under the care and inspection of his Excellency the Governor and the Council of Safety, and dwell with such persons and in such places in safety as the said Governor and Council shall direct, and pursue their several occupations with the inhabitants, and reap the benefit of their labour. And if any such person or persons so returning shall be guilty of any treasonable practices against this or any of the United States after their return, they shall be liable to

be dealt with in the same manner as they might have been before the passing this act.

And it is further resolved, That all persons so returning, who shall demean themselves as good and faithfull subjects to this State, may expect further favour as their conduct shall merit. And that his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue a proclamation accordingly.

An Act for filling up the Connecticut Battalions in the Continental Army.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That eight hundred able-bodied recruits be immediately raised within this State and ordered to join the continental army.

And, to encourage a voluntary inlistment of said recruits, be it enacted, That a premium or bounty of forty pounds, lawfull money, be paid to each able-bodied recruit who shall inlist to serve during the continuance of the present war, in addition to the premium or bounty given by Congress; and each man so inlisting shall be entituled to the same pay, refreshments and family support, as those in the continental army from this State.

And, if said eight hundred men cannot be inlisted upon the aforesaid encouragement for and during the time the war shall continue,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a premium or bounty of twenty pounds, lawfull money, be paid by this State and a uniform coat be given to each effective man who shall inlist to serve in any of the battalions in the continental army raised by this State untill the 15th day of January next, and be entituled to the same pay, refreshment and family support during the term of his service, as soldiers in the army by law are.

And, provided the aforesaid encouragement should not be attended with the desired success and said eight hundred men should not inlist voluntarily at or before the tenth day of July next,

Be it further enacted, That peremtory draughts shall be made from the several companies of light-horse of this State by the proper officer or officers, of one hundred and fifty effective men to serve untill the 15th day of January next, in the continental army, either in the regiments of light-dragoons commanded by Colo. Sheldon or either of the foot battalions raised by this State at their election, they furnishing their own horses, arms and accoutrements, who serve in the cavalry.

Provided always, That all troopers that shall inlist or be drafted from the troop, agreeable to this act, and shall serve with the cavalry in the continental army, shall be entituled to receive the continental allowance and pay given to the cavalry beyond what is granted by this act to the infantry.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That peremtory draughts be made from the foot militia to fill up or compleat the quota hereafter affixed to each town in this State, to serve untill the 15th day of January next in such companys of the Connecticut Line

in the continental army which are not full as they shall chuse, and that each man so drafted or detached, either from the troops of horse or foot militia, shall have and receive the same pay, refreshments and family support, during their term of service, as those are entituled to who belong to the army.

Provided, That all those not belonging to the troops of horse who shall inlist in the several towns shall be accounted as part of the annexed Quota of each town respectively :

Hartford	5	Branford	2	Killingley	60
Tolland	2	Guilford	32	Litchfield and that	}
Windsor	2	Milford	3	part of Washington	
Midletown	4	Durham	1	which was taken	}
Hebron	9	New London	41	from Litchfield	
Somers	6	Norwich	7	New Milford and that	}
Farmington	37	Groton	2	part of Washington	
East Haddam	2	Lyme	7	which was taken from	}
Haddam	5	Saybrook	7	N. Milford	
Glastonbury	2	Killingworth	1	Harwington	7
Sylmsbury	42	Preston	2	Sharon	2
Stafford	1	Stonington	4	Norfolk	1
Willington	1	Fairfield	8	Woodbury and Woodbury	} 84
Enfield	1	Reading	4	part of Washington	
Colchester	3	Greenwich	6	Cornwall	}
Suffield	2	Stamford	8	Kent and that part of	
East Windsor	9	New Fairfield	8	Washington which was	} 1
Bolton	7	Danbury	21	taken from Kent	
Weathersfield	3	Norwalk	24	New Hartford	1
Chatham	3	Ridgfield	1	Canaan	2
New Haven	7	Newtown	8	Hartland	1
Wallingford	4	Stratford	4	Torrington	5
Derby	2	Ashford	15	Goshen	3
Windham	8	Canterbury	7	Salisbury	2
Coventry	20	Lebanon	12	Union	1
Woodstock	26	Voluntown	16	Winchester	2
Mansfield	12	Plainfield	5	Colebrook	1
Waterbury	10	Pomfret	8	Barkhemsted	1

And the Governor and Council of Safety are authorized to make and give all necessary appointments and orders relative to inlisting officers, money to pay the premiums, cloathing, places of rendezvous for such inlisted and detached men, and directions respecting such detachments, and any regulations proper and necessary to carry the provisions of the foregoing act into full and speedy execution.

An Act for raising two Regiments of Men for the Defence of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there shall be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment two regiments of men, for the defence of the sea coasts and frontiers of this State and to prevent the incursions and depredations of the enemy, to consist of five hundred and twenty men each, exclusive of commissioned officers, and each regiment composed of eight companies, to be commanded by one lieutenant colonel commandant, and one major, each company to

consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and fifty-five privates; to be continued in service until the first day of March next unless sooner discharged; and shall be under the direction of this Assembly or in their recess to be under the direction of the Governor and Council of Safety.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the encouragement of those who shall voluntarily enlist into said service, each able-bodied and effective non-commissioned officer and soldier, who shall enlist into either of the said regiments by the 15th day of July next, and shall provide himself with a good and sufficient gun, bayonet, cartouch-box, knapsack, and blanket, to the acceptance of his captain, shall be entitled to receive as a premium the sum of twenty-four pounds, lawfull money; and in case either of the said articles shall be lost in actual service, the owner thereof shall be allowed and paid for the same according to the appointment* of the same which shall be made at the time of his enlistment or before they march into service. And each of the said regiments shall have one adjutant, one quarter-master, one surgeon, one surgeon's mate, one serjeant major and one quarter master serjeant, which shall be nominated and appointed by the colonel and other field officers.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officers and soldiers of the said two regiments shall be entitled to and shall receive the same wages and other allowances as the militia of this State are entitled to when called into service.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said two regiments shall not be subject to be called into the service of or to join the army of the United States, unless in cases of urgent necessity, and then in the adjoining States only. And the Governor, with advice of the Council of Safety, is hereby impowered and requested to give all necessary orders for the enlisting, raising, equipping and marching the said regiments, as the time and exigency of the case may require.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the several guards stationed in the respective towns of Stamford, Norwalk, Fairfield, and Stratford, be continued till the first day of January next, unless sooner discharged, for the purpose for which they were raised; and that the commanding officer of each of said guards take orders and make returns to the field officer in the town where such guard is posted; and also the guards in the towns of Milford, New Haven, Branford, and Guilford, be and they are hereby ordered to be continued for the purpose for which they were raised till the first of January next, unless sooner discharged, and that the commanding officer of each of said guards posted in said last mentioned town take orders and make re-

* The word is "apprizement" in the original bill. *Rev. War*, xiv, 99.

turns to Brig^d General Ward; and also that the guard at Killingworth, and also that at Saybrook, be continued till the first day of January next, unless sooner discharged, for the purpose of defence &c., for which they were raised.

It is also further resolved, That there be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment a guard consisting of one serjeant, one corporal and thirteen privates, to be posted at the west parish in Saybrook for defence of the sea coast and to prevent intercourse with the enemy; and that in case said guard cannot be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment, that the same be detached out of the companies of militia in the towns of Saybrook and Killingworth; and that the commanding officers of the guards posted at Saybrook and Killingworth take orders and make returns to Colo. Worthington.

It is also further resolved, That there be forthwith raised and equipt a guard consisting of one serjeant, one corporal and thirteen privates, to be posted at Lyme between Long Point and the rope ferry, for the purpose of guarding the sea coast and preventing intercourse with the enemy; and that the other guard already ordered to be raised and posted in Lyme be forthwith raised and stationed according to orders heretofore given, with the addition of three privates, which makes thirteen privates in the whole; and in case said two last mentioned guards cannot be raised forthwith by voluntary inlistment, that the same shall be raised by detachment from the companies of militia in the towns of Lyme and East Hadam, and the commanding officers of said last mentioned guards shall take orders and make returns to Lieut. Colonel Parsons; all which officers and privates that are or may be raised for guards as aforesaid shall be entitled to and receive the same wages, pay and subsistence during their service, as is allowed to the militia when called into the service of this State; and that each of said guards be supplied with a suitable convenient boat, to enable them more effectually to answer the purpose aforesaid. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to give proper orders to carry the foregoing resolves into execution.

Provided, nevertheless, That nothing in this resolve be construed to discharge those companies of matrosses already inlisted for certain [times] before the times of their service are expired respectively; and that the matrosses stationed on the sea coasts be entitled to the same pay and allowance as is provided in this bill for the other guards.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the militia of this State, who now are or hereafter shall be called into service, be allowed and paid the wages following, *viz* :

Each Major General,	per month . . .	£240	— —
Each Brigadier General,	per month . . .	204	
Each Colonel,	per month . . .	180	
Each Lieutenant Colonel,	per month . . .	144.	

Each Major,	per month . . .	190	
Each Aid de Camp.	per month . . .	118.	16 —
Each Brigade Major	per month . . .	118.	16 —
Each Captain,	per month . . .	72	
Each Adjutant,	per month . . .	48	
Each Lieutenant,	per month . . .	48	
Each Ensign,	per month . . .	86	
Each Chaplain,	per month . . .	72	
Each Surgeon,	per month . . .	90	
Each Surgeon's Mate,	per month . . .	48	
Each Quarter Master,	per month . . .	48	
Each Sergeant,	per month . . .	88.	16
Each Corporal, Drummer and Fifer,	per month . . .	26.	8
Each Private,	per month . . .	24	

That the commissioned and staff officers be allowed and paid subsistence money as follows, *viz*: each major general 36*s.* per day; each brigadier general, 28*s.* per day; each colonel, 20*s.* per day; each lieutenant colonel, 16*s.* per day; each major, 12*s.* per day; each aid-de-camp, brigade major, captain and surgeon, 8*s.* per day; each chaplain, adjutant, lieutenant, ensign, quartermaster and surgeon's mate, 4*s.* per day; and also sixteen shillings more per day for each commissioned officer below the rank of lieutenant colonel, and each staff officer when they draw no provision; and that the non-commissioned officers and privates be allowed and paid for subsistence twenty shillings per day when they draw no provisions.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the field officers of each of the two regiments ordered by this Assembly to be raised for the protection and defence of this State shall consist of one lieutenant colonel-commandant and one major.

This Assembly do appoint Matthew Mead and Levi Wells to be Lieutenant Colonels in the regiments of militia now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Tyler and Elias Buell to be Majors in the regiments of militia to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Amasa Mills, Peter Perrit jun^r, Josiah Baldwin jun^r, John Allen, Sylvanus Brown, John Yates, John Stephens, John Couch, Elijah Robinson, Ozias Bissell, Joseph Durkee, Richard Hewett, Lee Lay, James Dana, Daniel Tilden, and William Edmonds, to be Captains in the two regiments of militia now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Elisha Brewster, Abner Wilson, Marcus Cole, Joseph Hull, James Clark, Bezaleel Brown, Jared Robinson, Ezekiel Lewiss, Thomas Stevens, John Franciss, Samuel Smith, Josiah Witter, Isaac Geer, Timothy Cleaveland jun^r, Orlando Mack, and Jabez Fitch, to be Lieutenants in the two regiments of militia now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Reuben Clark, Jesse Hoit, Lemme Thrall, Simon Fobs, Abraham Granger jun^r, Joshua Gates jun^r, John

Stedman jun^r, and Jabez Rogers, to be Ensigns in the two regiments of militia now to be raised in this State.

Mr. Thomas Mumford, Doct^r Eneas Munson, Maj^r James Lockwood, and Colo. Hezekiah Bissell, are appointed a committee to make immediate application to such gentlemen as they shall judge proper, in Hartford or elsewhere, to procure on hire till the first day of August next the sum of forty-five thousand pounds, for the purpose of paying to the officers and soldiers of the Connecticut Line in the continental army the £45,000 money engaged to them by a resolve of the General Assembly at their sessions in January last; which committee are hereby impowered and directed, respectively, to engage for and to such person or persons, respectively, as shall lend the said sum of £45,000, or any part thereof, promissory notes of the Treasurer of this State, payable with interest at the rate of 6 *per cent. per annum* to such lenders accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer be directed forthwith to borrow on account of this State the sum of £45,000, lawfull money, and give security for the same, payable the first day of August next with interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum* untill paid, and that Colo. John Chandler be and he is hereby appointed to receive the said sum from the Treasurer as soon as the same shall be procured, giving a proper receipt, and proceed therewith to the Connecticut Line in the continental army, in order that the money be distributed to the officers and soldiers in service from this State in proportion to the monthly pay allowed by Congress to the different ranks: the distribution to be made agreeable to and in satisfaction of a resolve or grant of this Assembly for that sum in January last. The number of each corps shall be ascertained by returns made out by the several commanding officers and examined and attested by officers commanding the brigade; and the said Colo. John Chandler shall pay the proper proportion of said moneys to the officers commanding the respective corps or the regimental paymasters as the senior officer from this State shall direct, taking authentic receipts for the same, and make report to this Assembly at this or the next session.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to repeat and press the application that hath already been made to Congress through the Delegates of this State for the exchange of £45,000 of the emissions of May 20th, 1777, and April 11th, 1778, and to forward the same by express.

Whereas on application from this State to Congress by their Delegates for the sum of forty-five thousand pounds to be advanced to this State for the use of their soldiers in the continental army, which was

accordingly granted and to be on interest, which has been received and sent forward to the treasury of this State, but before its arrival this State had found means to supply themselves with a sufficiency for that purpose; and whereas this Assembly have already been at large advance to Congress for the use of the United States and are now called upon to fill up the deficiency in their regiments in continental service, which amounts to near one thousand men in the whole, and the raising of said troops requires expedition, and having received no money from Congress for that purpose: Thereupon resolved, that the said forty-five thousand pounds be not applied to the separate use of this State, but for the purpose of raising their quota of the continental troops and requested of them and to pay their bounty, supply them and others of the continental troops with cloathing &c. according to the recommendation of Congress to this State, and to the further order of Congress. And the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the same out for the purposes aforesaid; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same out *for** upon such orders accordingly; and that the Governor of this State be requested to acquaint Congress thereof and to know their pleasure therein, and to request that no interest be charged to this State thereon, but that they be accountable therefor as usual when monies are advanced to any particular State for public and continental use.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of four shillings on the pound on the lists of the poles and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1778 be levied and paid into the State's treasury by the first day of August next, in State or current continental bills, or State notes now due: Provided that, for the relief of the indigent who are unable to pay their proportion of such tax, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either in whole or in part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in greatest need of such abatements, to the amount of one twentieth part of such town's proportion of said tax, and lodge a list of said abatements with the town-clerk of such towns respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors of said tax; and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatements in their settlements with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants to the collectors chosen by the several towns to collect the State tax for the year 1779, who are to receive and collect the same according to law.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of five shillings on the pound be laid on the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1778 [to] be levied and paid into the

* Not in original bill, *Rev. War*, xiv. 141.

State treasury by the first day of November next, in current continental bills: Provided that, for the relief of the indigent who are unable to pay their proportion of said tax, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate, either in whole or in part, of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in greatest need of such abatements to the amount of one twentieth part of such town's proportion of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town-clerk of such towns, respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors of said tax; and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatements in their settlement with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants to the collectors chosen by the several towns to collect the State tax for the year 1779, who are to receive and collect the same according to law.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of ten shillings on the pound be laid on the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1778, to be levied and paid into the State treasury by the 20th day of December next, in current continental bills: Provided that, for the relief of the indigent who are unable to pay their proportion of said tax, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either in whole or in part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in greatest need of such abatements, to the amount of one twentieth part of such town's proportion of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town-clerk of such towns, respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collector of said tax; and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatements in their settlement with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants to the collectors chosen by the several towns to collect the State tax for the year 1779, who are to receive and collect the same according to law.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Eliphalet Dyer, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, William Williams, Jabez Huntington, Benjamin Payne, David Mumford, Samuel Mott, Joseph Platt Cook, Thaddeus Burr, Nathaniel Wales jun^r, Daniel Sherman, John Canfield, Jedidiah Strong, William Hillhouse, Jesse Root, Samuel Bishop, and Oliver Elsworth, Esq^{rs}, to be of the Council of Safety the year ensuing, with the same powers and authorities and under the same regulations as have been heretofore given and provided by any acts and resolves of the General Assembly.

An Act to enable certain Person or Persons to negotiate an Exchange for the Marine Prisoners of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Major William Ledyard, or such other person as may hereafter be appointed,

be and hereby is authorized and impowered to receive, take care of and provide for all marine prisoners that shall be brought into this State by any armed or other vessell belonging to the same or the subjects thereof, and to negotiate and make exchange of such prisoners for such persons as shall be captured by the enemy, belonging to this State or any of the subjects thereof, or employed in their service at the time of their capture, and to take all necessary care of and provide for such persons so received in exchange untill they can be removed to their own homes. And for the mode of exchange, the said Major William Ledyard, or such other person as may hereafter be appointed, is to pay strict regard to the order of time in which such persons to be received in exchange were captured.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and are hereby impowered and directed to draw on the Treasurer of the State for such sums of money as shall be necessary for the purpose aforesaid in favour of the said Major William Ledyard, he giving sufficient security to account for the same, and that the account of expenditures in receiving and exchanging the prisoners aforesaid shall be laid before the General Assembly for their adjustment and approbation; and all captains or commanders of any vessell belonging to this State or the subjects thereof, who shall take any prisoners and bring into any port within this State, shall immediately deliver them over to the said Major William Ledyard, or such other Commissary, of Prisoners as may hereafter be appointed. This act to continue in force untill the rising of the next General Assembly and no longer.

Resolved by this Assembly, That one quarter part of the able-bodied effective men in the militia and alarm list companies in the second, fourth and sixth brigades in this State, be immediately detached, properly officered, and ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice, each man furnished with a good fire-arm, cartridge-box, and twelve rounds of cartridges, blanket, knapsack, and six days provision, which provision shall be provided and kept in readiness to be delivered to such soldiers on their being ordered to march by the selectmen of the several towns to which they belong; which provisions said selectmen are hereby enabled to cause to be impressed by warrant from lawfull authority and an account thereof to be laid before the Committee of Pay-Table to be adjusted and orders given for payment to be charged to the United States; which men so detached shall be directed on warning given to repair to such place as the commanding officer of each company shall appoint, equipped as above to march; that immediately on the march of the aforesaid quarter part of the militia and alarm list companies one other quarter part shall be detached, ordered to be held in readiness, equipped, furnished and supplied, in like way and manner as above; that each non-commission officer and soldier who shall be

detached and ordered to march as above and shall neglect or refuse to march shall be considered and treated as a deserter.

And it is further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give the necessary orders for carrying the above resolve into execution.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissioned and staff officers of the regiments late in service at New London under the command of Roger Newberry and Dyer Throop, Esq^r., be allowed and paid in addition to their wages a sum equal in amount to six times the wages allowed to officers of equal rank in the continental army in the year 1775, and that the non-commissioned officers and privates be allowed and paid beside their wages at the rate of twelve pounds per month for the time they were in service; and that the officers and soldiers of Colo. Troop's regiment be allowed and paid twenty shillings per day each for each day they found and furnished their own provisions in said service, respectively.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r, Mr. Stephen Mix Mitchell, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. John McKay, Mr. Charles Church Chandler and Colo. Increase Mosely, a committee to make up and audit the State's account with the Treasurer of this State and report make.

Resolved by this Assembly, That such of the militia of this State whose wages for their service in the State of New York in the year 1777 has been drawn from the continental chest by Charles Kellogg their paymaster and by him detained from them, and for which he is now to account and pay the ballance to this State, be paid their wages without further delay out of the treasury of this State; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to receive their pay-rolls and, having notified said Kellogg to appear and evince before them what, if any, payment he has made thereon, to draw orders on the Treasurer for what they shall find due, with an allowance of two and an half *per cent.* to the captain or chief officer of the respective companies for paying out the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby directed and ordered to pay out the school-money to the respective towns on the list of 1778, additions included; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon a representation to this Assembly made by the Hon^{ble} Major General Putnam, that sundry persons are confined in the several counties in this State, which persons he is desirous to exchange for an equal number of the citizens of this and the neighbouring States who are prisoners to the British army: Resolved by this Assembly, that

Daniel Smith, Thacher Seers, Ephraim Treadwell, Ebenezer Leech, Arthur Newman, Eleazer Hall, George Crandell, Eli Lyon, and John Hendrick, be delivered into the hands or care of Brig. General Parsons, to be by him sent into New York in exchange for Samuel Webb of Stamford, David Bushnel of Saybrook, Simeon Coffin and Elihu Coffin, both of Marthas Vineyard, Samuel Silliman, Jesse Burr, Ebenezer Knapp, and Abraham Morehouse, all of Fairfield, and Lemuel Sherman of Stratford; and the several goalers and other persons who have the care and oversight of the above named British prisoners are hereby ordered and directed to take notice hereof.

Resolved, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Colo. John Chandler for one hundred and fifty pounds, money, in order to defray the expences of conveying to camp and delivering to the officers and soldiers the money committed to his care and charge for that purpose, taking his receipt therefor to account.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the town of Union be and they are hereby directed to send in a list of the polls and rateable estate which the inhabitants of said town shall be possessed of on the 20th of August next to the General Assembly to be holden on the second Thursday of October next, with the additions to the General Assembly to be holden on the second Thursday of May next, agreeable to the law of this State in such case provided. And the Secretary is directed to notify this resolve to the selectmen of said Union as soon as may be.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the proof-sheets of the late emissions of continental money sent into this State by order of Congress and now in the hands of the Treasurer be disposed of in the following manner, *viz*: To the Governor one sheet, to the chief judge of the superior court one sheet, one to the clerk of the superior court, one to the Treasurer, and one to the Secretary of this State, one to each county treasurer, one to each of the clerks of the county courts, one to each high sheriff of a county within this State, one to each State Attorney in this State, one to each town-clerk in this State, one to each collector of State taxes; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to deliver the same accordingly, taking proper receipts for the same. The remainder of the said proof-sheets shall remain in the custody of the Treasurer until he shall receive further order from this Assembly or from the Governor and Council of Safety; and that a copy of this resolve shall be lodged with the Treasurer for his direction therein.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer shall forthwith issue his warrants for collecting the several rates or taxes granted by this Assembly, and that the several collectors upon the receipt of such warrants shall make up their respective rate-bills thereon and give

proper notice thereof, and that all persons be invited, desired and encouraged, as far as their circumstances will permit, to pay in the whole of the three rates granted at once, that the beneficial purposes therein designed may be more effectually attained and answered.

Resolved by this Assembly, That two companies of effective men, properly equipped, be forthwith detached out of the first and fifth brigades in this State: each company to consist of sixty men, officers included, to be commanded by one captain, one lieutenant, and one ensign, to be stationed at New London and Groton for the defence of those places, as the commanding officer there shall order and direct, to be continued in service two months after arriving at the place of rendezvous; and that the like number being in the same manner previously detached from the said brigades, respectively, shall be in readiness to relieve the said first detachment at the end of every two months till the first of January next, unless sooner dismissed; which officers and men so detached shall be entitled to and receive the same wages, pay and subsistence, during the time of their service, as is allowed to the militia when called into the service of this State. And every man who shall be so detached shall be considered and treated as a deserter in case he shall refuse to perform the service aforesaid. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to give the necessary orders to carry this resolve into execution.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the officers and privates of the light dragoons and corps of artillery in the continental army belonging to and such as shall account for the quota of this State be and they are fully and in all respects allowed and entitled to the same immunities, privileges and allowances, both for themselves and families, as well in regard to their wages as other allowances, as are granted and allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Connecticut Line in the continental army, excepting premiums or bounties for inlisting into said service.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the members of the Lower House of Assembly for the present session be allowed their reasonable expences while attending upon the publick business of the same, and four shillings per mile out for their travel, in lieu of all other pay or allowances; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be allowed sixteen dollars per day each for the time they have been actually employed the year past.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the seamen and marines that are or may be inlisted to serve on board the sloop *Guilford* for the

defence of this State shall each be entitled to have and receive twelve pounds, L. money, per month for their wages while in said service, and that the wages of the respective officers belonging to said sloop be advanced in the same proportion agreeable to what they have been heretofore stated.

This Assembly do appoint General James Wadsworth to be of the Committee of Safety for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jedidiah Strong, Esq^r,* a Delegate for this State at the Congress of the United States, in the room of Titus Hosmer, Esq^r, resigned.

Whereas this Assembly have on report of a committee agreed forthwith to raise two regiments of militia in this State to consist of five hundred men each and two companies of horse to consist of fifty men each, to be properly equipped and marched with all possible dispatch to Greenwich for defence of the western frontiers,

Be it therefore enacted and resolved by this Assembly, That one of said regiments to consist of five hundred men be forthwith detached, one half from the 15th and 18th regiments of militia and the other half from the 10th and 23d regiments of militia of this State, to be properly officered, equipped and furnished, and ordered to march with the utmost dispatch to Greenwich or other western frontiers of this State for defence thereof.

And it is further resolved, That the said two companies of horse be also forthwith detached from the several troops of horse on the west side of the great river, to be properly officered, marched &c., as aforesaid. And said regiments of militia and companys of horse shall have and receive the pay, wages and allowances as provided and ordered by this Assembly in their present session, and shall be held in service no longer than the present pressing exigency of the case requires. And his Excellency the Governor is authorized and desired to give all proper and necessary orders for carrying into execution the provisions of this act and resolve, and also for raising, equipping and marching the other regiment agreed to be raised as aforesaid, whenever he shall judge it expedient and necessary.

Whereas this Assembly at their session in January last appointed Erastus Wolcott, Joseph Platt Cook, and Andrew Adams, Esq^s, a committee to enquire into and ascertain what has been done for the officers, soldiers and matrosses, or the families, respectively, of those of the Connecticut Line belonging to the continental army, in order that justice and equity may be done in the distribution of the sums of forty-five thousand pounds and sixty thousand pounds, lawfull money,

* He had been chosen by the Lower House at the April session, but the two houses could not then agree. *Rev. War*, xiv, 64, 149.

granted by this Assembly to be paid to said officers and soldiers at different periods, and report the facts they should find and their opinion thereon to this Assembly in their present session; and whereas the time limited for said committee to make their report is found to be too short, and their appointment expires at the present session of this Assembly: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that said committee be and they are hereby reappointed to perform said service, and report make as aforesaid to the session of this Assembly in October next.

Whereas this Assembly in February, 1778, resolved that the Committee of Pay-Table should adjust and settle the accounts of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers belonging to this State, that were captured on Long Island, in New York, Fort Washington, or places adjacent, while in the service of the United States, and returned home between the first day of November, 1776, and the first day of February, 1777, and were sick with the small-pox or other disorders upon or soon after their return, which distempers shall appear to have been taken before their return home, and draw orders on the Treasurer for what they should find justly due for the charge and expences occasioned by such sickness, and charge the same to the United States; and whereas it is represented to this Assembly that some non-commissioned officers and soldiers belonging to this State that were captured on Long Island, New York and Fort Washington, while in the service of the United States, have returned home since the first day of February, 1777, sick, lame &c., and no provision in said resolve is made for them: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby impowered and directed to adjust and settle the accounts of all such soldiers as were captured as in said resolve described, belonging to this State, and returned home since the first day of February, 1777, sick and lame or maimed of diseases taken while in the enemies hands as abovesaid, and draw orders on the treasury for what they shall find justly due for the charges and expences occasioned by such sickness and infirmity, and charge the same to the United States.

Whereas the journals of the House of Representatives have not in time past been secured and kept, whereby many important transactions of the said House have been entirely lost and the representatives of the people have been prevented from obtaining such proper information, which in many cases is necessary, from antecedent transactions: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the clerks of the said House of Representatives shall at the close of every session of Assembly close the journals of said House, writing on the outside of said journals the date of the session in large fair letters, and leave

the same with the Secretary to be kept with the archives and public writings of the State.*

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r, to be Major General of the militia in this State in the room of Major General James Wadsworth resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esq^r, to be First Major General of the militia of this State in the room of Major General Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Selah Hart, Esq^r, to be Brigadier General of the sixth brigade of militia in this State in the room of the Hon^{ble} Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Noadiah Hooker, Esq^r, to be Colonel of the 15th regiment of militia in this State in the room of Selah Hart, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Gad Stanley, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 15th regiment of militia in this State in the room of Noadiah Hooker, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Ichabod Norton, Esq^r, to be Major of the fifteenth regiment of militia in this State in the room of Gad Stanley, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Noah Phelps, Esq^r, to be Colonel of the eighteenth regiment of militia in this State in the room of Colonel Jonathan Humphry resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Amos Wilcox, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the eighteenth regiment of militia in this State in the room of Lieut. Colo. Noah Phelps promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Ozias Pettibone, Esq^r, to be Major of the eighteenth regiment of militia in this State in the room of Maj. Amos Wilcox promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Smith, Esq^r, of Derby, to be Major of the second regiment of militia in this State in the room of Samuel Treet, Esq^r, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Ezra Starr, Esq^r, Major of the third regiment of light-horse in this State in the room of Jabez Hill, Esq^r, who has resigned.

This Assembly do establish Othniel Williams to be Captain of the first company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Dix to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Dix to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

*This bill was at first dissented to in the Upper House. *Misc.*, iii, 312. The freemen of Simsbury, at their annual meeting in Sept., 1778, instructed their representatives to desire that an act may be passed for keeping a journal of the motions and debates, as well as the resolves of both Houses of Assembly. *Courant*, Oct. 27, 1778. No. 718.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Palmer to be Captain of the first company of alarm list in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Sands Niles to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Hecox to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Dayton to be Captain of the 9th company of the alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Bishop to be Lieutenant of the 9th company of the alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Avery jun^r to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Groton in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Avery to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Groton in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lawrence Clinton to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Hitchcock to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dudley Pettibone to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Dibble to be Lieutenant of an alarm list company in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Parmelee to be Ensign of an alarm list company in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Selden to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Peck to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Hall to be Captain of the third troop of horse in the 1st regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Beadle to be Lieutenant of the third troop of horse in the 1st regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abiel Baldwin to be Cornet of the third troop of light-horse in the first regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hiel Hall to be Quartermaster of the third troop of light-horse in the first regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Cady to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Lawrence to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Richmond to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Curtiss to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Judson to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Agur Judson jun^r to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Hitchcock to be Captain of the 10th company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lent Hotchkiss to be Lieutenant of the 10th company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Park^r to be Ensign of the 10th company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Thrall to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Hazen to be Captain of the seventh company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Calhoun to be Lieutenant of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Hastings to be Ensign of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Hamlin to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Gould to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Pardee to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Coburn to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Evert to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asaph Hall to be Captain of the third company of alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Woodward to be Captain of the 7th company of alarm list in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jedidiah Chapman to be Captain of the 9th company of alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benajah Bushnell to be Lieutenant of the 9th company of alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Spencer to be Ensign of the 9th company of alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Welles jun^r to be Captain of the 5th company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Whittlesey to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Unni Robbins to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Gates to be Lieutenant of the 5th alarm list company in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Loomiss to be Ensign of the 5th alarm list company in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Shepard to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Hackley to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Tood jun^r to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Malachi Loveland to be Lieutenant of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Brown to be Ensign of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Loomiss to be Ensign of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Palmer to be Captain of the 3d company of the alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Robinson to be Lieutenant of the 3d company of the alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gamaliel Ripley to be Ensign of the 3d company of the alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Whitmore to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Cornelius Storrs to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Barrows jun^r to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Mills to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Case to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Waldow to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Dunham to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Brigham to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Standley to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Doolittle to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Preston to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gershom Hewett to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Kingsbury to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Whitney to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Martin Reed to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zeba Hunt to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Pharez Clark to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Rose to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Lusk to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Hecox to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jedidiah Norton to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Mead 4th to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eli Rundell jun^r to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abel Baldwin to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Judson to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benajah Strong to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Bethuel Hinman to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Scofield to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Dimon to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Bears jun^r to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Akins to be Lieutenant of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Belcher to be Ensign of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Hull to be Lieutenant of the 11th company of alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Huntington to be Ensign of the 6th company of alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Wildman to be Captain of the 1st alarm list company in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Benedict to be Lieutenant of the 1st company of alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Theophilus Benedict jun^r to be Ensign of the first company of alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Sherman to be Captain of the 14th company of alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the 14th company of alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James McUrie to be Ensign of the 14th company of alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Abbe to be Captain of the 3d company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Terry to be Lieutenant of the 3d company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Abbe jun^r to be Ensign of the 3d company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Hallam to be Captain of the 2d company of the alarm list in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Henry Denison to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of the alarm list in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Dean to be Ensign of the second company of alarm list in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bacon jun^r to be Captain of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Hamlin to be Lieutenant of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Warner to be Ensign of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Cooper to be Ensign of the 9th company of the alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Todd to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Blackslee to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hamlin Dwight to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Warden to be Captain of the third company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Odell to be Lieutenant of the 3d company of alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Geddings to be Captain of the 7th company of alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Pickett to be Ensign of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Humberton to be Lieutenant of the 17th company of the alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Allen to be Ensign of the 17th company of the alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Perkins jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lazarus Tolles to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Gilbert to be Captain of the 17th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Ford to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Wooden to be Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Lyon jun^r to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Wright to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Smith to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Kellogg to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint James Steel to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Brooks to be Captain of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Hubbard to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Bailey to be Ensign of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Woodford to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Foot to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Israel Carter to be Lieutenant of the 6th company of alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaiah Gibson to be Ensign of the 6th company of alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Wade to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of alarm list in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Hawley to be Captain of the 15th company of alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jehiel French to be Lieutenant of the 15th company of alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Nichols to be Ensign of the 15th company of alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Foot to be Lieutenant of the 2d troop of horse in the 1st regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Mulford to be Cornet of the 2d troop of horse in the 1st regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elias Clark to be Quarter-Master of the 2d troop of horse in the 1st regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Hilhouse to be Captain of the second company of the Governor's Guard in this State.

This Assembly do establish Major Lines to be Lieutenant of the second company of the Governor's Guard in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Bishop to be Ensign of the second company of the Governor's Guard in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Smith to be Ensign of the 6th alarm list company in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Hylyer to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse within the limits of the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Pliny Hylyer to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse within the limits of the 18th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Case jun^r to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse within the limits of the 18th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do establish Uriah Case to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse within the limits of the 18th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Wells to be Captain of the 4th company of alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Frederick Elsworth to be Lieutenant of the 4th company of alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Bissell to be Ensign of the 4th company of alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Lord to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Perkins to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Sterling to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Loveland to be Captain of the 4th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Smith to be Lieutenant of the 4th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Howd to be Ensign of the 4th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Pierce to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bearse to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Woodford jun^r to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Atwater to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

Upon the petition of Archibald Clarke and the rest of the children and heirs of Daniel Clarke deceas'd, shewing that their said father just before his death on the 15th day of August, 1774, pledged about forty-five acres of very valuable land in Wallingford, mortgage-

wise, to Caleb Johnson of said Wallingford for security of a supposed debt, said to be due to said Johnson by note and other securities; that said Johnson is since dec^d and said estate is now claimed by one Miles Johnson of said Wallingford, and that said securities upon account of which payments have been made are not cancelled or given up, but retained from the petitioners &c.; praying to have said original debt examined and adjusted as well as the payments that were or ever have been made thereon, and that upon the petitioners paying what shall be found due they may have said land released to them &c., as per petition &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Andrew Ward, Eneas Munson and Gad Stanley, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to hear and examine the several and respective matters and things alledged and set forth in said petition and make report thereof with their opinion thereon to the next General Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Blackwell, shewing to this Assembly that he is a refugee from the city of New York, has suffered greatly by the enemy, and is not in business in this State sufficient for his family's support, and praying that he may be considered and his poll and moveable estate exempted from taxes, and that he may also be exempted from draughts for military service: Resolved by this Assembly, that the poll and moveable estate of the memorialist be exempted from taxes during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the report of General James Wadsworth, Colo. John Pitkin and Colo. John Chester, a committee to adjust the accounts of the committee for working the lead mine at Middletown and others who have demands against the same, shewing to this Assembly that there is due to

Capt. Samuel Russell,	£239	16	3½
Colo. Jabez Hamlin,	1	18	0
Colo. Matthew Talcott,	3	0	0
Jabez Hamlin, deceas'd,	4	3	0
George Phillips, deceas'd,	3	1	7
John Earl Hubbard,	3	4	0

Making in the whole, £245 2 10½*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby ordered to pay out the aforesaid sums and charge the same to account of this State. And whereas there is sundry iron tools and other utensils not fastened to the works and likely to be lost before the said mines will be worked again: It is further resolved, that Capt. Samuel Russell of Middletown collect and make sale of the same and settle his account with the Pay-Table and pay the neet proceeds into the treasury of this State.

* The correct footing would be £255 2 10½.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Henshaw, shewing to this Assembly that he had served this State as a manager of their furnace at Salisbury for about two years, and had a large account against this State therefor unsettled, and praying that a committee might be appointed to settle said account and let him be finally discharged from said furnace and all demands on account thereof against him, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Increase Mosely, Capt. Samuel Forbes and Capt. John Watson be and they are hereby appointed a committee to settle said affair according to the prayer of said memorial.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Fellows of Canaan, shewing to this Assembly that he served as a serjeant in the regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Burrall in Canada in the year 1776, and by the severity of the service contracted a disease, which falling into his limbs before his term of service expired rendered him a cripple and disabled him from service, and that he so continues to this day; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved, that the memorialist be entituled to and receive the same allowance on account of such his disability as is provided in case of disability occasioned by wounds received in action, and that the Committee of the Pay-Table receive and adjust his accounts accordingly.

Upon the memorial of John McCurdy, shewing that the listers of the town of Lyme in the year 1775 fourfolded and overcharged the memorialist and his son Lynde McCurdy, who was then a minor, in the general list of said town to the amount and sum of £858 4 4 in the whole, the memorialist's single true list of his estate including what was set to his said son being no more than £187 15 8; that he hath been compelled to pay the rates granted and accrued upon such overcharge &c., as per memorial &c.; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby abated all the rates and taxes that has or may be made or assessed upon such fourfold and overcharge of £858 4 4 in said general list as aforesaid, and that he shall be refunded for such as he may have paid thereon; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Jonathan Bull in behalf of his Excellency the Governor's company of Guards, praying for an addition to the £20 heretofore allowed for the expence of dining said company: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby directed to pay out of the publick treasury to the memorialist one hundred pounds for the expence of dining said company the last election day, in addition to the sum of £20 pounds heretofore allowed for that purpose.

The Sums Total of the Lists of the respective Towns in the State of Connecticut, as taken upon the 20th Day of August, 1778, and sent in to the General Assembly in October following, together with the Sums Total of the Single Additions and Fourfold Assessments as sent in to the Secretary's Office by the several Towns in said State upon the 20th Day of February 1779, agreeable to Act of Assembly passed in January last.

		Single additions.	Fourfold assessments.	Abatements.
Hartford, . . .	£48945 11 0	£1408 9 6	£248 10 0	
Windsor, . . .	23931 17 3	58 2 0	598 0 0	
Midletown, . . .	41979 7 0	276 12 9	143 4 0	
Weathersfield, . . .	30728 11 0	1018 12		
Haddam, . . .	16235 13 9	336 17 7	18	
Farmington, . . .	72936 15	455	1780 8	
Symsbury, . . .	36842 18 10	270 18		
Suffield, . . .	20556 14	Additions included.		
Enfield, . . .	13358 17		44	
East Windsor, . . .	28338 14	1478 12 5	116	
Glastonbury, . . .	20497 19 9½			
Chatham, . . .	23617 8	469 19	48 16	
East Hadam, . . .	25498 15 6	474 11		
Colchester, . . .	38145 14 10	1895 19 3	808 16	
Hebron, . . .	22571 3 7	515 8		
Bolton, . . .	11931 11	364 7		
Tolland, . . .	15065 9	180 17 2½	560 16	
Somers, . . .	9464 18	160 2	32	
Willington, . . .	9291 2 6	284 11 6	fourfolds included.	
Stafford, . . .	11880 14	934 16 11		
New Haven, . . .	66924 13 10	1332 9 1	325 1	
Milford, . . .	26435 4 6½	2257 6 1	602 16	
Derby, . . .	18037 11 5	423 15		
Waterbury, . . .	38504 18 9½	419 17 6½	169 1 4	
Wallingford, . . .	49846 16 5	282 3 5	302	
Durham, . . .	13724 17 8	42 10	12 8	
Guilford, . . .	34598 16 4		330 6 0	
Branford, . . .	23534 14 8½			
New London, . . .	32937 9 8	2150 19 3	335 4	
Norwich, . . .	68236 7 0½		1953 15 10	
Preston, . . .	23931 18 4½	138 18 0	180	
Killingworth, . . .	20903 0 7	60 2 0	369 16	
Saybrook, . . .	26018 3 0½		259 19 9	
Stonington, . . .	36810 18 4	560 13 6	2178 16	
Lyme, . . .	29867 17 6½	431 5 6	1852 12	
Groton, . . .	24835 15 4½	518 14 0		
Fairfield, . . .	47951 12 3	1453 7 3	785 4	
Norwalk, . . .	39816 10½	628 15 6	4821 4	
Stratford, . . .	54077 6 6	939 15 0		
New Fairfield, . . .	14661 19 10	200 2 6	324 14	
Greenwich, . . .	20873 12 6	1806 1		
Ridgfield, . . .	17499 10 2	174 14	836 5 4	
Newtown, . . .	21128 9 0	821 19	6328 1	
Danbury, . . .	28210 10	160 1 1	2512 3 0	
Stamford, . . .	31628 18 6	additions included.		
Redding, . . .	13915 3 5	597 16 8	813 9 7	
Windham, . . .	32762 10 7½	177 4	328 4	£530 16
Killingley, . . .	28728 12 1	306 2 0		
Woodstock, . . .	22934 3	303 17		
Lebanon, . . .	89453 16 2	881 2	255	
Coventry, . . .	21390 14 9			
Canterbury, . . .	20154 18 10	1475 15		
Ashford, . . .	19825 2 4½	302 2		
Voluntown, . . .	14238 13 4	611 11 6	1258 14 4	
Pomfrett, . . .	27537 10	441 13 11		
Plainfield, . . .	14535 10 4	393 5 6		
Mansfield, . . .	22908 9 2	368 5		

			Single additions.	Fourfold assessments.	Abatements
Litchfield, . . .	27885	5	284	10	
Woodbury, . . .	59808	6 10	1416	18 5	1122 10 0
New Milford, . . .	80028	16 8	640	19 9	156 6
Sharon, . . .	16684	8 4	712	6 0	
Harwington, . . .	10028	8 4	818	17 8	88 4
Salisbury, . . .	17582	11 8	705	6 4	480 6
Canaan, . . .	16022	15 11	27	0 0	
Kent, . . .	17910	14 8			
Goshen, . . .	18194	15 8	810		280
Torrington, . . .	10888	9	120	18 5	50 2
Cornwall, . . .	10653	13 1	184		372 6 5
New Hartford, . . .	10599	15	42	5	611 8
Hartland, . . .	6929	7	53	0	102
Norfolk, . . .	10029	7 11	76		156

Hartford, 27th Feb^y, 1779,

Per

Benja. Payne,

Hez. Wyllys,

Elisha Pitkin,

} Committee.

The above return of the grand list of the respective towns in this State as reported by the committee appointed to make up the same being read is accepted and approved and established as the grand list of the State for the year 1778, to all intents and purposes as though the same had been returned and accepted in the usual time and manner according to law, and is ordered to be recorded accordingly.

A single addition to the list of the town of Lebanon for the year 1778 of the sum of £243 6, now presented, is accepted and ordered to be added to the said list of said town.

Whereas the exposed situation of the towns on the sea coasts of this State may render it inexpedient for the General Assembly thereof to meet at New Haven in October next, according to the stated provision of law: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and desired, at his discretion, if he shall judge it most for publick good and safety, to convene the said General Assembly at Hartford in October next instead of New Haven and to issue his proclamation accordingly, and the same being inserted in the New London, Hartford and New Haven newspapers shall be a sufficient notice thereof; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Assembly do grant to his Excellency Governor Trumbull eighteen hundred pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly do grant to his Excellency Governor Trumbull one thousand pounds, money, for his extraordinary services in the year past, and direct the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly do grant to his Excellency Governor Trumbull seven hundred and fifty pounds, money, in addition to the one hundred and fifty pounds granted to him last October for the last half of his salary for the year past.

This Assembly do grant to his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold six hundred pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly do grant to his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of one hundred pounds for his extraordinary services in the year past, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly do grant to his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in addition to the fifty pounds granted to him in October last for the last half of his salary the year past.

Upon a memorial of John Lawrence, Esq^r, Treasurer of this State, representing to this Assembly that for many years past his services as Treasurer have been rewarded by the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds *per annum*, but that on account of the great increase of the Treasurer's services and the enhanced prices of the necessary articles of life, said sum of one hundred and eighty pounds is far from being an adequate reward for his services, and praying that this Assembly will make him such further allowance for his services as they shall judge reasonable and adequate, and also that such assistance as the Treasurer may think necessary may be procured at the expence of the State; as per memorial on file: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be allowed, and he is hereby allowed, for his salary and extraordinary services for the year past, the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds to be paid out of the publick treasury; and also that the Treasurer be permitted to procure such assistance as he may think necessary, to be procured at the expence of this State for the current year.

This Assembly grants to George Wyllys, Esq^r, Secretary of this State, as and for his salary the year past, the sum of £240, lawfull money, and also the further sum of £260, L. money, for his extra services and assistant clerks for the said year.

This Assembly do grant to the Rev^d Nathan Strong £36, money, for his officiating as Chaplain to this Assembly this session.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all petitions and memorials between party and party yet remaining before this Assembly, and all committees appointed upon the same with their powers and authoritys, be and the same are hereby continued to the session of this Assembly in October next.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Nathaniel Wales of Windham Surveyor of Lands within and for the county of Windham.

Upon the memorial of John Crane, William Austin, Joseph Shepard, Elijah Case, Israel Jones and others, inhabitants of the town

of Barkhemsted, so called, living on the east side of the West River, so called, running through said town, shewing to this Assembly that there is a sufficient quantity of land lying on the east side of said river in said Barkhemsted for a distinct ecclesiastical society; that there are about fifty familys now living thereon of ability to support the gospel; that they are destitute of society privileges, civil and religious, and that all the lands and inhabitants on the east* side of said [river] in said Barkhemsted are annexed to the society of Winsted; praying that said lands and inhabitants on the east side of said river may be made one distinct ecclesiastical society, vested with all the privileges of other ecclesiastical [societies] &c., as per said memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that all the inhabitants living and who may hereafter live and dwell in that part of the said township of said Barkhemsted being and lying on the east side of said West River be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society, and they are hereby and shall be invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities, which other ecclesiastical societies in this State by law have and are entituled to.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Nash of Fairfield, executor on the last will and testament of Gideon Hurlburt of said Fairfield, dec^d, shewing to this Assembly that the said Gideon Hurlburt in his life time by his said last will ordered and directed that two certain pieces of land together with his moveable estate should be by his said executor sold to pay the debts due from his said estate; and whereas it appears by a certificate from the court of probates for the district of said Fairfield that said executor hath sold said two pieces of land and the moveables belonging to said estate and yet there is due from said estate the sum of £99 10 6½, to pay which the said executor hath nothing in his hands; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the abovesaid Thomas Nash, as executor on the last will and testament of the abovesaid Gideon Hurlbut, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Thomas Nash, to sell so much of the remainder part of the said deceas'd's real estate as shall raise the sum of £99 10 6½, L. money, as also to pay the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Henshaw of Middletown, shewing that in the year 1767 he obtained a judgment and had execution granted him in due form of law against the proprietors of Winchester for about £112 0 8 debt and cost of suit; that in September of the same year he delivered said execution into the hands of one Eliphalet Ensign, a sheriff's deputy, and caused the same to be levied upon about six hundred and eighty acres of vacant unappropriated lands belonging to said proprietors in said Winchester, which was then

* West in original bill, *Eocl.* xv, 146.

apprized and surveyed to him in full satisfaction of said execution and the cost and expence attending said levy ; that the said sheriff's deputy, whose duty it was, or the clerk of said proprietors omitted to enter said execution at large with the doings thereon upon the publick records of said proprietors, or in the office and records of the county court from whence it issued, and the same is mislaid and lost, yet that, however, the county surveyor who surveyed and located said lands to the petitioner at the time of the levy and apprizement aforesaid made out and delivered to the petitioner a survey-bill of said lands under his hand and office, in the words and form following, to wit: A survey of a piece of land taken by execution from the proprietors of Winchester and set off to Benjamin Henshaw of Midletown by Capt. Abel Merrell, Mr. Abraham Kellogg and Mr. Noah Kellogg, apprizers under oath, is as follows, viz: We began at the southeast corner of the township of the abovesaid Winchester, and run westwardly on the line between said Winchester and Torrington sixty-seven chains to a hemlock tree with stones about it on said line, from thence north nineteen degrees east twenty-six chains to a hemlock tree with stones about it one marked B H., from thence west nineteen degrees north forty chains to a hemlock staddle marked, from thence north nineteen degrees east sixty chains, from thence east nineteen degrees south one hundred chains to Barkhemsted line, from thence southerly on the line between said Barkhemsted and said Winchester to the firstmentioned corner, within which monuments described there is contained six hundred and seventy three acres. The above survey was performed October the 1st, 1767, by me Uriah Seymour, surveyor, and with the assistance of Ichabod Merrell and Joseph Merrell, chainmen under oath, as by the said original survey fully appears ; that the whole of said debt and cost in said execution contained, together with the additional expence attending said levy, amounted to the sum of £117 15 6, L. money ; that the petitioner hath ever since been in the quiet possession of the greatest part of said land, and hath made many valuable improvements thereon, but to his surprise hath lately discovered the omission of the return and record of said execution and the doings thereon, and that the same are lost or mislaid not through any latch of the petitioner's etc. ; praying for relief &c., as per petition &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the town-clerk of said Winchester do and shall receive the aforerecited original survey-bill and enter and record the same at large together with this act in and upon the publick records of said town, and that an attested copy thereof shall be allowed and given in evidence as full and compleat evidence of the petitioners right and title to said lands as mentioned and described therein as the said original execution and the levy and doings of said sheriff's deputy thereon had been in the time of it returned and recorded as the law in such case directs.

On the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Waterbury in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that one Joseph

Lewis, an inhabitant of the town of said Waterbury, being incapable of transacting business and supporting himself, and has been supported at the publick expence of said town about eight years; praying for liberty to sell two rights of land belonging to said Lewis lying in said Waterbury, *viz*: ten acres situate on the Streight Mountain, so called, and a six shilling right on the Great Hill, so called, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to sell the above described pieces of land for defraying the expences already arisen in supporting said Lewis, so far as the land will amount to when sold, and to make good and legal deed or deeds for the same, which may be plead in any court of law in this State.

Upon the memorial of Ashbel Kilborn of East Windsor, shewing to this Assembly that he was taken prisoner by the British troops in December, 1777, was by them imprisoned in Philadelphia, where he was frose almost to death, and that he was obliged to advance and pay £37 10 0 to a waggoner for transporting him from said Philadelphia to Hartford, and after his return home was obliged to put himself under the care of Doct^r Tudor, untill his bill hath arisen to £57 10 0; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table adjust and liquidate the accounts of the memorialist for his sickness &c., and draw an order on the Treasurer of this State for the payment of such sums as they shall find due.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Canterbury by Asa Witter and John Felch, agents for said town, shewing to this Assembly the difficulty of repairing the publick highways in said town at the present day in the way and manner directed by law, and praying that they may be authorized to tax themselves for such purpose, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, from time to time during the pleasure of this Assembly, to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town to raise such sums as shall be necessary for the purpose of repairing the publick highways in said town. And it shall be the duty of the surveyors of highways within their peculiar districts, to be set out and assigned them in such way and manner as the town shall direct, to cause the publick highways within their respective limits to be well and sufficiently repaired, and for that purpose to hire and employ such and so many persons from time to time in proper seasons of the year as they shall judge necessary. And the said surveyors shall keep a true and fair account of the persons they shall employ for said purpose, the time of service and the necessary materials procured, and lay the same from time to time as may be expedient before the selectmen of said town, who upon proper examination shall

draw on the treasurer of said town, in favour of the person or persons who have done such service, for such sums as they shall judge reasonable and necessary to effect the purpose designed and promotive of uniformity through the various parts of said town.

Upon the petition of Edward Ruggles, of Pomfret in the county of Windham and State of Connecticut, and Asa Church, of Shutesbury in the county of Hamshire and State of the Massachusetts Bay, and Lucy Ruggles, of Willington in the county of Hartford, as the said Lucy is administratrix on the estate of Samuel Ruggles, late of said Willington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that on the 13th day of October, 1778, the said Edward Ruggles and the said Samuel Ruggles since deceas'd bargained and sold to the said Asa Church, for the consideration of seven hundred pounds, lawfull money, the lands hereafter described, and for to oblige the fulfilling and compleating of said bargain and sale they, the said Edward and Samuel and the said Asa, gave the following securities to each other, in the words following, *viz*: Know all men by these presents, that I Edward Ruggles of Pomfret in the county of Windham and State of Connecticut in New England, yeoman, and Samuel Ruggles of Willington in the county of Hartford in Connecticut aforesaid, yeoman, are holden and stand firmly bound unto Asa Church, of Shutesbury in the county of Hamshire in the State Massachusetts Bay, yeoman, in the sum of fourteen hundred pounds, lawfull money, to be paid to the said Asa Church, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, firmly by these presents sealed with our seals, Dated this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord 1778. The condition of this obligation is such that if the above-bounden Edward Ruggles and Samuel Ruggles, their heirs, executors or administrators, do at the request of the above-named Asa Church and upon the payment of seven hundred pounds, lawfull money, to them, the said Ruggles, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, at or before the first day of April next ensuing the date of these presents by the said Asa Church for which payment they have his promissory note at or before the first day of April next ensuing the date of these presents, make, sign, seal and deliver unto the said Asa Church, his heirs &c., a firm and legal deed of sale or feofment of three parcels or tracts of land with the privileges or appurtenances thereto belonging, which tracts of land lie in Willington aforesaid, and parcel of which land being in that mile of land that was taken off Ashford and annexed to Willington and bounded as follows, *viz*: beginning at a stake and heap of stones standing in old Willington line and is the southwest corner, thence running north seven degrees east 134 rods to a meer-stone, from thence east 10 degrees south 46 rods to a stake and stones, thence east $37\frac{1}{2}$ degrees north 22 rods and half to a stake and heap of stones, thence east 10 degrees $\frac{1}{2}$ south 10 rods and eleven links to a chestnut tree,

thence west 3 degrees $\frac{1}{2}$ north 5 rods and 17 links to a stake and stones, from thence south $34\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west five rods and 21 links, from thence south 4 degrees $\frac{1}{2}$ west 4 rods and 23 links, from thence south 18 degrees east four rods and 22 links to a stake and stones, from thence south 1 degree $\frac{1}{2}$ west 72 rods to a stake and stones, from thence west 2 degrees and $\frac{1}{2}$ south 30 rods to a stake and stones by the highway, from thence south 18 degrees east 12 rods to a stake and stones, thence west 3 degrees south 57 rods to the first mentioned bounds, containing fifty-nine acres and a half, be the same more or less, the road laid out through the same being included within the bounds. Another parcell of land lying also in Willington aforesaid containing forty acres, butted and bounded as follows, *viz*: beginning at a heap of stones in Willington old line westward of the house in which said Samuel Ruggles now dwells, thence north 6 degrees east on said old line 41 rods and 20 links to a heap of stones, thence west 5 degrees north 147 rods to stones for a corner, thence south 25 degrees west $44\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake and stones being the southwest corner, thence east 160 rods to the first mentioned bounds. And another piece of land lying in the north-east part of Willington aforesaid, containing seven acres of land butted and bounded as follows: beginning at a stake and stones on the west side of the highway leading from where said Samuel Ruggles dwells to Azariah Sangers, from thence west 11 degrees north 59 rods and 16 links to a stake and stones in Willington old line, thence south on said line 21 rods and $\frac{1}{2}$ to a stake and stones, thence east 11 degrees south 43 rods to a stake and stones by said highway, thence northerly by said highway 26 rods and $\frac{1}{2}$ to the first-mentioned bounds. Whereby the said parcels of land above described with all the appurtenances and privileges may be lawfully vested in the possession of the said Asa Church, then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to stand and remain in full force and virtue. Signed, sealed &c., as per petition on file. In consideration of which bond so given to said Asa, he on the said 13th day of October, gave and executed to said Samuel, son of said Edward, who was to take the whole price of said lands, the following note of hand, *viz*: Pomfret, October 13th, 1778. I the subscriber do for value received promise to pay to Samuel Ruggles the sum of seven hundred pounds lawfull money by the first day of April next with interest from the first day of March next till paid as witness my hand. Asa Church. Which bargain for the sale of said lands cannot be compleated and carried into execution without the interposition of your Hon^r and this Hon^{ble} Assembly. Whereupon your petitioners humbly pray your Honors to impower and grant liberty to the said Edward Ruggles and Lucy Ruggles, as she is administratrix on the estate of said Samuel Ruggles deceas'd, upon the payment of the said seven hundred pounds to her to give and execute to him the said Asa Church a good ample and well authenticated deed of conveyance of the lands and premises described

in the condition of said bond, and that thereby the title of said lands be vested in the said Asa Church, his heirs &c., as fully as though the same had been given by the said Edward and Samuel in the life time of said Samuel, and that the said Lucy inventory the said seven hundred pounds as the rest of the estate of the said Samuel deceased: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Edward Ruggles and Lucy Ruggles have power, and power and authority is hereby granted to the said Edward and Lucy, to give and execute to him, the said Asa Church, a good and ample and well authenticated deed of conveyance of the lands and premises heretofore described, and the title of said land be vested in the said Asa Church, his heirs &c., as fully as though the same had been given by said Edward and Samuel in the lifetime of said Samuel; and that the said Lucy inventory the said seven hundred pounds as the rest of the estate of said Samuel deceas'd.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Whitaker and Zephaniah Alden, both of Stafford, administrators on the estate of Benjamin Herrington late of Stafford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd, as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford, surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceased the sum of £10 17 0, L. money, &c.; that there is but only fourteen acres of land belonging to the estate of said deceas'd, the sale of part of which and leaving the remainder will be detrimental to the heirs of said deceas'd &c.; praying for liberty to sell the whole of the lands of said deceas'd, and take so much of the avails of said lands as are necessary to pay said debts, and the remainder if any be to dispose of to and among the heirs of said deceas'd &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Jonathan Whittaker, to sell the whole of the said fourteen acres of land of said deceased and dispose of the avails of the sale of said lands to the purpose aforesaid; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Curtiss and Ruth Gay, both of Farmington in the State of Connecticut, executors of the last will and testament of Colo. Fisher Gay late of said Farmington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that Erastus Gay, a minor son and heir of said deceas'd, by virtue of the last will and testament of said deceas'd is seized in common with the assigns of Messrs. Thomas Lewiss and John Case, both of said town, of two certain pieces of land situate in the parish of East Hampton in the town of Chatham, the one of which containing by estimation six acres with a dwelling-house and barn standing thereon, the other piece of land containing twenty acres, which were conveyed to the said Fisher Gay, Thomas Lewiss and John Case, by Moses Freeman of said Chatham for the considera-

tion of £150; that the said Lewis and Case having lately conveyed away all their right in the premises, the right of the said Erastus will never be very beneficial to him in its present broken situation; praying that they may be impowered to sell the right and title of the said Erastus in the premises, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to sell the right and title of the said Erastus in the premises, and to execute a deed to the purchaser good and sufficient in the law to convey the same in fee; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Farmington.

Upon the memorial of George Catlin, administrator on the estate of Joseph Yale late of Harwington in the district of Litchfield, representing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate against said estate surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £33. 2. 8, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to satisfy said sum and incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and is hereby granted to said administrator to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to procure said sum of thirty-three pounds two shillings and eight pence, L. money, and incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Obadiah Wheeler, Agur Curtiss and Asa Johnson, all of Woodbury in [this] State, representing to this Assembly that the houses of the memorialists were by virtue of an act of Assembly taken and made use of as an hospital for the purpose of inculcating a number of the continental troops, and that they had applied to the director general of the hospital in the eastern department for payment but could obtain nothing; praying this Assembly to pay the several accounts of the memorialists, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and hereby are ordered and directed to examine and adjust the several accounts of the memorialists, and draw an order for payment of the same out of the treasury of this State and charge the same in account with the United States.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Fox now confined in Norwich jail, shewing to this Assembly that he was before the superior court held at Norwich in and for the county of New London in March, 1778, convicted of the crime of clandestinely going on Long Island in disobedience to the law of this State, and was sentenced to suffer two years imprisonment, to pay a fine of twenty pounds, and also a large bill of cost, and that he had secured the fine and cost and suffered one year and two months imprisonment; praying this Assembly

to release him for the remainder of his confinement on his giving security for his future good behaviour, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby released from his confinement on his procuring sufficient securities in a bond of £2000, L. money, for his future good behaviour to the acceptance of the States Attorney in New London county, who is directed to take the bonds accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Church, of Dighton in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, shewing to this Assembly that he now hath in the hands of Bennet Munro of Norwich thirty bushels of grain of several sorts by the said Munro purchased for the said Church for the sole use and consumption of his own family; praying this Assembly that permission may be granted to the said Munro to transport said grain by land out of this State to and for said Church, as per memorial on file: The prayer of which memorial is granted, and thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that permission be given to the said Bennet Munro to transport by land said thirty bushels of grain out of this State to and for the said Thomas Church.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Gorham of Fairfield, administrator of the estate of Joshua Baker late of Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £99 9 4, lawfull money, for which the said administrator hath nothing in his hands to pay, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him the said administrator, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay the above sum of £99 9 4, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Levi Shepard, shewing to this Assembly that he has at Hartford and Farmington twenty barrells of flour which he brought out of the State of New York by permit from Governor Clinton, and that he wants to transport the same to the State of Massachusetts Bay for the use of his family and others, as by memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Shepard have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted, to transport said twenty barrels of flour out of this State to the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Upon the memorial of Medad Webster, Richard Seymour and Levi Robbins and others, all of Hartford, inhabitants of and belonging to the south school district lying within the limits of the first and second societies in said Hartford, shewing to this Assembly their situation is such that they can take no benefit of schooling in said district

by means of their distance from the school-house in said district and the great number of children attending said school, and praying that they may be set off and constituted and formed into a distinct school district with all the powers and privileges which other school districts within this State have and do enjoy, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby set off from said south school district by a line to be drawn from the northeast-corner of the home-lot belonging to the heirs of James Bunce, late deceased, and thence to run westerly till it meets with the south-east corner of Zebulon Mygatt's home-lot, and running with the south line of said lot untill it comes to the south-west corner thereof, and from thence in a straight line to Hog River Bridge, so called, and from said bridge to run westerly with the road untill it comes to the line dividing between said first and second societies and the West Division Society, thence running southerly with said line to Weathersfield bounds, and thence running easterly with said Weathersfield line untill it comes to a lane which runs northerly by the house where Deacon Joseph Holtum lately dwelt, and to run northerly with said lane untill it comes to where said lane makes a crank, and from the east end of said crank to run northerly a straight line to the first-mentioned bounds. And the inhabitants living within the afore-said lines are hereby made and constituted an entire and distinct school district, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and immunities that other school districts within this State have and are entitled to by law, and shall have and receive from said south district their full part and proportion of the publick moneys now belonging to said district, to be proportioned according to the list of said south district for the year 1778.

Upon the memorial of Tabitha Root of Willington, administratrix on the estate of Isaac Root late of said Willington, deceas'd, shewing that said Isaac was in the war almost from the beginning of it, went to the northward in August, 1777, in Colo. Thaddeus Cook's regiment, was in the actions there and at the taking of General Burgoine, and by the fatigues of service contracted a disease of which he afterwards languished and dyed, leaving a widow and five small children with a small estate, and that said Isaac was at great expence in returning home and for doctoring in his last sickness; praying for an allowance from the publick, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the accounts of said Isaac's expences returning home and of doctoring after he got home be and they are hereby referred to the Committee of Pay-Table to examine, liquidate, adjust and allow, and to draw orders on the Treasurer for what shall appear to have been necessarily expended in said Isaac's returning home and for doctoring after he got home.

Upon the memorial of Amos Ranney, Charles Plum and Daniel Starr, shewing to this Assembly that on the first day of December,

1777, they severally enlisted into the service of this State on board the ship *Oliver Cromwell* for the term of six months, and that they served on board said ship more than said term of six months, during which time they assisted in capturing two rich prizes the *Admiral Kepple* and the *Cyrus*, which have arrived in port and been condemned, and that after the expiration of their time of service, as aforesaid, they made application to Capt. Parker, the commander of said ship, for their discharge, which was refused them, whereupon they left the ship and were afterwards returned by Capt. Parker as deserters, and were thereby debarred from receiving their wages and prize money, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Amos Ranney, Charles Plum and Daniel Starr be entituled to receive their stipulated wages and prize money for their service on board said ship *Oliver Cromwell*, in as full and ample a manner as if they had never been returned as deserters by Capt. Parker, and that said Capt. Parker be and he is hereby ordered and directed to pay to said Amos Ranney, Charles Plum and Daniel Starr their stipulated wages for the time they were in service on board said ship, and that the agent, Capt. Jabez Perkins, be and he is hereby ordered and directed to pay unto said Amos Ranney, Charles Plum and Daniel Starr, their proportion of the prize-money arising from the sale of the said prize ships, the *Admiral Kepple* and the *Cyrus*, taken by said ship *Oliver Cromwell*.

Upon the memorial of Cloe Loyd of Chatham, wife of Thomas Loyd, shewing to this Assembly that she, the said Cloe, was several years married to the said Thomas Loyd, possessed of about ten acres of land and one tenth part of a small old dwelling-house in said Chatham, and that the said Loyd soon after his marriage to the said Cloe went off and left her in a weak low and declining state of health and, being unable to take care of and provide for herself on account of her weak and low state of health, did sometime in the winter past apply to the selectmen of said Chatham to interpose in her behalf and provide a doctor and nurse and such necessaries as she might want from time to time, and the selectmen of said Chatham did, in consequence of said application, provide a doctor, nurse and such things as she, the said Cloe, stood in need of, by which means considerable cost has arisen, and that the memorialist, by reason of her marriage as aforesaid, is unable by law to dispose of her land; praying that the selectmen of said Chatham may be enabled to sell so much of said real estate as to defray the expence and charges which they have been at in providing and taking care of the memorialist, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of said Chatham be and they are hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of the memorialist as to defray the expence and charges of the said selectmen in providing and taking care of the memorialist.

Upon the memorial of Doctors Hezekiah Beardslee and Robert Kinkhead, shewing to this Assembly that Quartus Newell, a soldier in Captain Bray's company, Colo. Enos's regiment of minute men for the State of Connecticut, being on or about the 7th of September last past, *viz*: 1778, on his return from a three months campaign at West Point, was taken violently sick with a bilious disorder, and there being no continental or State hospital near by advice of his officers he, the said Quartus Newell, was brought home, at which the memorialists (being desired by the friends) used their utmost skill and attention in his case, but that his disorder being of an uncommon malignity, he died on the 21st or 22d day; producing their attested bills for medicines and service, amounting to the sum of thirty-seven pounds fourteen shillings, lawfull money, &c.; praying redress may be had and the above sum paid by this State, as per memorial on file: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be authorized and impowered to examine, liquidate and adjust the accounts of the memorialists, and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find due to them.

Upon the memorial of Anna Clark, administratrix on the estate of Capt. Daniel Clark late of Plainfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that about the third of September, 1777, said Capt. Clark marched with his company of militia and joined the American army at Saratoga, and on the 19th day of September was slain by the enemy, having in his pocket £37, L. money, by him received to pay out to said company, which money fell into the hands of the enemy; praying that said sum be paid out of the treasury of this State, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour [of] the said Anna Clark for said sum of £37, L. money, and charge the same to the United States.

Upon the memorial of Edward Wentworth, representing to this Assembly that he removed from Norwalk in this State to Boston with his family, and having purchased and at the time of his removal having on hand sixteen hundred pounds weight of flour for the support of his own and his father's family &c., now in Boston in suffering and needy circumstances, and that his said flour now remains in Kensington and Killingley within this State; praying for liberty to transport the same out of this State by land to Boston for the uses aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Edward Wentworth have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the said Edward Wentworth, to transport said sixteen hundred weight of flour by land out of this State to Boston in the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Whereas John Huntington and others of Tolland have bro't their petition to this Assembly, complaining of great injury done to their

lands and possessions by the opening a highway through their said lands by order of the county court; praying for relief &c., which petition cannot now be heard by reason of publick concerns &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said highway shall not be laid open through the lands and farm of the said Huntington untill the rising of this Assembly in October next, and that said petition be and the same is hereby continued to the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the memorial of Olive Barns of Guilford, widow of Timothy Barns late deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that on the 20th day of February, 1778, the said Timothy was detached as a recruit for filling up the continental army and marched with the recruits as far as Danbury to join said army then lying at the North River, and that at said Danbury he was taken sick, put into the hospital there where he continued untill the ninth day of October, 1778, and then dyed, and that by reason of his said sickness and death he was never actually joined to or mustered in any corps in said army, and never received any pay or wages, and that on the death of the said Timothy his cloaths were inventoried and turned into a publick store, and that she hath never been able to obtain or find any of them excepting a great-coat; praying for relief, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the accounts and matters in said memorial referred to be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table for examination and adjustment, who are directed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of said Olive for such sum as they shall find just and reasonable for the said Timothy's wages and cloathing lost.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Fyler of Guilford, shewing to this Assembly that the last campaign he was a soldier in the service of this State under Capt. Augustus Collins in Colo. Ely's regiment, while stationed at New London, and was there visited with sore sickness, in which condition he was left when the regiment was called away to Providence, but previous to their marching he had the advice both of his colonel and physician, by all means to be removed home to his friends as soon as he should be able, and accordingly after some time, having but few conveniences left after his officers and friends were gone, he with much difficulty was removed to his acquaintance, where he had a long scene of sickness from the 22d of October, the time of his return home, till the latter end of December, and was unable to help himself, and was under a necessity of being at considerable expence for physicians and attendance, as per account; praying for some relief in money to enable him to discharge said bills of expence: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be allowed and paid his reasonable expences untill the time of his service expired, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to examine and adjust the accounts and draw orders on the Treasurer accordingly.

Upon the petition of the second society in Milford, shewing to this Assembly that since said society was first constituted a number of persons have come of age, and some persons have become widows, who have constantly attended worship with the second society, but that no provision is made for them to elect to which society they will belong, and that Joseph Whitmore, Benjamin Clark and Solomon Baldwin do constantly attend publick worship with the memorialists and contributed to raise a fund for the support of the second society, but that they omitted to enroll their names at the constituting of said society, and praying that said persons may be incorporated, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid Whitmore, Baldwin and Clark, and all those persons who have come of age or become widows since the year 1760, and who do usually attend worship with said second society, upon enrolling their names with the clerk of said second society, within six months next after the rising of this Assembly, shall with their children and descendants be members of said second society; and that all persons who shall hereafter come of age or become widows, and all strangers who shall come to dwell within the limits of said societies, may evidence their election by causing their names to be enrolled with said societies clerk within one year next after their coming of age, becoming widows, or coming to live within the limits of said societies.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Hartland, shewing that Daniel Kingsbury, who was chosen collector of State taxes in and for said town at the annual meeting of the inhabitants of said town in December last, hath since removed out of this State, the said taxes not being collected, and that thereupon the said inhabitants have shewn their desire that Uriel Holmes of said Hartland may be properly empowered to receive and collect the rates that already are or hereafter may be required of said town the current year in the same manner as though he had been chosen in the usual manner, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Uriel Holmes be and he is hereby established collector of State taxes for said town of Hartland the current year, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants accordingly.

On the memorial of Elias Stephens and Roswell Stephens, of Canaan in the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of April, 1778, they inlisted as minute men in the regiment ordered to be raised by this State under the command of Roger Enos, Esq^r, and that the memorialists not having had the small-pox, by the advice of the officer under whom they inlisted and the selectmen of said Canaan, in said month of April voluntarily took the small-pox by inoculation, and that the memorialists have been prosecuted at law therefor, and for said offence are bound over to the county court to be holden at said Litchfield on the fourth Tuesday of September next;

praying that said prosecution may be annulled and set aside, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialists be and they are hereby freed and discharged from said prosecution, and from all and every prosecution that has been or may be brought against them for taking the small-pox as aforesaid, and the same is hereby annulled and set aside on their paying the cost that has accrued thereon.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Pierson and Joseph Pierson, both of Derby in the county of New Haven, executors on the last will and testament of Oliver Pierson late of said Derby, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that Abraham Pierson late of said Derby dying intestate, his children agreed to divide his estate &c., and on said agreement the said deceas'd Oliver agreed to convey to his brother Abraham Pierson one lot of land then belonging to him the said Oliver, containing about four acres laying in said Derby, bounded east and west on highway, north on land of Barnabas Baldwin, and south on land of Joseph Riggs and Peter Johnson, and soon after the abovesaid estate was settled and before the said Oliver had made a conveyance to the said Abraham, the said Oliver died; praying to be impowered to make a conveyance of said piece of land according to said agreement: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialists have authority, and they are hereby impowered, to make a good and legal deed of conveyance of said piece of land to the said Abraham Pierson, which shall convey the fee of said piece of land to the said Abraham and shall be held good in any court of law.

Upon the memorial of Asahel Hart and Anne Hart of Farmington, administrators on the estate of Joseph Hart late of Farmington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from and arising upon the estate of said deceas'd, together with some allowances made for the widow and family of said deceas'd by the court of probate for the district of Farmington, surmounts the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £81 2 7½, lawfull money, and thereupon pray liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise the sum of £81 2 7½ together with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Nathaniel Linkon, representing to this Assembly that in the month of April last he with a company of militia and alarm list men, detached from the fifth regiment of this State, did and performed a tour of one months military duty for the defence of this State at the town of Groton; that the then allowed pay of the State was unequal to said service &c.; praying this Assembly

for further allowances to himself and said company, as per memorial on file : Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to compute and allow to the memorialist and said company for said service in the same manner and proportion as has been by this Assembly ordered to be paid to the regiments of Dyer Throop and Roger Newberry, Esq^r, and to draw therefor upon the Treasurer of this State.

Upon the memorial of Charity Surdam, administratrix on the estate of Joshua Surdam late of Salisbury, deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from said estate surmount the inventoried moveable part of said estate the sum of £50 4 8 ; praying liberty to sell real estate of said deceas'd to discharge said debts &c., as per memorial &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise the said sum of £50 4 8 together with incident charges of sale ; taking directions of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein.

Upon the petition of Simeon Waterman, late of New London now of Lebanon, and Dorothy his wife, and Oliver Baldwin of Norwich and Marcy his wife, against John Leffingwell of said Norwich, administrator on the estate of Capt. John Leffingwell of said Norwich, deceas'd, alledging that the honorable superior court held at Norwich on the fourth Tuesday of March, 1774, in proceeding to and rendering final judgment in an action of covenant broken brought by the said petitioners against the said Capt. John Leffingwell in his life time and then at tryal on demurrer, on a rehearing granted by said superior court in which the said executor had liberty to defend, manifestly erred and mistook the law, and thereon gave judgment for the defendant in said cause that he should recover his cost ; whereas they ought to have given judgment in favour of the petitioners that they should recover of the said executor their damages demanded and their costs ; praying that said judgment be reversed and set aside and the petitioners restored to all the damages they have sustained thereby, which they alledge to be not less than £200, L. money, as per petition on file : This Assembly, having fully heard said petition and the matters therein contained and the pleas and arguments of the parties and their council thereon and duely considered thereof, are of the opinion and do resolve, that the said superior court in proceeding to and rendering final judgment in said cause manifestly erred and mistook the law. And thereupon it is further resolved by this Assembly, that said erroneous judgment complained of in said petition be and the same is hereby reversed, set aside and made void, and that the petitioners be restored to and recover of the said John Leffingwell, in his capacity aforesaid, the damages sustained by the petitioners by means thereof, being £4 11 0, L. money, and that execution go forth accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jedidiah Watkins of Ashford, shewing that on the 10th of September, 1778, he was possessed of a Treasurer's note of this State for one hundred pounds payable to Major John Keyes with interest, said note dated the first day of July, 1777, No. 123. That he sent said note by Capt. Elijah Badcock to the Treasurer in order to receive payment of the principal or interest, and that said note was unfortunately lost and is gone; praying he may have the note aforesaid replaced by the Treasurer, as per memorial: Resolved, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby directed to give the memorialist a new note of the same sum, number, tenor and date, upon the memorialist lodging with the Treasurer a discharge signed by said Keyes of the note which is lost, and said Treasurer shall keep an account of said lost note, and is directed to seize the same if it shall be presented and to take the name of the person that offers it, and said Treasurer is not to make any payment thereof.

Upon the memorial of John Tilton jun^r, of Marthas Vineyard in the State of Massachusetts, shewing the distress for want of bread in that place, and praying for liberty to purchase and export from this State sixty bushels of indian corn for the use of the inhabitants there, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to purchase in this State and export to Marthas Vineyard aforesaid sixty bushels of indian corn for the relief of the inhabitants in that place.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Gay of Sharon, administrator on the estate of Charles Gillett late of said Sharon, deccas'd, representing to this Assembly that the said Charles some years before his death mortgaged to sundry of his creditors a certain tract of land lying in said Sharon containing about one hundred acres with the dwelling-house and barn thereon, and that the sums due on said mortgages remained unpaid at the death of the said Charles, and that the personal estate was not sufficient to pay the debts due from said estate; praying for liberty to sell the right of redemption to the said land incumbered with the mortgages aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ebenezer Gay, as administrator on the estate of the said Charles, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to sell and convey the aforesaid one hundred acres of land with the house and barn thereon under the incumbrances of the aforesaid mortgages and the right of purchasing in the same; taking the directions of the court of probates for the district of Sharon therein.

Upon the memorial of Jeremiah Harriss, of Norwich in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the 10th day of March last he sailed from Norwich in the sloop *Sea Flower*

with a variety of goods suited to the conveniency of trade to the western part of said State, by means of which goods your memorialist procured grain at Derby and Stratford agreeable to a certificate signed by the selectmen of New London &c., and that the memorialist was allowed by the selectmen of the towns of Derby and Stratford to barter for grain, and procured and shipped on board said sloop 450 bushels of corn and about 80 bushels of rye, together with 8 barrels of pork, 400 *lb.* of cheese, and 300 weight of hogs lard, all which cargo being designed for the necessitous inhabitants of New London and Norwich and is now detained at Derby by means of an act passed by the General Assembly at their last sessions, entituled An act ascertaining the quantity of grain, flour and meal, in this State &c.; praying this Assembly to grant leave and licence to the memorialist to return with his said vessell and cargo aforesaid to New London and Norwich, for the speedy relief of the distressed inhabitants of said towns &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty to export by water from Stratford to the towns of New London and Norwich 450 bushels of corn, 80 bushels of rye, 8 barrels of pork, 400 weight of cheese, and 300 weight of hogs lard, under the immediate command and direction of such person or persons as shall be thereunto specially appointed by the civil authority and selectmen of the town of Derby, at the expence of the memorialist, to be delivered to the selectmen of the towns of New London and Norwich, to be distributed and disposed of under and according to their directions.

Upon the memorial of John Wells the second, of Weathersfield in the county of Hartford, Ebenezer Wright of said Weathersfield, guardian to Hannah Wells, James Wells, Lucy Wells, Allyn Wells and Moses Wells, minors and children of James Wells late of said Weathersfield, deceas'd, the said Ebenezer in behalf of said minors and Ebenezer Wells and Mary Wells two other children of said deceas'd who are of age and in a legal capacity to act, shewing to this Assembly that the said James and John Wells about six years ago purchased of Thomas Wright his homestead lying in said Weathersfield, containing about fifteen acres, with the buildings thereon, the said John one third and the said James two thirds of the said messuage, and divided the same between them, laying the said John's said third part on the south side leaving the dwelling on the said James's part that the north line of said John's part comes so near to said dwelling-house as not to leave a convenient pass-way and takes in the best part of the garden; that since their purchasing said messuage their father, John Wells, hath deceas'd leaving to the said John the 3d and said James Wells his homestead lying next north of the said Wright lot; that John and James had in contemplation and proposed to each other an exchange of lands for their mutual benefit, *viz*: the said John's part of the said Wright lot containing five acres

and eight rods of land for the said James's part of his said father's home-lot containing five acres two roods and twenty-five rods of land, but before they had effected said exchange the said James died; that said exchange would be greatly beneficial for the memorialist as it would lay their lands together, and that by the judgment of indifferent freeholders said two pieces of land are of equal value, and praying that the said Ebenezer Wright, guardian as aforesaid, may be impowered in behalf of said minors with the said Ebenezer Wells and Mary Wells, being all the children and heirs of the said James deceas'd, to compleat the said exchange with the said John, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ebenezer Wright be and he is fully authorized and impowered, for and in behalf of said minor children of the said James Wells deceas'd, together with the said Ebenezer Wells and Mary Wells, to make and execute a deed of the said James's part of his father's homestead containing five acres and two roods and twenty-five rods of land to the said John Wells the 2d, upon his executing to the heirs of the said James a good ample deed of his third part of the said Wright lot containing five acres and eight rods of land, and that the same shall be subject to have the widow of said James deceas'd dower set out on the said land and to be divided to and among the heirs of the said James in the same manner as the said other piece so exchanged would be liable to had not said exchange been made; and the same being done, the said minor heirs and all others therein concerned shall be forever concluded thereby.

Whereas a memorial was preferred to this Assembly by Elisha Luce of Marthas Vineyard, shewing to this Assembly that in the fore part of April last he purchased in Stratford in this State 65 bushels of indian corn, ten bushels of rye, and 119 *lb.* of flour, and also that in April aforesaid he had purchased at Norwalk 30 bushels of indian corn and 450 *lb.* of flax; praying for licence to transport the same to Marthas Vineyard &c., which was granted; and whereas since the granting the prayer of said memorial it has been represented to this Assembly that the said Luce has heretofore been guilty of carrying on an illicit trade with the enemies of these United States, and is now justly suspected of having designs to aid and supply the said enemys with provisions obtained from these States under pretence of supplying some of the needy inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts Bay: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that the licence or liberty granted for the transporting the said corn and other articles on the memorial of said Luce be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Obed Barlow to purchase with wool and salt in and transport out of this State to Barnstable in the Massachusetts State twenty bushels of indian corn, one barrell of beef, and three hundred pounds of flax.

This Assembly do grant liberty and permission to Abner Alice of Dedham in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in and transport out of this State twelve bushels of indian corn or rye and forty bushels of oats for his own use.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Mary Salmons to transport from Hartford in this State to Boston in the Massachusetts Bay for the use of her own family two barrels of flour and six bushels of wheat heretofore by her purchased.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Joseph Lynde to purchase in and transport out of this State to the town of Boston three barrells of flour for use of sundry inhabitants there.

This Assembly grant liberty to [Nathan*] Sears of Rochester in the State of the Massachusetts Bay to export from this State, which was purchased the last fall, twenty bushels of indian corn now stored in Stamford, and also to purchase fifteen bushels of indian corn and export the same and the whole to transport to Rochester in the State of the Massachusetts Bay for the use of his and sundry of his neighbours famils in needy and necessitous circumstances.

Liberty is by this Assembly granted to Joseph Dunham, of Bedford in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to export from this State and transport the same to said Bedford fifty bushels of indian corn and rye and ten barrells of flour which are now in the towns of Stamford and Greenwich, and also thirty bushels of indian corn and rye and two barrels of pork now being in the town of Stratford, all which articles were purchased in April last; also liberty to said Joseph is by this Assembly given to purchase ten bushels of indian corn within this State and export the same for the use of the distressed numerous family of Daniel Dunham of Bedford aforesaid.

This Assembly do grant liberty to John Ferguson, of Marthas Vineyard in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase and export from this State to Marthas Vineyard aforesaid by water 45 bushels of indian corn and two barrels of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Joseph Tilton, of Marthas Vineyard in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to purchase and export from this State to said Marthas Vineyard by water forty bushels of indian corn.

This Assembly do grant liberty to John Tilton 3^d, of Marthas Vineyard in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to purchase and export to said Marthas Vineyard by water forty bushels of indian corn.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Joseph Hicks to transport from this State thirty-five bushels of rye and indian corn he now has therein to Dartmouth in the Massachusetts State.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Nathan Barlow to transport forty-five bushels of indian corn from this State, where the same has been heretofore purchased, to Barnstable in the State of Massachusetts Bay.

* Original, in *Rev. War*, xv, 221.

This Assembly do grant liberty to James Church to purchase in this State forty bushels of indian corn and rye for Henderson Inches, Esq^r, and others of Boston committee for supplying the poor of that town, and transport the same, together with forty bushels of indian corn and eighteen bushels of rye already purchased for said committee, and ten bushels of indian corn purchased for Joseph Morrell, from this State to the State of the Massachusetts Bay for the persons and purpose aforesaid.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Daniel Saunders to transport from this State sixteen bushels of rye he now has therein to Roxbury in the Massachusetts State.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Phineas Cook to transport from this State ten barrels of flour he now has therein to Newtown in the Massachusetts State.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Peter Gay, of Stoughton in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to export by land from Farmington in this State to Stoughton aforesaid fifty bushels of indian corn and twelve bushels of rye.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Ebenezer Allen, of Rochester in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in this State and export by water forty bushels of indian corn and two barrels of pork to Rochester aforesaid.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Samuel Dagget, of Rochester in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in this State and to export by water forty-five bushels of indian corn and two barrels of pork to Rochester aforesaid.

This Assembly do grant liberty to William Daggett, of Rochester in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in this State and to export by water to Rochester aforesaid thirty-five bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Ebenezer Rogers, of Rochester in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in this State and to export to Rochester aforesaid thirty-five bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Robert Sharp, of Brooklyn in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to export by land to Brooklyn aforesaid eighteen bushels of rye.

This Assembly do grant liberty to David Mitchel, of South Hadly in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to export five bushels of meslin and ten bushels of rye by land to South Hadley aforesaid.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Timothy Stevens and Prince Stevens, of Rochester in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in this State and export by water to said Rochester thirty-five bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Job Spring, of Dartmouth in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in this State and export by water forty bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork to Dartmouth aforesaid.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Samuel Gifford and Paul Hammond, of Falmouth in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase and export to said Falmouth forty bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Brown Coffin, of Nantucket of the State of Massachusetts Bay, to export to said Nantucket by water thirty-five bushels of indian corn, six bushels of rye and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Christopher Baxter of Nantucket to purchase in this State ten bushels of indian corn and two barrells of pork and to export the same with thirty bushels of indian corn he hath already purchased by water to Nantucket aforesaid.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Daniel Lawrence, of Dighton in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase and to export to Dighton aforesaid by water fifty bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Abisha Swain, of Nantucket in the State of Massachusetts Bay, to purchase and export to said Nantucket thirty bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Amos Wright and Joseph Harding to purchase in and transport out of this State by water seventy bushels of indian corn and two barrells of pork for the use of the inhabitants of Deighton in the Massachusetts State.

This Assembly do grant liberty to John Shaw to transport out of this State by water fifty bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork for the use of the inhabitants of the town of Midleborough in the Massachusetts State.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Richard Kirby to purchase and transport out of this State by water one hundred bushels of indian corn, one barrell of beef and one barrell of pork, for the use of the inhabitants of the town of Dartmouth in the Massachusetts State.

This Assembly do grant liberty to James Beedle of Marthas Vineyard to buy and transport out of this State by water fifty bushels of indian corn for use of sundry families in said Marthas Vineyard.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Levi Barlow to buy and transport out of this State by water eighty bushels of indian corn, ten bushels of rye and three barrells of pork, for the use of the inhabitants of Barnstable in the Massachusetts State.

This Assembly do grant liberty to William Hoskins of Boston to buy and transport by land out of this State two barrells of flour, two barrells of corn and one barrell of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Enoch Johnson of Roxbury to transport out of this State by land twenty-one barrells of flour, which was bought in the State of New York for the use of the inhabitants of the town of Roxbury.

This Assembly do grant liberty to Noble Hood, of Swansey in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to purchase and transport out of this

State to said Swansey, for the supply of sundry families in said town, sixty bushels of indian corn and two barrels of pork.

This Assembly do grant liberty to William Beetle of Marthas Vineyard to purchase and transport out of this State to said Marthas Vineyard for the use of inhabitants thereof fifty bushels of indian corn and one barrell of beef.

This Assembly do grant liberty to George Stimson, of Old Framingham in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to purchase in and transport out of this State to said Framingham, for use of sundry families there, fifty-one bushels of wheat, or flour equivalent thereto.

This Assembly do grant liberty to William Smith of Marthas Vineyard to purchase in and transport out of this State to said Marthas Vineyard for use of inhabitants there fifty-eight bushels of indian corn and one barrell of beef.

Upon the memorial of Roger Brown of Greenwich, shewing to this Assembly that his son, Lieut. David Brown, was wounded in several parts of his body in an action with the enemy under the command of General Tryon in their incursion into said Greenwich on the 26th day of February last, whereby the said David Brown was rendered unfit to be removed for a fortnight thereafter, during which time the memorialist had to convey attendants and necessaries for his said son upwards of six miles; that said memorialist had been at great expence in doctoring and nursing his said son, who has no property of his own, which the memorialist is unable to bear, having a numerous family to maintain; praying this Assembly would order the Committee of Pay-Table to adjust and settle his accounts of expenses arisen as aforesaid and draw on the Treasurer therefor &c., as per memorial on file, dated May 10th, 1779: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby ordered and directed to receive, settle and adjust the memorialist's accounts arisen as aforesaid and allow what they shall find justly due thereon and draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Greenwich, shewing unto this Assembly that the inhabitants of said town are much exposed to the hostile incursions of the enemy from the land and water, by means whereof they are liable to frequent rotations in military duty, whereby husbandry is in a great degree neglected and many of their fields lye open and uncultivated; that said inhabitants suffer much from a gang of villains who plunder their cattle and horses in the night; that their sufferings are greatly increased in consequence of an invasion of a large body of British and German troops under the command of General Tryon on the 26th day of February last, who together with a number of Tories with their teams surprized and entered into said town when they stripped a large number of the inhabitants of every thing they could lay their hands on, destroyed

what they could not conveniently carry off, and in their retreat have collected and drove off all the cattle, sheep and swine they could find; that by the repeated robberies and depredations committed by the enemy and their emmissaries many familys formerly in comfortable circumstances are thereby reduced to want and distress; praying that a committee may be appointed to estimate the losses sustained by said inhabitants, occasioned as aforesaid, and report make to some future Assembly, and also that the compassionate interposition of this Assembly may be extended to those individuals who cannot subsist without immediate relief &c., as per memorial on file, dated May 25th, 1779: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Increase Mosely, Colo. Charles Webb, Daniel Sherman, Esq^r, Colo. Stephen St. John and Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to repair as soon as may be to said Greenwich, to estimate the losses of every individual in said town in consequence of the aforesaid hostile incursion of the enemy, and report make to some future Assembly of this State, that the real loss the unhappy sufferers have sustained by the desolations and ravages of the enemy may thereby be duely ascertained and such representation made thereof and attention given to the condition of the unfortunate as any future Assembly may think proper and order to relieve such of said sufferers as cannot subsist without a speedy relief. It is further resolved by this Assembly, that said committee shall certify to the selectmen of said town the names of those whom they shall judge proper objects of immediate relief, and said selectmen are hereby empowered to abate the taxes of such persons in part or the whole as the case may require, and the said selectmen shall render account of such abatements to the General Assembly when thereunto required.

Upon the memorial of Moses Wheeler, Ephraim Curtiss, Jonas Blackman, Luke Summers, Benajah Mallery, Edmund Pollard, Lemuel Thomson, John French, Moses Wheeler jun^r and Philo Shelton, in Ripton parish, all of Stratford, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialists have for several years past kept a sein for the taking and catching of fish in said Stratford river on the western shore of said river in Ripton parish about one hundred rods above the ferry place called Hawkins's Ferry, and hath been at much pains and expence to clear said place so that they could draw said sein to catch fish, and this present year some other persons thinking that all places in said river is equally free for taking of fish, have much interrupted the memorialist, so that said place is like to become almost useless to the memorialists; praying for a grant to the memorialist that they may [have] liberty and a privilege of improving said place without any interruption of any other persons for the term of ten years, or the term of a longer or shorter time, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Moses Wheeler, Ephraim Curtiss, Jonas Blackman, Luke Summers, Benajah Mallery, Edmund Pulford, Lemuel Thomson,

John French, Moses Wheeler jun^r and Philo Shelton, all of Stratford, have liberty, and liberty is hereby given to the said Moses Wheeler, Ephraim Curtiss, Jonas Blackman, Luke Summers, Benajah Mallery, Edmund Pulford, Lemuel Thomson, John French, Moses Wheeler jun^r [and] Philo Shelton, peaceably to use and improve, during the pleasure of this Assembly, a certain place on the west side of Stratford River, about one hundred rods above Hawkings Ferry, for catching fish with a sein without the disturbance or hindrance of any other person or persons.

Upon the memorial of Adam Shapley, William Latham jun^r, and other officers of the two companies stationed at Fort Trumbull in New London and Fort Griswold at Groton, shewing to this Assembly that in consequence of a resolve of Assembly, January sessions, 1779, a number of officers and soldiers inlisted into said two companies, but the encouragement being small a few only would inlist; that thereupon the Assembly at April sessions, merely on the ground that said first encouragement was inadequate, passed a resolve giving such as should inlist into said companys a large reward &c.; praying that those officers and soldiers who inlisted into said companys in consequence of said first resolve should be put upon the same footing as those are who inlisted in consequence of the resolve of April sessions, and that the said allowance should begin when they were first inlisted &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the wages of the memorialists be advanced and put upon the same footing as those are who inlisted after and in consequence of the said resolve of April as mentioned in the memorial; taking into consideration and having respect to the bounties, wages and term of time of said inlistment.

On the memorial of Benjamin Benedict jun^r, of Canaan in the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the month April, 1778, the memorialist inlisted as a soldier in the regiment of minute men raised by this State under the command of Roger Enos, Esq^r, and that he not having had the small-pox by the advice of Lieut. Hewit, under whom he inlisted, and of the selectmen of said town of Canaan after said inlistment voluntarily took the small-pox by inoculation, and that a prosecution is commenced against him therefor, and that the same is now depending before the county court to be holden at said Litchfield in September next, and praying that he may be discharge from his bonds to answer to said prosecution, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benjamin Benedict jun^r, on his paying the cost of said prosecution, be and he is hereby discharged from his bond to answer to said prosecution, and said prosecution is hereby annulled and set aside, and said memorialist is hereby discharged from all and every prosecution that has been or may be brought against him for said offence.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Abner Wood, representing to this Assembly that in the month of April last he with a company of alarm list and militia men detached from the 22d regiment did and performed a tour of one months military duty for the defence of this State at the town of New London; that the then allowed pay of the State was unequal to said service &c.; praying this Assembly for further allowances to himself and said company, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to compute and allow to the memorialist and said company for said service in the same manner and proportion as has been by this Assembly ordered to be paid to the regiments of Dyer Throop and Roger Newberry, Esq^r., and to draw therefor upon the Treasurer of this State accordingly.

Upon the memorial of William Tiley, Caleb Bull jun^r, William Bull and James Bull, shewing that on the 24th of May, 1777, they lent to the Treasurer of this State eleven hundred and sixty-six Spanish milled dollars and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a dollar, on interest, for the prisoners at New York; praying that said money may be repaid, or the interest, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to borrow money, silver or gold, and to pay the memorialists the interest due to them.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Lyme in the county of New London, representing to this Assembly that Gershom Garner and his wife have been for many years supported by the town of Lyme at great expence, and that the said Gershom is now dead leaving his wife a burthen on the town, and that said Gershom at the time of his death was possessed in fee of about three acres of land; praying for liberty to sell the same so far to defray the expences of their support, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of the town of Lyme, or the major part of them, be and hereby are authorized and impowered to sell and convey the aforesaid three acres of land in the best and most prudent manner for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Sedgwick of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that Capt. Timothy Seymour of said Hartford was by said town appointed a collector of the country tax granted by the General Assembly in May, 1758, on the list of said town for the year 1757; that said Timothy failing to collect said tax and make up with the Treasurer, execution was granted against him, and, as the memorialist became surety for the payment thereof, that the memorialist was specially impowered to collect the sums which remained uncollected upon said rate-bill; that upon examining said rate-bill it appeared that there were sundry rates uncrossed against persons which were by law abateable but the said Timothy not applying within the

time limited by law had no remedy but by applying to your Honors, he accordingly preferred his memorial to the General Assembly in May, 1774, on which a committee were by said Assembly appointed and said committee reported that there were rates to the amount of £27 19 7½, L. money, where within the rule of law abateable and ought to be abated, but by some means said report hath been lost or mislaid, and the memorialist hath had no allowance made therefor, and praying that the Treasurer do allow and discount with the memorialist said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby allowed said sum of £27 19 7½, lawfull money, and the Treasurer is ordered and directed to discount said sum with the memorialist in his settlement with him.

Upon the memorial of Eliphalet Parker and Ruth his wife, administratrix on the estate of Jonathan Couch jun^r dec^d, representing that the debts and charges against said estate surmount the moveable estate of said dec^d the sum of £13 4 5, lawfull money; praying liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to said sum of £13 4 5 together with incident charges of sale arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and the same is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall amount to the aforesaid sum of £13 4 5, L. money, together with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Nathan Finch of Greenwich, shewing that at about nineteen years of age he was perswaded by his master, to whom he was an apprentice, to go into New York; that he made his escape from the enemy the first opportunity, and on his return home was taken up and committed to prison, where he hath long been confined &c.; praying for relief, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby released and set at liberty from any further confinement, so that he may return and live with his father and friends at said Greenwich, he having first obtained the consent of said town for such his return.

Upon the memorial of William Whiting, manager of the furnace at Salisbury, praying that a sufficient number of hands to carry on the business thereof might be exempted from military duty while so employed: Resolved by this Assembly, that forty men for the purpose aforesaid be exempt from military service while in actual service in the business of said furnace: provided they shall be engaged therein by a written contract for a term not less than two months and shall have been so employed at least one week, and a list of their names returned to his Excellency the Governor and to the commanding officers of the respective regiments to which they belong, to any regiments in this State.

Upon the memorial of Norman Seymour of Hartford, shewing that he hath since the month of January last come to live in the house where his father, Capt. Timothy Seymour, lately lived in the west parish in said Hartford on the great road leading to Farmington; that there is great need of a publick house at said place for the accommodation of travellers, and that the memorialist is well furnished with accommodations for that purpose, and being greatly solicited and urged to undertake said business and having procured a recommendation of the civil authority &c. of said town, and praying for liberty to keep a publick house of entertainment the year ensuing, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have, and liberty is hereby granted to him to set up and keep a house of publick entertainment the year ensuing at the place mentioned in said memorial, upon his giving bond before the county court for the county of Hartford to observe the laws of this State respecting taverns and tavern-keepers, as by law is provided.

Upon the memorial of Colo. Noah Phelps, shewing that he had the oversight and care of the troops under the convention of Saratoga on their march through this State, and of the guards who escorted them, and that several of said troops and of said guards fell sick and were at expence thereby on said march through this State; praying that the expence of such sickness might be allowed and paid out of the treasury of this State, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the accounts of the expence of such sickness be received and adjusted by the Committee of the Pay-Table, and that they draw orders on the treasury of this State for such sums as they shall find justly due thereon and charge the same to the United States.

Upon the memorial of John Frink of Ashford, shewing to this Assembly that he was appointed a lieutenant in Capt. Hills company, Colo. McLallen's regiment raised for defence of this State in the year 1778, and was on duty in said regiment at New London the first of December last when he was sent on command to said Ashford shortly to return to said regiment, and when so on command as aforesaid was taken sick, thereby prevented from returning to said regiment, and was put to great cost and expence, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table receive, liquidate and allow to the said Frink the reasonable expences necessarily occasioned by his sickness untill the time of his discharge or expiration of the term of his service, and draw on the Treasurer therefor accordingly.

Upon the memorial of James Kirkland, late a soldier from this State in the continental army, shewing that he was discharged the service on account of disability occasioned by a fall, of which he is not yet nor like to recover, and praying for a grant of money sufficient

to purchase a weaver's loom and tackling, to be made use of for his family's support: This Assembly do grant to the memorialist for the purpose aforesaid one hundred and twenty pounds, and direct the Treasurer of this State to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial [of] Jonathan Humphry, conservator on the estate of Benjamin Mills of Symsbury, shewing that there are debts due from the said estate to the amount of £210 7 5½, and that there is no moveable estate to pay the same, and praying liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Benjamin as shall amount to said sum with incidental charges of sale thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and the same is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Benjamin as shall amount to the sum of £210 7 5½ with incidental charges of sale arising thereon.

Upon the memorial of Ames Walbridge, shewing to this Assembly that he is an officer in the Connecticut Line of the continental army and entitled to be supplied necessaries to his family at the prices stated in 1777, and that the selectmen of Stafford whereto he belongs had neglected to make provision for his family, and praying that an account of necessaries he had supplied them himself might be adjusted by the Pay-Table Committee and payment ordered of what is due thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive and adjust said account and draw an order on the Treasurer for what they shall find justly due thereon.

Upon the memorial of Eliakim Stiles Munsell of East Windsor, shewing to this Assembly that he contracted a disease or illness in the service of this State and was at great expence to nurses and doctors while sick, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the reasonable expence accruing to the memorialist by reason of said sickness be allowed, and that said accounts be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are to examine, liquidate and adjust the same, and draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the memorialist for such sum as they shall find to be just and reasonable.

Upon the memorial of Amos Fowler of Durham, shewing to this Assembly that he hath sold his farm lying in Durham and is about to remove with his family as soon as may be to West Stockbridge in the State of the Massachusetts Bay; that he has raised and is in possession of one barrell of flour and three bushels of indian corn for the support of his family, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and is hereby granted to the memorialist to transport from said Durham to said West Stockbridge one barrell of flour and three bushels of indian corn for the support of his family.

Upon the memorial of Dan Canfield and Gideon Canfield, of New Marlborough in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, shewing to this Assembly that by means of their being called into the northern army and sickness in their families in the year 1777, they were prevented from raising any rye or wheat and are in great need of bread corn; that sometime since they procured of their father, Gideon Canfield of Durham in this State, four hundred weight of wheat flour for the support of their families, and that the same was returned to the selectmen of said Durham as the property of the memorialists in the possession of their said father; praying liberty to transport the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to them, to transport the said four hundred pounds weight of wheat flour from said Durham to said New Marlborough for the support of their families.

On the memorial of James Curren, a refugee from Long Island now residing in Guilford in this State, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1778, he was assessed by the listers of said town for his pole and personal estate, and praying for relief, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said James Curren be and he is hereby exempted from paying taxes on his pole and personal estate in said year.

Upon the memorial of Sarah, the wife of James Abbott of Lebanon, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of May, 1777, the said James was appointed an ensign in Colo. Ely's regiment raised for the defence of this State, and sometime in the fall of the year 1777, the said James in passing the Sound on an expedition to Long Island where he was ordered, was taken by a British ship of war and carried to New York, where he hath ever since continued a prisoner in the hands of the enemy and hath never received any part of his wages, and that said memorialist has been obliged to expend the whole interest of the said James since his absence for the support of herself and family and is now reduced to great want and distress; praying this Assembly that she may be enabled to receive the wages due to the said James and be supplied by the committee for supplying the families of soldiers in the continental army belonging to Lebanon in the same manner as they ought to do if the said James was a soldier in the continental army, as per memorial on file; the prayer of which said memorial is granted: And thereupon this Assembly do order and direct the Committee of Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer of this State to pay to the said Sarah the wages that shall appear to be now due to the said James or that may hereafter become due to him while he shall remain in captivity, and that the Treasurer pay the same accordingly; and that the committee of the town of Lebanon appointed to supply the families of soldiers in the continental army belonging to said town furnish and supply the said Sarah from time

to time with provisions &c. during the captivity of the said James in the same manner as if he was actually serving in the continental army, and place the same to the account of this State.

Upon the memorial of Joshua Stanton, of Wilbraham in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to this Assembly, representing that he had twelve bushels of indian corn in the town of Suffield in this State; praying liberty to transport the same by land to Wilbraham in the State of Massachusetts Bay, it being for his own families use, as by said memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby permitted to transport out of this State twelve bushels of indian corn for the use of his family.

On the petition of Reuben Porter, of Lebanon in the county of Windham, shewing that on the 20th day of August, 1776, he purchased of Elijah Webster, late of said Lebanon since deceas'd, one certain twelve acres and 153 rods of land lying in Exeter in said town, for the consideration of thirty-nine pounds, L. money, which sum he paid to said Elijah in his life time to his full satisfaction therefor: the said land butted and bounded as follows, *viz*: Beginning at a stake and stones on the highway that leads to Colchester, thence running south 78 degrees east 34 rods on said Webster's land, thence north 80 degrees east $6\frac{1}{2}$ rods, thence south 57 degrees east $33\frac{1}{2}$ rods on Ichabod Brewster's land to stake and stones, thence south 30 degrees west 27 rods on said Brewster's land, thence south 89 degrees west $19\frac{1}{2}$ rods on land of David Day dec'd, thence north 44 degrees 30 minutes west 22 rods, thence north 65 degrees west 28 rods on Eliphalet Gillet's land, thence north 4 degrees west $18\frac{1}{2}$ rods on Reuben West's land, thence on said highway to the first mentioned bounds, with one rod on the highway from the last mentioned bound and two rods on the first line in the swamp; and that the said Elijah did make, sign, seal and deliver to said Reuben a good deed with warranty of the above described premises, dated 20th August, 1776, and put the said Reuben into possession of the same, but that the said Elijah providentially died without having duely acknowledged said deed according to law, by means whereof the petitioner's title to said land is incompleat and defective; praying to have said deed ratified and established and the petitioner's title confirmed &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Reuben Porter be and he is allowed and authorized to cause his said deed from the said Elijah to be entered on the records of the town of Lebanon aforesaid, and the same being so entered and recorded shall be deemed and accounted good and valid for conveying and confirming to the said Reuben, his heirs and assigns, a right and title to said premises of the same force, validity and effect, as the same would have been if it had been acknowledged by the grantor in due form of law, or a copy or exemplification thereof shall be excepted (*sic*) and

allowed to be of the same force and operation as it might have been had the original been duly acknowledged as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Bull, major of the fifth regiment of light dragoons in this State, shewing to this Assembly that in pursuance to orders received he mustered and marched the regiment under his command in the year 1777, at two several times to Peekskill and Fishkill, and continued in service till discharged, and that he being ordered to procure the money and pay said regiment was obliged to make three several journeys to Peekskill and Fishkill to procure the money, whereby he was under the necessity of expending in time and money to the amount of £47 15 6, as per his account, and praying that the same may be paid unto him &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table receive, liquidate and adjust the accounts, and draw an order in favour of the memorialist on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall judge just and reasonable.

Upon the memorial of Consider Hopkins of New Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he has for several years past been at much cost and taken great pains to learn the art of taking, killing and destroying of wolves, for which there is no premium at present provided by law; praying this Assembly for some suitable allowance, as a premium for killing one grown wolf in the month of May last in this State, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have, as a premium for killing said wolf, out of the treasury of this State the sum of £24 pounds, and the Treasurer of this State is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of John Holbrook and others, inhabitants of the southwesterly part of the township of Derby, praying this Assembly to grant and enact that that part of the town of Derby laying within the following bounds, viz: Beginning at the southerly corner of Benjamin Basset's land by the great river, running thence a streight line to the mouth of Haseky Meadow Brook where it empties into Nauguetook River, thence up said river to the new great bridge, thence running northwesterly as the country road runs to the easterly corner of Daniel Wooster's meadow, thence running to Abner Johnson's dwelling-house leaving the same on the north side of said line, from thence to the Five Mile Brook where it crosses Woodbury road leading to Derby, thence down said brook to the great river, and from thence down said river to the first mentioned boundary, be constituted and made an ecclesiastical society by the name of the Great Hill Society, with all the privileges, immunities and advantages, that other ecclesiastical societies by law have and enjoy: Resolved by this Assembly, that all the inhabitants dwelling in that part of the township of Derby laying within the above described lines and boundaries be

and the same are hereby constituted and made an ecclesiastical society by the name of the Great Hill Society, with all the privileges, immunities and advantages that other ecclesiastical societies by law have and enjoy.

Upon the memorial of Major Bezael Bebee, shewing to this Assembly that he commanded a company in the continental army in the year 1776, that himself with part of his company were captured at Fort Washington, and that he continued in captivity till August, 1777, during which time he was obliged, upon principles of humanity, to expend large sums of money to relieve the extrem distresses of the privates, out of his own pocket, a part of which, *viz*: thirty-three Spanish milled dollars, he was obliged to borrow on interest to be paid in kind which still remains unpaid, and that he is not able to procure the hard money; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the said Bebee in hard money the aforesaid sum and interest amounting in the whole to the sum of eleven pounds money, upon the said Bebees paying into said treasury the same sum in continental bills. And the Treasurer is hereby authorized to procure said sum in hard money on account of this State for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Mercy Bissell of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that she has for more than seventeen years supported her son Joel Bissell, who during the whole of said time was and still is *non compos mentis*; that he owns a small quantity of land, some part of which is situated that it cant be fenced without great inconvenience and expence &c.; praying for liberty to [sell] the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. Abraham Bradley of Litchfield be and he is hereby authorized and appointed to sell and dispose of so much of the lands of the said Joel as lies between the lands of Elisha Sheldon, Esq^r, and Elijah Wadsworth, both of said Litchfield, bounded west by highway, south by said Sheldon's land, east by said Joel's land and north by said Wadsworth's land, and extending as far eastward as the east end of the lands of said Sheldon and Wadsworth, and the neet proceeds thereof to be improved for the use and support of the said Joel; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Henry Curtiss and Edmond Curtiss, both of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, executors on the last will of Mr. Ephraim Curtiss late of said Stratford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £28 18 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to make the said sum: Resolved by this

Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said executors, to sell so much of the real estate of said Ephraim Curtiss deceas'd as to make the said sum of £28 18 2 together with the incident charges; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield thereon.

Upon the memorial of Margaret Doolittle of Chatham, shewing to this Assembly that her son, George Doolittle deceas'd, was a soldier inlisted in the eight months service in Capt. Belcher's company in Colo. Huntington's regiment in a late campaign; that after the term of his service was expired, being regularly discharged, upon his return home he was taken sick on the road with a disorder which eventually proved the small-pox; that the father, having advice of the sickness of the son, repaired to the place, whereof the father, the said George and four others of the family, died; that the expences attending said sickness, conveying home said George, and the consequent distresses of the family, are so great as will infallibly exhaust the small estate she is possessed and reduce her and surviving children to the most distressing penury and want: all in consequence of the faithful service of her son in defence of the country, unless your Honors kind and seasonable interposition prevents; whereupon the memorialists humbly pray the consideration of this Assembly, that her expences, so far at least as were occasioned by the sickness, bringing home and interment of her said son George, may be defrayed out of the publick treasury of this State, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the expences of the above named George be granted, and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby ordered to liquidate the account and draw an order on the Treasurer for what they shall find due thereon.

Upon the memorial of Peletiah Birge of Windsor, administrator on the estate of Jeremiah Birge jun^r late of said Windsor deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges against said estate exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Hartford surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of eleven pounds eight shillings and nine pence, lawfull money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as would raise said sum together with the incident charges arising thereon &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £11 8 9, L. money, together with the incident charges of such sale arising thereon; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Cole, [administrator on the estate of Nathaniel Cole] late of Farmington, deceas'd, shewing that

the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd surmount his personal estate the sum of thirty-three pounds two shillings and seven pence, lawfull money, and praying for liberty to sell of the real estate of said deceas'd sufficient to pay said debts &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administrator have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of said dec^d Nathaniel's real estate as shall be sufficient to pay the aforesaid sum of £38 2 7, L. money, and the incident charges of selling; under the direction of the court of probate for the district of Farmington.

On the memorial of Hannah Banks, administratrix on the estate of William Banks late of Middletown in said State, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances, made and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Middletown against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part thereof the sum of £257 15 6, L. money, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and she is hereby empowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £257 15 6, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate therein; and to pass deed or deeds accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Brown Coffin and Christopher Baxter, both of the island of Nantucket, praying for liberty to export from this State to said island three barrels of pork and one thousand weight of beef heretofore purchased by them, and also for liberty to purchase a quantity of grain or flour, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and the same is hereby granted them, to export from this State to the island of Nantucket for the use of inhabitants of said island, three barrels of pork and 1000 lb. of beef heretofore purchased by them.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Luce of Marthas Vineyard, shewing to this Assembly that he has purchased at Stratford and Norwalk ninety-five bushels of indian corn, ten bushels of rye, one hundred and nineteen pounds of flour, which was collected before the sitting of the Assembly in April last to be transported to Marthas Vineyard, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty is hereby granted to the said Luce, to transport said provision out of this State to said Marthas Vineyard.

Upon the memorial of Cornelius Pease and Ephraim Dexter, of Rochester in the Massachusetts State, shewing that they bro't into this State a small quantity of sheeps wool and other articles to pro-

cure for themselves and neighbours a little corn for their suffering families; praying for liberty to buy and carry out the same &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby allowed and permitted to buy and carry out of this State by water fifty bushels of indian corn; any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Holt, administrator on the estate of Nathaniel Holt late of New London deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to the court of probate for the district of New London and allowed by the same surmount the personal inventoried estate of the said Nathaniel Holt deceas'd the sum of £69 10 8, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said Nathaniel deceas'd as will raise the aforesaid sum of £69 10 8, L. money, together with the incident charges of sale &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Thomas Holt have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to the said Thomas Holt, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said Nathaniel Holt dec^d as will raise the sum of £69 10 8, L. money, for the purpose aforesaid, with the necessary charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Churchill and Mary Goslee, both of Glastonbury, administrators on the estate of John Goslee late of said Glastonbury deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said John Goslee in May, 1769, received a deed of conveyance of one acre of land lying in said Glastonbury, in Eastbury parish, with a dwelling-house and orchard thereon standing, from John Holden of the same Glastonbury, bounded north and east on land of Stephen Strickland, west on Benjamin Strickland's land, and south on a highway, of John Holden of said Glastonbury as security for his, the said Goslee, being bound to Capt. Jonathan Wells of said Glastonbury in the sum of thirty pounds, L. money, which sum when repaid to the said Goslee by the said Holden then the said acre of land was to be reconveyed to the said Holden, which sum has been well and truly paid by the said Holden to the memorialists in February, 1778; praying for liberty and authority to reconvey said land, and that the same may be valid in law, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mary Goslee be and he is hereby impowered and authorized to reconvey said land to the said Holden by giving a good ample deed, and that the same to all intents and purposes shall be as valid in law as though the said John Goslee in his lifetime had well and truly reconveyed the same.

Upon the memorial of Aphia Byington, of Coventry, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Byington late deceas'd, shewing

that the said Samuel bargained and sold to Oliver and Bela Byington, of said Coventry, a piece of land bounded as follows, viz: beginning at the south corner of said Oliver and Bela Byington's land, from thence north six degrees east twenty-six rods and 14 links to land belonging to the heirs of Lt. Jeremiah Fitch dec^d, thence east ten degrees north forty-four rods to Josiah Fuller's land, thence south one degree east 26 rods and 14 links to a stake and stones, from thence to the first-mentioned bounds, containing seven acres and 120 rods, for the consideration of seventy pounds, money, which said Samuel received and prepared a deed ready to be executed, and was before said deed was executed suddenly taken away by death; praying to be impowered to execute a deed of said land &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby impowered to make and execute a deed of said land to said Oliver and Bela Byington according to said bargain, and that said deed shall be valid in the law to convey the title of said land to said Oliver and Bela to all intents and purposes as though done by said Samuel in his life time.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Huggins of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that in February last he was exposed to the small-pox, and that he supposed that liberty had been obtained from the authority and selectmen of said New Haven to take the infection of the small-pox by inoculation, but that he afterwards found that no such licence was granted, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Ebenezer Huggins be and he is hereby pardoned and discharged from any fine, penalty or prosecution, for having so taken the infection of the small-pox.

Upon the memorial of Zabdiel Cleaveland of Marthas Vineyard, shewing the distress of the inhabitants in the town of Tilbury for want of bread; that he has bro't a quantity of fish, molasses and coffee to exchange for corn &c.; praying for liberty to purchase and export to said Tilbury fifty bushels of corn and one barrell of pork, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to purchase and export to said Tilbury thirty bushels of indian corn and one barrell of pork.

Upon the memorial of John Pridden and others, inhabitants of the island of Bermuda, shewing the friendship of the inhabitants of said island to these States, and that they are in great want of provisions, and praying for liberty to purchase in this State and transport to said island for the use of the friendly inhabitants thereof 100 bushels of indian corn, one ton of flour, ten barrels of pork and five barrels of beef, as per memorial on file, which memorial is granted exclusive of said flour: Whereupon this Assembly do grant liberty, and the same is hereby granted to the memorialists, to purchase in

this State one hundred bushels of indian corn, ten barrels of pork and five barrels of beef, and export the same from this State to the island of Bermuda for the use of the inhabitants thereof friendly to these States: the said John Prudden giving bond with surety for the exportation of said provisions only to said island and for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Abisha Pease, of Marthas Vineyard in the State of Massachusetts Bay, shewing that he has thirty bushels of indian corn at Norwalk purchased by him some time past, which he wants to transport to Marthas Vineyard for the use of the inhabitants of that place who are famishing for want of bread &c., as per memorial: Resolved, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to lade on board his boat and transport by water from Norwalk to Marthas Vineyard said thirty bushels of indian corn for the relief of the people there.

Upon the memorial of John Akin, of Dartmouth in the State of Massachusetts Bay, shewing that he hath at Glastonbury fifty bushels of indian corn and twenty bushels of rye, purchased for the use of the inhabitants of said Dartmouth who are starving for bread, and praying for liberty to transport said corn and rye to said Dartmouth by water, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to lade on board his boat and transport by water from Glastonbury to Dartmouth aforesaid said fifty bushels of indian corn and twenty bushels of rye for the relief of people there.

Upon the petition of Seth Dean, late of Killingley in the county of Windham but now of Rindge in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, clerk, *vs.* George Gordon of Voluntown and Joshua Dunlap of Plainfield in the State of Connecticut, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1778, and by continuance now comes before this Assembly; and now the petitioner was three times publickly called but did not appear. The petitionees by their attorney, Jesse Root, Esq^r, appeared and prayed judgment for their cost sustained on this petition. Cost allowed petitionees is £22 5 6.

This Assembly was adjourned, by usual proclamation, until the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD THE 15TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Daniel Sherman,	Jesse Root,	
James Wadsworth,		

William McQueen is appointed First Lieutenant of the sloop *Guilford*, in the room of Obidiah Spencer who declines serving on board.

Voted. That Nath^l Shaw, Esq^r. deliver to Capt. Nott two guns and such cable and small rigging taken from the wreck of the ship *Defence* * as may be necessary for the use of the armed sloop *Guilford*.

Copy d^d Capt. Nott May 15th, 1779.

Voted. That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table in favour of Capt. Nott for the sum of £300, to be in acc^t, to be applied toward payment of the wages and expences of the men on board the armed sloop *Guilford*.

Order d^d Capt. Nott 15th May, 1779.

Voted. That this Board do approve of Capt. Williams, Dept. Com'y of Prisoners, permitting such prisoners as have been captivated by this State to be exchanged for Capt. Howard and his crew now prisoners at Rhode Island, provided the owners of Capt. Howard's sloop shall defray the expence of such exchange.

Voted. That his Excellency the Governor be desired to write Mrs. Susannah Jauncy in answer to her letter of the 4th instant, informing her she has liberty to take her household furniture with her to New York or dispose of the same in the best manner she shall be able and take the avails with her.

Voted. That Capt. Nott proceed with the armed sloop *Guilford* to Stamford and there receive on board and bring to New Haven such provision as Colo. Fitch shall direct, and to take from thence what shall be necessary for a cruise, then proceed to New London and receive from Capt. Nath^l Shaw two cannon, a cable and such small rigging as shall be necessary for the sloop *Guilford*; and that Capt. Nott proceed to cruise in the Sound between Long Island and the main to take, destroy &c. the enemies cruizers, ships, vessels &c. that may be found in the Sound, and to guard and defend the shores and coasts of this State against the attacks and depredations of the enemy to the utmost of his power as a brave and vigilant officer, and not to depart out of the Sound unless circumstances will admit of it and then by special leave from the Commander in Chief; and to make report from time to time of his proceedings, situation and discoveries, to the Commander in Chief.

* Hartford, March 16. Wednesday last [March 10,] the ship *Defence*, owned by this State, in returning from a cruise in the Sound, unfortunately struck on Goshen Reef and bilged; she soon after overset so suddenly that (as it is said) some of the people in the hold were drowned. Her guns and most of her stores are saved; but the vessel, it is tho't, will be lost. *Courant*, March 16, 1779, No. 788. Goshen Reef is south of Waterford, west of the entrance to New London harbor.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 17TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Joseph P. Cook,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Jesse Root,	
Den ^l Sherman,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to permit Nehemiah Sayre to return with his boat and crew, consisting of four men, from Saybrook to Long Island.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to permit John Hudson to pass with a boat to Long Island and to bring off his mother with her household furniture, provisions and money, provided said Hudson first apply to Capt. Shipman, the commandant at the fort at Say Brook, to search said boat and see that no goods, provisions or money are on board at the time of her departure, and that on his return he shall exhibit to some naval officer a true manifest on oath of all such articles as he shall have brought from said Long Island on board said boat.

Voted, That Richard Seamans, a refugee from Long Island, be permitted to pass with a boat to Long Island and to bring off his family with his household furniture, provisions and money, provided said Seamans first apply to Capt. Shipman, commandant of the fort at Say Brook, to search said boat and see that no goods, provisions or money are on board at the time of her departure, and that on his return he shall exhibit to some naval officer a true manifest on oath of all such articles as he shall have brought from said Long Island on board said boat.

Voted, That Capt. Wm. Nott enlist the men to serve on board the sloop *Guilford* for a term not less than three months from the time of their enlistment.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

Nehemiah Sayre of Long Island, who has been detained with his crew, is permitted to pass with his boat in ballast and crew consisting of five men from Say Brook to said Long Island. Given under my hand in Hartford the 19th day of May, A.D. 1779.

All concerned.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Dan ^l Sherman,	James Wadsworth,	

Consulted on sundry matters.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Dan ⁿ Sherman,		

Resolved, That Colo. Jonⁿ Fitch be directed to lend and deliver Capt. Samⁿ Barker of Branford two 12 pound cannon lying at New Haven and suitable shot for them, taking his receipt to be accountable.

That said Colo Fitch be empowered and directed to receive at the powder-works at New Haven and from time to time deliver to said Capt. Barker such and such quantities of powder as he shall have occasion for for the use of his row-galley, taking his proper receipt.

That Maj^r Ledyard be directed to lend and deliver Capt. Sam^l Barker two 12 pound cannon belonging to this State now at New London or Groton, taking his receipt.

That N. Shaw, Esq^r, deliver to Capt. Sam^l Barker the smallest cable lately belonging to the ship *Defence*, taking his receipt.

That Mr. W. Whiting, overseer of the cannon foundry, deliver to Capt. Sam^l Barker or order such and such quantity of round and grape cannon-shot as he, said Barker, shall need and request for the use of his row-galley, taking his proper receipt; and that said Barker deliver the same to the care of Colo. Jonⁿ Fitch of New Haven and from time to time to receive from him such quantities of it as he shall need for the use of his row-galley.

Copy d^d Capt. Barker 21st May, 1779.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD ON THE 22D DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Williams,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That 50 c. weight of flour and bread and eight bushels of indian corn be all^d for the stores of the armed sloop *Revenge* commanded by Nathan Post.

Voted, That Colo. John Hulbert, Theophilus Halsey, David Sayer, and Stephen Howel, be permitted to pass with a boat to Long Island and to bring off some grain, provided they first apply to Capt. Shipman, commandant of the fort at Say Brook, to search said boat and see that no goods, provisions or money are on board at the time of her departure, and that on their return they shall exhibit to said Shipman a true manifest of the grain they shall have brought from said Long Island on board said boat.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to deliver to Colo. Davenport three blank commissions to be by him filled up for persons to go to Long Island to take and capture the enemies of the united American States: Such persons so commissioned to give sufficient bonds not to plunder any of the inhabitants of said island or exceed the instructions that

may be given to them; and that Colo. Davenport be directed to take said bonds.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer for the sum of nine hundred pounds in favour of Wm. Hillhouse, Esq', to be in account to purchase plank for the fort at Town Hill in New London.

Order d^t May 22d, 1779, Maj^r Hillhouse.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD ON THE 25TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Daniel Sherman,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Benj ^a Payne,		

¶ Upon the motion of Thaddeus Burr, Esq', of Fairfield, in writing, for a permit to have liberty to ship on board the sloop *General Stark* a sufficient quantity of provisions for said ship a voyage to Surriman — the crew consisting of 12 persons and the voyage supposed to be for six months: The following articles are permitted to the owners of said sloop to put on board, *viz*: 6 barrels pork, 5 bbl. beef, 2 m. weight bread, 30 bushels indian corn for stock, 1 hhd. indian meal, 1 bbl. flour, 6 swine for stores; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to grant a permit for the same accordingly.

Doct^r Bartholomew Gibbon, a Frenchman, is permitted to return to Canada with his family; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to furnish him with a flag for that purpose, under such restrictions as he shall think fit.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Ward, jun.,	
Ab ^m Davenport,	Benj ^a Payne,	
Wm. Williams,	James Wadsworth,	

Resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Gen^l Andrew Ward for the sum of six hundred pounds, lawfull money, to enable him to defray the expence of fitting out the armed sloop *Guilford* belonging to this State, and to be in account with the State therefor.

Granted a permit to Pierpoint Edwards, Esq', and others, to purchase and ship on board the schooner *Trojan* the following articles of stores for a voyage to the West Indies mann'd with twenty-five men: said cruise supposed to be for the term of four months. *viz*: 2600 lb. flour to be manufactured into bread, 6 bushells of indian meal, 6 bus. beans and pease, 14 barrels of pork and beef.

Eleazer Cary of Windham exhibited his account to this Board for his entertaining Messrs. Nicholas and Mark Foquett, employed by Congress to

inspect the gun-powder mills in the United States and instruct the manufacturers in the best method of making the same, and adjusted and allow'd the sum of £302 14 11*d.*, and that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same.

Order dld to Nath, Wales, Esq^r.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer in favour of Gen^l And^w Ward for seven thousand and one hundred pounds to be in account to pay the late owners of the sloop *Guilford*.

Order d^d Gen^l Ward 28th May, 1779.

Voted, That Gen^l Ward be directed to cause the bar and sheet lead and lead shot taken from the sloop now called the *Guilford* and cause the same to be apprized and retained for the use of this State and the other articles to be delivered to the owners, and in case any of them shall be damaged shall settle the damages with the owners at his discretion.

Whereas certain repairs were made on the sloop *Mars*, now called *Guilford*, which has been by order of this Board seized and taken for the use of this State, and since making said repairs said sloop was apprized by certain persons duly appointed in order to compensate the late owners, and said owners being dissatisfyed with said apprizal have moved for further allowance &c.: *Voted*, that Gen^l And^w Ward, who has been directed to receive and pay the monies due to the late owners, be and he is hereby authorized to consider and in his settlement with them at his best discretion to allow said owners the benefit of said repairs or such part thereof as he shall judge fit and reasonable.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD ON THE 28TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj ⁿ Payne,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Williams,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Jas. Wadsworth,	

On the representation of Sherman Boardman, Esq^r, and Noble Hine, two of the selectmen of New Milford, that 7 barrels wheat flour and 3 barrels of indian meal had been found secreted under a barn floor in said New Milford, it being suspected with a design secretly to convey the same to the enemy; and no person appearing to claim the same, it was seized by warrant from lawfull authority and held in custody: Thereupon voted, that Peter Colt, Esq^r, Deputy Commissary of Purchases, be advised thereof by said selectmen, and that he be advised and desired to take the same for the use of [the] army and pay the accustomed price therefor to said selectmen, who are directed to deliver the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor and lodge the same with the Secretary. And that said selectmen lay the account of expenditures in finding and seizing said flour &c. before this Board for settlement and that payment may be made thereon.

See doings 22 Octo. 1779.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD ON THE 29TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Joseph P. Cook,	} Esq ^m .
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj ^a Payne,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Jas. Wadsworth,	

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby directed to sell to the best advantage he may be able two pair of 4 lb. cannon, some 4 lb. shot and a small iron hearth, and pay the avails thereof to the Treasurer of this State and lodge a receipt for the same with the Secretary.

Copy d^d — Howland 29th May, 1779.

Voted, That Nath^m Richards of Long Island, who has been detained at Say Brook, be permitted to return to Long Island.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HART-
FORD THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan ^l Sherman,	} Esq ^m .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Jas ^s Wadsworth,		

Granted a permit to Pierpoint Edwards, Esq^r, and others, to purchase 300 lb. weight of flour and ship the same with 350 lb. more, six bbls. of beef and pork, one bushel of indian meal and two bushels of beans and pease, on board the sloop *Elk*, Israel Bishop master, bound on a voyage from New Haven to Guardalupe, for stores during the voyage.

Copy d^d Mr. Bishop 1st June, 1779.

Whereas Peter Colt, Esq^r, Deputy Commissary of Purchases for the army of the united States, has applyed to this Board to purchase two hundred barrels of pork and one hundred barrels of flour purchased by Mr. Dan^l Gray of Stanford, Deputy Commissary of Purchases under Colo. Jonth Fitch of New Haven who is Commissary of Purchases for this State, which pork is in the possession of said Grey and said flour is in the State of New York, also a quantity of provision at Norwich being about two hundred barrels of pork which this Board agrees to sell to him upon the terms and with the exceptions following, *viz*: All the pork in the possession of said Grey aforesaid and barrels of flour aforesaid and said pork at Norwich aforesaid except fifty barrrils of pork, he, said Colt, to pay therefor as followeth: for each barrel of pork 120 continental dollars, and 40 continental dollars per hundred weight for said flour. And in case this State shall want said pork or flour or any part thereof he, the said Commissary Colt, agrees to replace the same or such part as shall be wanted by this State out of the continental stores, this State paying therefor the prices aforesaid which he gives for the same. And said Colt is likewise at the same price to have the flour remaining in the State of New York purchased by Mr. David Hillhouse, deducting for the sixty barrels lent said Hillhouse and brought forward to New London.

Voted, That Colo. Jonth Fitch be and he is hereby ordered and directed to deliver Peter Colt, Esq^r, Deputy Commissary of Purchases for the United States, 200 barrels of pork and 100 barrels of flour belonging to this State purchased by Mr. Dan^l Grey: the pork in said Grey's possession and the flour in the State of New York; he, said Colt, paying said Fitch therefor at the rate of £36 per barrel for the pork and £12 per hundred weight for the flour, which said Fitch is to receive and to be accountable to this State.

Copy d^a Mr. Grey June 1st, 1779.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich be and he is hereby directed to deliver Mr. Peter Colt, Deputy Commissary of Purchases for the United States, all the pork he hath in custody belonging to this State except 50 barrels which he is to reserve for the use of the State: he, said Colt, paying the Treasurer of this State for 150 barrels of such pork at the rate of £36 per barrel; and his, said Colt's, receipt from said Treasurer for said sum shall be a sufficient warrant for said Perkins to deliver said pork; and for the surplus of 150 barrels which he may receive he is to pay said Treasurer as aforesaid. Said Colt to take duplicate receipts for the sums he shall pay said Treasurer as aforesaid and lodge one of them with the Secretary of the State.

Copy d^a Mr. Dan^l Grey for Mr. Colt June 1st, 1779.

Voted, That Nathⁿ Shaw, Esq^r, Marine Agent for this State, exchange with Capt. Wm. Nott, commander of the sloop *Guilford*, such cannon as he may be able, so as to accommodate said sloop and render her fit for action, and also supply him with suitable shot if he shall be able, and also furnish said Nott with such small articles, such as colours, tar, leather &c., as he, said Shaw, shall judge convenient and necessary.

Voted, That Peter Colt, Esq^r, Deputy Commissary of Purchases, be desired to furnish Mr. Edw^d Hallam, Issuing Commissary at New London, with provisions to be issued for Lieut. John Shipman's company, consisting of 33 men at the fort at Say Brook, and that said Hallam be directed to issue the same accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
HARTFORD ON THE 2D DAY OF JUNE, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan ⁿ Sherman,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Ja ^s Wadsworth,		

Whereas Jonathan Gillet, of Sharon in the county of Litchfield, hath reported to his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety that on the day of April last in said Sharon he with others seized and stopped fifteen barrels of flour, five of which are claimed by Reuben Hopkins the residue by Elisha Pitkin jun^r, which was loaded in carriages and transporting out of this State contrary to law, as by his application in writing dated 2d of June, A.D., 1779: This Board having inquired into the facts find the same to be true and that said flour is forfeited by law; and thereupon it is ordered that the same be disposed of in the manner following *viz*: that said Gillet and his associates have one-third of said flour as a reward for their

vigilance and services, and that the residue be taken and held for the use of this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, A.DOM. 1779, P.M.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Gen ^l Huntington,	Dan ^l Sherman,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Col. El ^l Dyer,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Oliver Ellsworth,	
William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor grant permits to the persons following, *viz:* to Jesse Wood to go to Southampton on Long Island and bring from thence in money or produce the sales of his house and lot there; to Aaron Isaacs to go to East Hampton on Long Island and bring from thence his horse and a quantity of flax he has there; to Hannah White to go to Long Island and visit her mother and other friends and bring from thence cloathing; to William Philips to go to Long Island and bring from thence his own, Colo. William Floyd's and Mr. Ezra L'Homdeu's effects; to John Pelletreau to go to Long Island and bring from thence some effects of his father Elias Pelletreau.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, A.DOM. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Gen ^l Huntington,	William Williams,	} Esquires.
William Pitkin,	Daniel Sherman,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Andrew Adams,	
Benja. Payne,		

Resolved, That in pursuance of an agreement made by this Board on the first day of May last with Mr. William Whiting of Salisbury, relative to the Furnace &c. at said Salisbury, that a lease be made of the said furnace and other the premises therein specified to said Whiting for the term of ten months next coming, reserving therein for the use and benefit of the Governor and Company of this State a rent of one tun of pig-iron per month for each month said furnace is in blast during said term, said Whiting accounting for all the stock he shall receive belonging to the State as in said former agreement is expressed. And Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, is hereby appointed and directed to make out and execute said lease accordingly, with a counter-part to be subscribed by said Whiting and lodged with his Excellency the Governor.

Resolved, That Samuel Forbs, Esq^r, be and he is hereby appointed and directed to repair to the furnace at Salisbury and take an exact list of all the stock provided by and belonging to this State, with all the tools, utensils and implements at said furnace, and the same deliver to Mr. William Whiting, taking his receipt therefor.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, A.DOM. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Col. Sam ^l Mott,	Gen ^l Huntington,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Mr. Sam ^l Bishop,	Colo. Pitkin,	
Mr. Oliver Ellsworth,	Colo. Davenport,	
Benj. Payne,	Col. Williams,	
Eliph ^t Dyer,	Mr. D. Sherman,	

On request by letter from Capt. Deshon dated 9th June: Voted to lend him for the use of the United States twenty barrells of flour taken on board the schooner *Hazard* and sent into New London by the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, to be for the use of the ship *Trumbull* to be replaced.

Order sent to Capt. Deshon.

On the question agreeable to said letter, whether we will release the flour and iron taken on board said schooner for the use of said United States and receive the pay in money: Resolved in the negative.

Voted, That Capt. Phinehas Bradley of New Haven be authorized to procure two brass swivells for the use of the company of matrosses under his command at N. Haven and to belong to the State, and lay his account of the expence before the Committee of Pay-Table who are to adjust the same and order payment of the just and reasonable cost.

Major Andrew Adams exhibited his account of expence &c. as a committee to settle the furnace accounts with Colo. Porter in 1777, amounting to £6 8 — referred to the Committee of Pay-Table.

An account of Daniel Bouton for 12 quire of cartridge-paper for the town of Stamford of £4 16, referr'd to the Pay-Table.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JUNE, A.DOM. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Abr ^m Davenport,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Jabez Huntington,	William Williams,	
William Pitkin,	Benj. Payne,	

Resolved, That Jabez Perkins, Esq^r, deliver to William Pitkin, Esq^r, and Company for manufacturing gun-powder at their mill of this State one hog-head of sulphur in his care the property of this State, taking a proper receipt.

Resolved, That a flag be sent at the cost of this State to New York with marine prisoners to redeem the captain, officers and hands on board the *Oliver Cromwell* lately taken by the enemy,* and that the Pay-Table draw on

* New London, June 10th. Last Saturday [June 5th] afternoon, as the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, owned by the State, and the privateer *Hancock* were cruising some leagues south of Sandy Hook, they fell in with three British cruising ships and a brig; one of the ships was a very fast sailer, and coming up with the *Oliver Cromwell* they engaged for near two hours, in which time the *Oliver Cromwell* shot away her main top mast; but the other ships coming up she was obliged to strike after making a gallant defence. The *Oliver Cromwell* mounts 20 guns and had about 180 men. The ship which engaged her appeared to be large, but her force we dont learn. *Courant*, No. 751, June 15, 1779.

The British changed the name of the ship from the *Oliver Cromwell* to the *Restoration*.

A memorial of Capt. Parker to the Assembly, dated Feb. 28, 1781, which was negatived, is in *Rev. War*, xx, 274.

the Treasurer of the State in favour of Mr. James Bull, who is here appointed to go with said flag, for the sum of £200 for his expences to go to New York to negotiate said exchange: he to be accountable for said sum.

Upon the motion of the selectmen of the town of Killingworth by letter subscribed by Stephen Lane and dated 14 June instant, praying to have the guards ordered at said Killingworth furnished with ammunition &c.: Ordered, that Mr. Doolittle of New Haven deliver the said selectmen 200 *lb.* weight of gun-powder on account of this State; that Capt. Phinehas Bradley deliver to said selectmen 50 *lb.* grape-shot, and that Capt. Samuel Russell of Middletown deliver to said selectmen or their order 100 *lb.* of lead belonging to this State, for the purpose aforesaid, and take proper receipts therefor.

Hannah Hariss now residing in Hartford, a native of Long Island, is permitted to go to said Long Island to visit her friends.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, A.DOM. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Abr ^m Davenport,	}
William Pitkin,	William Williams,	
Benja. Payne,		

Consulted on matters relative to the arm'd sloop *Guilford*.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD THE 17TH DAY OF JUNE, ANNO DOM. 1779. A.M.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Abr ^m Davenport,	} Esquires.
William Pitkin,	William Williams,	
Benj ⁿ Payne,		

Resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table receive and adjust the account of the expence of procuring, transporting and mounting two iron cannon ordered by this Board for the defence of the town of Killingworth, and draw on the Treasurer in favour of the selectmen of said town.

P.M. Granted liberty to David Wiggins, now residing at Saybrook, to remove to Long Island with his wife, son and daughter and negro boy, one cow and household furniture, under the observation of the commander of the fort at Saybrook.

Resolved, That Lt. Col. Noadiah Hooker, commandant of a detachment of five hundred men ordered by the General Assembly at their present session for the defence of Greenwich and places adjacent, take special care that the officers and soldiers under his command do carefully preserve the cartridges delivered out to them for the present service, and that each individual be accountable for the cartridges delivered he hath or shall receive during the present tour which shall not be necessarily expended in said service. And in case any more cartridges shall be wanted to furnish said detachment the commanding officer is hereby directed to apply for what he shall judge necessary to the keeper of the magazine of ammunition in the county of Fairfield, (lately under the care of Brigadier Gen^l Silliman,) who is ordered to deliver the same, taking a proper receipt therefor.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD
THE 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 1779. AFTER THE RISING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Col. Dyer,	Colo. Williams,
Col. Pitkin,	Colo. Mott,
Colo. Davenport,	Mr. Payne,
	Mr. Strong.

1. *Voted,* To give an order to John Porter for the ballance of his account, £258, on P. T.

2. That a commission to the commander of the *Guilford* be delivered to Colo. Davenport for him and Mr. Thaddeus Burr to fill the blank for the name of the commander with Capt. Smedley or Capt. Jos. Squire, or such other as may be properly recommended.

3. *Resolved,* That Colo. Jonathan Fitch be appointed and desired to supply the sloop *Guilford* with such necessaries as he may think proper; and wherein doubts may arise, to take the best advice he can conveniently obtain. And as to the hides, that he send forward by Mr. Bishop, when he shall attend the Council of Safety, the particular accounts.

4. *Resolved,* That Mr. Bishop be requested to make particular inquiry respecting the conduct of Daton and Clark, commanding whale-boats, against whom complaints are made: and if he shall find such complaints are justly founded, to ask them to appear before the Governor and Council; and also that he will procure the necessary evidence.

5. Capt. Jonth Welles informing that Thomas Stevens of Glastenbury has declined to accept of the office of lieutenant in one of the regiments ordered to be raised: Resolved, that Isaac Goodrich be appointed in his stead.

6. *Resolved,* That there be a suitable person appointed in each brigade to enlist men into the continental army during the war; and appointed William Bull in the 1st brigade, Capt. Jos. Hillhouse in the 2d, Aaron Cleveland in the 3d, Maj^r Elijah Abel in the 4th, Maj^r John Ripley in the 5th, and Maj^r Bez. Beebe in the 6th. And that the places of rendezvous be in the respective towns in which said officers dwell, *viz:* Hartford, New Haven, Norwich, Fairfield, Windham, and Litchfield.

7. *Resolved,* That his Excellency the Governor be desired to issue orders to the field officers of the ninth regiment, directing them to take under their care and command the matross companies and companies of guards and rangers in the respective towns where said field officers respectively dwell, which orders being now laid before this Board are approved and ordered to be sent to each of said field officers, delivered to Colo. Davenport.

8. A Proclamation, containing encouragement to such as shall enlist into the Connecticut Line in the army of the United States, being laid before this Board, was read and approved and ordered to be printed and dispersed as soon as may be.

9. Instructions for the recruiting officers in the continental army in the Connecticut Line, being prepared and read are approved, and six copies ordered to be made out and transmitted — one to each of said officers.

Ordered, That the selectmen of the town of Litchfield receive two barrels of gun-powder belonging to this State, in the care of William Pitkin,

Esq^r, and Company, to replenish their town stock — they giving a receipt therefor.

1779. June 23d, Gave Sam^l Barker jun^r, Esq^r, order on B. General Ward for a sail that belonged to the *Guilford*, he first obtaining General Wadsworth's approbation.

July 5th. Gave order to Jabez Perkins, Esq^r, to sell the other iron hearth belonging to the remains of ship *Defence*, to Messrs. Howland and Coit, if they choose, or to any others.

July 5th. Commissions granted to Titus Baley, Captain, and Nicholas Keigwin, Lieutenant, 3d Co. of alarm-list, 21st Reg^t.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY, LEBANON,
6TH JULY, 1779. TUESDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	William Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Eliphalet Dyer,	William Hillhouse,	
Nathan ^l Wales Jr.,	David Mumford,	
Samuel Mott,		

Voted, That James Wyley jr. be appointed an Ensign in Capt. Jabez Fitch company, Lt. Col. Levi Wells's regiment.

Voted, That Mr. Ebenezer Allen, of Rochester, State Massachusetts, have permission to export out of this State to said Rochester seventy bushels of indian corn and rye and two bushels wheat.

Voted, That Mr. Cornelius Pease of Rochester, State Massachusetts, have permission to export out of this State to said Rochester thirty-five bushels indian corn and rye.

Voted, That Jabez Fitch of Norwich be appointed a Captain in one of the new regiments to be rais'd, (in Lt. Colo. Levi Welles regiment.)

Voted, That John Dresser of Pomfret be appointed an Ensign in Capt. Joseph Durkey's company, Lt. Colo. Levi Welles regiment. (*Said Dresser declined afterw^d.*)

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
7TH JULY, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	William Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Eliphalet Dyer,	Samuel Mott,	
William Williams,	David Mumford,	
Natha ^l Wales jun ^r ,	Jesse Root,	

Voted, To send letters to, and sent them accordingly, acquainting of the enemy's having landed and taking possession of New Haven, Monday 5th, early &c., viz: General Washington, Brig^d Gen^l Wolcott, Brigadier Gen^l Ward; and Mr. Colt, D. Commissary, to furnish provisions for the militia march'd to the relief of New Haven.

Voted, That two hundred men, exclusive of commissioned officers, be immediately detach'd from the 3d brigade of militia in this State in the

*The last three paragraphs in the handwriting of Gov. Trumbull.

following manner, (*vis'*): one company of 60 men from the third regiment, one of 60 men from the 20th, and one of 80 from the 8th regiment; each company to be commanded by one captain, one lieutenant, and one ensign, the whole to be commanded by a field officer; they are forthwith to repair to New London and Groton, to be employed in work and defence as ordered by the officer commanding there, and continue in service until further orders from his Excellency and Council of Safety, not exceeding one month from the time of their arrival.

Voted, Three thousand flints to be sent to Maj^r Ledyard at Groton.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
JULY 8TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honour the Deputy Governor.		} Esq ^r .
Eliphalet Dyer,	Nathaniel Wales jun ^r ,	
William Williams,	Samuel Mott,	
Jesse Root,	David Mumford,	

Consulted on sundry matters &c. Had intelligence that the enemy had left N. Haven Tuesday morn, and had landed [at] Fairfield.

Sent letters to Maj^r Gen^l Wolcott, Brig. Gen^l Ward &c., to march to the relief of Fairfield if needed &c. &c. And momentarily expecting more intelligence, it is thot not prudent to dismiss, and adjourned to

FRIDAY, July 9.

And present then: His Excellency the Governor.
Hono. D. Governor Griswold.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Jesse Root,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
Sam ^l Mott,		

Letter received from Mr. Colt, giving the most particular account yet had of the enemy's proceedings &c. at N. Haven. Also from Lt. Colo. Hez^a Wyllys on the same subject and their landing at Fairfield and burning the town, reimbarking and probable designs against N. London.

Mr. Penniman, an express, arriv'd from N. London about 9, with letter from Gen^l Tyler, that from the account from the westward &c. apprehends the enemy's designs and has order'd Col. Abbot's regiment, and requests orders to G. Douglass &c. &c.

Letter (by return of express to Gen^l Glover) from Col. Sheppard com^d met on the road, that he w^od willingly alter his rout this way &c., but as his orders are will deviate so far as to come thro' Lebanon instead of Andover &c.

Rev^d Mr. W. Graham from Virginia, with credentials from presbytery of Roxbridge county, to solicit charity for a young academy lately set up there &c. &c. was advised that it is a very difficult and discouraging time &c. &c., and the matter had better be defer'd &c. He retired.

Orders given (sent by Mr. Penniman) to Gen^l Tyler to raise and march with his whole brigade &c. to N. L. and Groton, with sundry directions &c.

Another letter prepared and sent by Wood to the commandant of Glover's brigade on the march and now at Plainfield; pressing him to take his rout thro' N. London &c.

Orders prepared and sent B. G. Douglass to detach and send half his brigade to N. L. &c., and to order the rest to be ready on the shortest notice.

Orders sent to Capt. Dewitt of the artillery company at Norwich, to march with his company and train to N. London, and to apply to Gen^l Huntington for what powder he may want for the cartridges.

Orders to Ez. Williams, Esq., D. Commissary of Prisoners, to receive &c. the prisoners of this State sending from N. London to him &c., it not being thot safe to have them there at this time &c.

The foregoing in consequence of the following resolve, *viz*:

That all the marine prisoners in and about the town of N. London and Groton and at Norwich, as well those in confinement as those at large on parol, be immediately collected and sent under proper guard and delivered Ez^l Williams, Esq^r, D. Com^y of Prisoners for the U. States, taking his receipt for the number with their names and rank. A proper list of their names and rank to be forwarded said Commissary Williams by the officer commanding said guard and a copy of the same to be kept by Maj. Wm. Ledyard, Commissary of Prisoners for this State.

P. M. Letter received from Col. Sheppard, informing he has received orders from Gen^l Glover to direct his march to Norwich and N. London, agreeable to Gov. Trumbull's request to him &c. sent yesterday, and requesting suply of provisions &c.

Orders given to the commissary at Windham to furnish provisions &c.

Letter received from Gen. O. Wolcot informing of his proceedings on the N. Haven alarm &c., and requesting directions and a commission to be sent him &c. An answer to G. Wolcot prepared and sent with a blank for the Secretary to fill a commission &c.

An express came in with an open letter from Colo. Davenport &c., that the enemy are moving in force into Greenwich &c., and calling for aid &c. Dated Stamford, Thursday, 1 o'clock. The account to him from Col. Mead, dated Greenwich, 11 o'clock. 8 July.

Orders sent Gen^l Douglass only to detach, not to march his men till further orders.

Sent by Col. Dyer.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 10TH JULY, 1779, MET &c.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. G. Griswold.

Elip^t Dyer, Nath^l Wales, } Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Williams, Jesse Root, }

Letter received from Gen^l Washington, dated N. Windsor,* 5 July, informs of an embarkation of the enemy at Frogs Pond on the 4th; supposes 1800, and for Connecticut; that he had order'd Gen. Glover's brigade to march to head-quarters, and if not too late offers that he be stay'd to assist us &c. &c.

Letter from Gen^l Tyler informing of his proceedings and inclosing intelligence from the westward &c.

Do. from Col. Sheppard, com^t of Glover's brigade, that he is arrived at Norwich, proposes to halt till 2 o'clock to-morrow morning &c. &c.

*New Windsor, N. Y.

Do. from Col. Hamlin, Hosmer and Sage, informing that they have good intelligence that the enemy design to penetrate even to Hartford &c. &c.

P. M. Letter from S. Bishop, Esq. &c. &c. N. Haven. Their apprehensions of the further designs of the enemy &c., and requesting flints &c. &c.

Receiv'd letter from Hez. Wetmore that Dr. Johnson advises to renounce independence, as a condition of saving the town of Stratford &c. &c.; that the justices press a compliance; that they are near shedding blood among them &c.

Answers and letters prepared and sent to Gen^l Washington de designs and appearances of the enemy, asking aid &c. &c.; to Col. Cheever, conductor &c., Springfield, for artillery and stores &c. Answer to Col. Hamlin &c.

On Gen^l Washington's leave to detain Glover's brigade &c., as in first entry this day, order'd B. G. Douglass to desist from sending on the half of his brigade to N. L. as ordered yesterday.

Granted a permit to Jn^o Akins and Hicks of Bedford, to export to said place for the use of the people, 300 bushels of corn and rye, which he had purchased last fall, at Glassenbury &c.

Countermanded orders given (by Gen^l Tyler) to Col. Throop to march his regiment to N. London, and that they be only prepared, and not march till further orders, (for reason before mentioned.)

Voted, That 1000 flints be sent to N. Haven on request of Mr. Bishop &c., by Jn^o Wise the bearer of their letter. *Sent accordingly.*

Express (near night) from Gen^l Hart who advises again of the motion of the enemy from the westward &c. &c., and ordered thereupon, that half of B. G. Wolcot's two regiments west of the river be detached and sent on toward Greenwich &c.

And also order'd, That Gen^l Ward detach and send forward half of his brigade, except in the towns on the sea-shore, for defence against the approaching enemy from Kings Bridge. *The orders sent forward.*

Adjourn'd to tomorrow morning.

SABBATH, JULY 11TH, 1779.

The pending exigency of affairs &c. requires a meeting this day.

And present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	

Fresh intelligence from Col. Davenport, Colo. Whiting, Colo. Hooker, from the westward, that the enemy with 6000 foot and 1000 horse are advancing into this State, were halted near Jay's on Rye Neck Thursday, 8th, and to march thence 4 o'clock p. m. of that day; that they are to form a junction with the troops on board the fleet and penetrate &c. far as they can &c.; and the express told Col. Sage they were at Horse Neck Fryday morning.

Letter from Messrs. Payn and Ellsworth, alarmed at the situation of affairs and pressing that they may have the loan of 8 or 10 field-pieces &c. Answer given them, that request had already been sent to Col. Cheever, conductor, &c. at Springfield, for a number of artillery &c. &c.

Maj^r Hilhouse came in from N. L. early, before the Council met, requesting a dismission of Gen^l Tyler's brigade, and orders were given to dismiss them all except the three companys ordered the 7th instant.

Voted, That three hundred of the light-horse on the west side the river be immediately detached and march'd under proper officers to the westward, to assist in defence of the State &c. *Orders sent accordingly to Lt. Colo. Seymour, commandant of the horse, by Cap. Christophers, an express from Middletown.*

Letter to General Gates — to Mr. Trumbull at Boston.

Letters prepared and sent off to Boston, informing their Council of the operations of the enemy in this State, appearances &c. &c., requesting aid &c.; also to New Hampshire.

Letter to Gen^l Glover at N. London in answer to his this day, informing him of the dismissal of Tyler's militia at N. London, of the intelligence of the appearance and designs of the enemy at the western parts of this State, and advising him to push on to the relief of the country &c.

Serj^t Collins came in with 9 or '10 tory fellows taken up and sent from Greenwich, by order of Col. Whiting and the selectmen &c., ordered to be committed to goal at Windham, and sent accordingly.

Letter from Col. Belden and sundry gentlemen at Wethersfield, proposing that an experienced officer should be applied for to Gen^l Washington &c. Answer made to it and sent.

A request sent to B. G. Glover, to go forward of his brigade and assist in forming our militia, regulating &c.

Letter receiv'd from Maj. Adams, informing of the proceedings of the militia there &c., and with intelligence &c.

Letter wrote and sent Gen. O. Wolcott, desiring his attention to Gen^l Glover in assisting to form &c. the militia &c.

Do. to Col. Hamlin &c. de cannon at Springfield.

MONDAY, 12TH JULY, COUNCIL MET &c.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Hilhouse,		

Copy of orders (rec^d) from Gen^l O. Wolcott at Norwalk, dated 10th July, to Gen^l Hart, counting that he had ordered him to detach half his brigade and march &c., but apprehends so large a force unnecessary, and therefore directing him to detach only one quarter, and that he had sent similar orders to Colo. Sheldon, and requesting that if any be in motion from the first brigade that they be informed that he apprehends it unnecessary.

The account now is from Branford, that the fleet was yesterday, 11 o'clock A. M., off that town steering eastward.

On motion by letter from Maj. Ledyard: A Mr. Cunningham, a prisoner from Halifax lately taken, (commissary of prisoners there,) said to be a person of humanity, is permitted to go on his parole to the enemy's fleet or N. Y. by a flag granted to a Capt. Baldwin, for exchange of his brother and sundry taken at N. Haven, and letter wrote and sent accordingly by Capt. Baldwin to Maj. Ledyard.

Letter and request sent Gen^l Glover at N. London, informing him of M. G. Wolcott's orders to G. Hart and the intelligence from the fleet, as be-

fore mentioned &c., and proposing his longer stay at N. London with his brigade.

Voted, That Capt. Barker of the galley *New Defence* may receive on loan a cable and anchor and main-sail late belonging to the sloop *Guilford* taken by the enemy at N. Haven, for use of the galley, he to be accountable.

Order d^a Capt. Baldwin.

Voted, To dismiss Serj^t Jona. Collins and his party of nine, who were sent by Colo. Hooker from Greenwich with 9 Tories taken up there and sent to this town, be dismiss'd from the service under said Col. Hooker, their term being nearly expired. The guard are: Serj. Jona. Collins, Cor. Jesse Parker, Nath. Andrus, Sim. Wright, Aaron Roberts, Geo. Cooper, Forbush Moor, Abij. Phelps, Eli Alderman, and Thos. Addis.

Voted, That orders be sent B. G. Wolcot, (on seeing Gen^l O. Wolcot's order to Gen. Hart as entered first this day,) to send forward but half of what he was before ordered to detatch, and post them at N. Haven to act as occasion shall require; and also if any militia sho'd arrive from Hampshire he is to send them on to N. Haven to take post and act as occasion requires, or if he think necessary stay them till he inform the Governor.

And sent by

Letter received from Gen^l Glover, that he had receiv'd the letters of yesterday and sho'd be on his march this morning by 9 o'clock &c. &c.

Torrey (express to Gen. Washington) returned with a letter &c, that he has order'd Gen^l Parsons to march with his brigade to the westward; that Glover's brigade may be kept for the present in this State &c.

TUESDAY, 13 JULY, 1779, COUNCIL MET &c.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	} Esq ^r .
Nath ^l Wales,	Oliv ^r Elsworth,	
Benja. Payn,	and Wm. Pitkin, Esq, p. m.	

On Gen^l Washington's letter directing that Glover's brigade be detained awhile &c. in the most convenient place &c.

On consideration and consultation &c., agreed and voted a letter to be sent B. G. Glover, now near N. London and moving from thence yesterday morning, advising him to continue for the present in a station most convenient for the protection of New London, and to return to said town or not is left to his discretion. Also inclosing the Gen^l's letter to B. G. Glover, and sent accordingly.

(By Torrey, express.)

Copy of letter receiv'd from Middletown by express, signed Caleb Bull, dated Stratford, 12 inst., informing that the enemy landed at Norwalk last Saturday evening, and the next morning set fire to the town and burnt the whole, few scattering houses excepted, and that a detachment from the army near H. Neck have burnt Bedford &c.

Voted, That order be given the selectmen of Middletown for two hundred pounds of powder to be drawn from Colo. Pitkin's powder-mill on their application; and given accordingly.

Letter from Mr. Hosmer &c., that Capt. Bull is gone to watch the motions of the enemy and dispatch daily intelligence, and that a chain of expresses are established at 14 or 15 miles distance, to ride stages and deliver over their letters from one to another, so as to send them forward with the

greatest possible celerity &c., and desiring the Governor's approbation: Whereupon it is considered and the proposal approved, and letter written accordingly.

On application by Treasurer Lawrence: Resolved, that the clerks employed by the Treasurer of this State for his assistance, to the number of three, be and they are hereby excused from drafts or detachments to go in the service during their necessary continuance in that office: this exemption not to extend beyond the next session of the General Assembly.

Whereas it appears to this Board that it is necessary there be immediately collected and prepared a quantity of bandage and lint for the use of the militia ordered into service for defence of this State: Resolved, that Drs. Wm. Jepson and Dan^l Butler of Hartford be and they are hereby appointed and directed to procure and prepare a suitable quantity of linnen and make up the same into bandages and dry lint, and that they prepare such other articles which may be necessary for dressing the wounded.

Resolved, That B. Gen^l E. Wolcott be authorized to purchase one thousand pounds of lead and cause the same to be cast into proper musket bullets with all convenient speed, and to be under his care for the use of the militia in defence of the country; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are to adjust and settle his account of the purchase thereof and draw on the Treasurer for payment of the same.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY, 1779, COUNCIL MET AGAIN.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

William Pitkin,	Oliver Elsworth,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Jed Strong,	
Benja. Payn,	<i>also</i> Wm. Hilhouse,	
Jesse Root,	Sam ^l Mott,	

Letter received from Maj^r Gen^l Wolcott, dated Norwalk, 11th July, giving account of his situation and proceedings, of the enemy's landing at Norwalk Saturday night, 11th, and burning the town the next day &c. &c.

D^o. from Col. Sheppard, (of Glover's,) that he had got over Saybrook ferry before the Governor's letter, and received orders from Gen. Parsons to push on to the westward, and was proceeding with all speed &c.

Upon receiving advice as above of the march of B. General Glover's brigade, gave orders to Oliver Smith, Esq^r, colonel of the 8th regiment, to detach 300 men from said regiment for the defence of the port of New London, to be stationed on Groton side; also similar orders to Cols. Latimer and Abbott, to detach 200 from each of the regiments under their respective commands, to be ordered to said port of N. London for defence thereof.

Sent orders to Lieut. Colo. Nathan Gallup and Major Joshua Huntington to take the command of the men ordered to be detached as aforesaid, and not to be held in service longer than the present emergency shall require, or until they can be relieved from drafts to be made from the first and fifth brigade.

Orders sent by Mr. Josi. Pumroy.

Order given to Gen^l Huntington to send to the care of Maj. Ledyard, *viz*: 1500 pounds of cannon and musket powder, equal quantities if he has so much, and to be replaced from Windham.

On consideration that B. G. Glover's brigade has left N. London and

march'd to the westward, whereby the garrisons at N. London and Groton are left in a weak condition, and it is fear'd the enemy will soon get knowledge of and make an attack upon those posts, which makes it necessary they sho'd be suddenly reinforced : Therefore resolved, that B. Gen' Eras. Wolcott be ordered to cause one half of the men lately detached in his brigade (by order of this Board,) on the east side of Connecticut River, well officer'd and equipped, to march forthwith to New London for the defence of that and the post at Groton, to be holden in service no longer than the present emergency shall require or untill relieved by other troops.

Also voted similar orders to B. Gen' Douglass.

Orders given and sent accordingly.

An order to Gen' Wolcott to send what cartridges are made and in his brigade, and to apply to Committee of Pay-Table for order on Col. Pitkin for what powder he may want to make up a competent number, and take an order for as much of the lead as he has orders to purchase (yesterday) as necessary, and desiring him to send hither for 10,000 flints : one-third for his, one for the 6th, and the remainder for the westward.

Sent orders to B. Gen' Tyler immediately to detach and send forward one quarter part of Colo. Throop's regiment, well officer'd &c., to New London, to remain in a similar manner with the detachments from Wolcott's and Douglass's brigades, and orders respecting cartridges &c.

Sent orders to Capt. Benja. Frothingham of the continental artillery, from the park at Springfield, to remain at Hartford with his company of seventeen matrosses and 3 field-pieces till farther order.

Voted, That B. Gen' Tyler be directed to repair to and take the command of the militia ordered into New London. *Order given and sent.*

Voted, That Messrs. Wales and Elderkin be ordered to send one ton of powder from their mill to the care [of] Jz. Huntington, Esq., of Norwich: half cannon and half musquet.

Letter ordered to B. G. Hart, directing him to enquire into the state of the cartridges in his brigade, to apply to the Pay-Table for an order for powder, and for lead, and to cause a suitable number of cartridges to be made up and to be under his care, and that Gen' Eras. Wolcott has [or] will have 3000 flints for his use.

Do. to B. G. Ward, to examine the state of his cartridges, and apply to the Pay-Table for an order on Mr. Doolittle for powder, and to B. G. Wolcott for lead to make up necessary cartridges, and to send to the Governor for flints.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 15, MET AGAIN.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Hono. D. Governor Griswold.

Wm. Pitkin,	Jesse Root,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Benja. Payn,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Wm. Hilhouse,	Jed ^h Strong,	

A Mr. Livingston (son of Peter Van Brugh) and Taggart, taken by _____ bound from Jamaica to New York, by permission from Mass., apply for liberty to go into New York to transact pri-

vate business and to go thence, one to N. Jersey, and the other to Baltimore. They are by the Board considered as prisoners and directions given and sent Maj. Ledyard to send them to the Commissary at Hartford, to take their chance for exchange in common form.

Entered upon the consideration of the subject of filling up the continental army, and also of the two regiments ordered by the last Assembly for defence of this State.

Incidental. Order given by the Governor to Cap. Perkins to deliver Messrs. Elderkin and Wales one hhd. sulphur in his care belonging to this State, he to be accountable ; a grant for it having been heretofore made by this Board, (it is said by Mr. Wales.)

The affair of raising and detaching &c. as aforesaid largely consider'd, and drafts prepar'd &c.

Col. Welles and Maj^r Buell of the 2 new regiments were in. Sundry matters de their regiments. Sundry other matters considered &c., and adjourned.

FRIDAY, 16TH, COUNCIL MET AGAIN.

Present : His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

Wm. Pitkin,	Jesse Root,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Wm. Hilhouse,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Benja Payn,	Jed ^h Strong,	

came also Jz. Huntington, Esq^r.

Considered the affair of raising the troops &c., and manner of doing it &c. &c.

Cap. Chris. Leffingwell came in with a motion and request, that his light-infantry company at Norwich may be exempted from drafts to serve in any militia regiments but be consider'd as a distinct corps &c. Took a good deal of time &c. and not finished till p. m.

An account by Col. Abbot for sending an express to Col. Lattimer (in the present alarm,) with orders from this Board, refer'd to Committee Pay-Table.

An account of Uriah and John Haydon for building &c. the ship *O. Cromwell*, on which they make a ballance in their favor &c., referr'd to the Committee of Pay-Table to be adjusted and settled.

On the affair of Cap. Leffingwell, as above mentioned, the following draft and order is prepar'd, *viz :*

State of Connecticut. By the Captain General.

To Brig^r Gen^l Tyler, commanding the 3d brigade of militia in this State.

Whereas from information that it would be for the good of this State in defending against the enemy at this alarming crisis, that the light-infantry company of Norwich should act at present as a distinct corps : You are, therefore, ordered and directed to treat them as such till further orders from me or the General Assembly, and to see to it that they do their part of duty in every respect, and to give your orders accordingly.

And, on the question, the same was voted and passed in the affirmative ; and the following order for said company to march to N. London was passed, *viz :*

This Board considering that the pressing business of harvest &c. calls for the labour of all, who can be spared to attend the same, and having lately ordered two hundred militia from the 20th regiment (in the town of Norwich) to march to New London on the present apprehended danger of an attack: And whereas the company of light-infantry in said town of Norwich consists chiefly of persons not concerned in labour or farming-business, and can therefore be better spared at this juncture than any militia concern'd in labour in the field, and the officers of said company being willing to march with said company on this occasion for the service of their country and in relief of so many labourers &c.: It is therefore resolved and ordered, that Cap. Chris. Leffingwell with his company of light-infantry in said Norwich march immediately to N. London for the purposes and as part of the 200 lately order'd from the 20 regiment on the present emergency, and to be holden one month in service unless sooner discharged.

And it is further ordered, that Colo. Abbot of the 20th regiment do release and discharge from the present service an equal number of militia now under orders from Norwich to N. London of such as he shall judge to be under the greatest necessity of remaining at home on account of the harvest and pressing labour in the field: that is to say, to release such number of said militia as said company shall consist of and shall march, exclusive of so many of said light-infantry company as are now detached and ordered to march to said New London with said militia.

On consideration of the late destruction of Norwalk by the enemy: Voted, that they be relieved in the number assigned them by the last Assembly of their quota to fill the continental army, one half, viz: from 24 to 12.

On application for New London to be relieved in their said quota of the continental army, for various reasons urged by Maj. Hillhouse &c.: Voted, that we cannot with propriety afford any.

The following orders were sent the six brigades of this State:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Captain General.

To John Douglass, Esq^r, Brigadier General of the Fifth Brigade of militia in this State.— Whereas the General Assembly of this State, in their sessions in May last, pursuant to a requisition of the Honorable Continental Congress, enacted and ordered that eight hundred effective men should be raised for completing the quota of this State in the continental army, whereof six hundred and fifty to be raised from the infantry, and in case a sufficient number should not enlist by the tenth day of instant July that the deficiency should be made up by peremptory drafts, according to the quotas of the several towns as ascertained by said act, to join and serve until the fifteenth day of January next, in the Connecticut Line of the continental army, in such companies thereof which are not full, as they should choose, and to receive the same pay, refreshments and family support, during their continuance in service, as those already in said line are by law entitled to, and authorized the Governor and Council of Safety to give further orders and directions respecting such drafts and to make any regulations proper and necessary to carry the provision of said act into full and speedy execution; and as it appears from the returns of the recruiting officer appointed for your brigade that only six men therein are enlisted for said service: You are, therefore, by and with the advice of my Council of Safety, ordered and

directed to cause peremptory drafts by proper officers to be made immediately from your brigade of one hundred and ninety-four able-bodied effective men, and such as are most proper to be draughted for said service, to join and serve in the line and for the term aforesaid unless sooner discharged; and that said drafts be made from the several towns in your brigade in numbers following, *viz*: From Lebanon 12, Windham 7, Mansfield 12, Plainfield 5, Pomfret 7, Canterbury 5, Voluntown 16, Union 1, Killingly 59, Coventry 20, Ashford 15, Woodstock 25, Hebron 9, and from that part of Glastenbury which is in the 12th regiment 1. And you are to make return of the names and places of abode of the men that shall be so drafted to the General and also to Major John Ripley the recruiting officer aforementioned at Windham, the place of their rendezvous, to whom such recruits are to be sent with the return, who is to receive and forward them to the several battalions to which they shall be assigned.

Colo. Welles, and officers, in town, and moving for sundry officers to be appointed to fill vacancies in the regiment, on nomination by him.

This Board appoint Alex^r McDowell of Glassenbury a Lieutenant in Cap. Lay's company, *vice* Goodrich, resigned.

This Board do appoint Jos. Hale of Coventry a Lieutenant in Cap. Dana's company *vice* Lt. Jz. Fitch promoted (as before.)

This Board do appoint John Arnold of Mansfield Ensign in said company, *vice* Jz. Rogers resigned.

This Board do appoint Obed^h Child of Woodstock Ensign in Cap. Durkee's company, (was vacant.)

This Board do appoint Josh^a Raymond jun^r, N. London, Ensign in Cap. Lay's company; was vacant.

This Board do appoint Benja. Billings of Norwich Ensign in Cap. Tilden's company, (vacant.)

This Board do appoint James Wiley jun^r, (Voluntown,) Ensign in Cap. Fitch's company, (was vacant.)

This Board do appoint Benajah Avery of Groton Ensign in Capt. Stedman's company, (was vacant.)

This Board do appoint Payn Convers of Killingly Captain in said regiment *vice* Cap. Elij. Robinson resigned; and if said Convers sho'd decline, Capt. Dan^l Allen of Ashford to be in his stead.

Voted, That the commissions of the officers in the two raising regiments for defence, *viz*: Col. Welles and Col. Mead's, shall bear date the 21st of June, 1779, that is, for all such as have been heretofore appointed and undertaken in the service before this 16th of July.

On consideration of the act of Assembly in May last, for filling the continental army, the following questions arose, and resolved as follows, *viz*:

Q. 1. Whether a man drafted to serve in the continental army untill the 15 of January next, may be intitled to the £40 additional bounty granted by said Assembly, in case he shall voluntarily inlist into said army for the term of the war before he shall join the army: Resolved in the affirmative.

Q. 2. Whether a man who has inlisted or shall inlist in the continental army, untill the 15 of Jan^y next, and received the £20 State bounty for so inlisting, and before joining said army shall inlist into said army for during the war, shall be intitled to £40 State bounty granted for enlisting during the war, exclusive of the £20 before received: Resolved in the negative, but the £20 be considered as part of the £40.

Qu. 3. Whether a man inlisting into the continental army to serve until the 15th of Jan^y next, not having been drafted, altho' after the 10th of July, 1779, may be intitled to the £20 bounty and uniform coat granted by the Assembly: Resolved in the affirmative.

Ques. 4. Whether any man drafted to serve in the continental army until the 15th of Jan^y next, may afterwards on inlisting for the same term be intitled to the £20 bounty and uniform coat: Resolved in the negative.

Adjourned to tomorrow morn.

SATURDAY, 17TH, COUNCIL MET AGAIN.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

Wm. Pitkin,	Jesse Root,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Wm. Hilhouse,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Benja. Payn,	Jed ^h Strong,	

Voted, That Sam^l Gray, Esq^r, D. Issuing Commissary of Provisions at Windham, be and he is directed to furnish the militia now under marching orders for N. London with provisions necessary for their march, and that he advise Commissary Colt with the necessity there is for further supplys.

Order sent.

The Board having yesterday receiv'd advice from the Council at Boston, that on information and request of the invasion of the enemy &c. they have ordered one sixth part of the militia of the countys of Hampshire and Berkshire into this State for our relief for the term of one month, which will probably amount to about one thousand: Whereupon, it is considered what orders shall be given respecting their destination; and on consideration, voted and resolved, that the militia who may come from the county of Hampshire be ordered to march and be placed at N. London till further orders; and that those who may arrive from the county of Berkshire be ordered to N. Haven till further or other orders; and letters wrote accordingly to B. Gen^l Danielson and Fellows of said countys.

State of Connecticut. By the Captain General.

To Thomas Seymore, Esq^r, lieut. colo. commandant of the light-horse in this State: By an act of the General Assembly of this State made and passed at Hartford in May last, entitled An act for filling up the Connecticut battalions in the continental army, it is enacted that eight hundred able-bodied effective men be immediately raised within this State and ordered to join the continental army — and that peremptory draughts shall be made from the several companys of the light-horse of this State, by the proper officer or officers, of one hundred and fifty effective men to serve until the 15th of January next in the continental army, either in the regiment of light-dragoons commanded by Colo. Sheldon or either of the foot battalions raised by this State at their election, they furnishing their own horses, arms and equipments, who serve in the cavalry: provided always, that all troopers that shall enlist or be drafted from the troop agreeable to this act and shall serve with the cavalry in the continental army shall be entitled to receive the continental allowance and pay given to the cavalry beyond what is granted by this act to the infantry. — Pursuant to the aforesaid act, you

are hereby ordered forthwith to cause to be draughted by peremptory detachments from the several regiments and companies of light-horse in this State, one hundred and fifty able-bodied effective men and most proper to be draughted to serve in the continental army until the 15th day of January next, either in Colo. Sheldin's regiment of light-dragoons or either of the regiments of infantry rais'd in this State, which are not full, as they shall choose, to be draughted from the several regiments and companies in just proportion to their respective numbers, reckoning all such as have inlisted since the 1st of January last from any of said regiments and companys towards their quota — and a return of the names of men taken from each particular regiment of the towns, regiment and troop of which they belong, is to be made to the recruiting officer appointed in the brigade to which each regiment belongs and to you ; and a like general return of the whole you will make to the Captain General. And the men draughted as aforesaid are to be sent with the returns to the several recruiting officers, *viz* : Those from the regiments in the first brigade to Capt. Wm. Bull in Hartford, in the 2nd to Capt. James Hillhouse at New London, in the 3d to Capt. Aaron Cleveland at Norwich, in the 4th to Major Elijah Able at Fairfield, in the 5th to Major John Riply, Windham, in the 6th to Maj^r Bezaliel Bebee, Litchfield, the places of rendezvous ; and the several recruiting officers aforesaid are ordered to receive and forward them to the several battalions in the continental army to which they shall be assigned.

Similar to the orders of yesterday to Gen^l Douglass, the orders are to Gen^l John Tyler who is order'd to give orders for draughts, *viz* : from New London 41, Lyme 7, Colchester 3, East Haddam 2, Norwich 7, Preston 2, Stonington 4, Groton 2, &c.

Similar to the orders of yesterday to Gen^l Doughlass, the orders are to Gen^l Erastus Woolcott who is ordered to give orders for draughts, *viz* : from Hartford 5, Windsor 2, East Windsor 9, Suffield 2, Enfield 1, Weathersfield 3, Glassenbury 1, Somers 6, Bolton 7, Tolland 2, Stafford 1, Willington 1, &c.

Similar to the orders of yesterday to Gen^l Doughlass, the orders are to Colo. Commandant Samuel Whiting who is ordered to give orders for draught, *viz* : from Fairfield 8, Norwalk 12, Stamford 3, Greenwich 6, Reading 4, Danbury 21, New Fairfield 8, Stratford 4, New Town 8, Woodbury 34, New Milford and that part Kent 2, and that part of Washington taken from Kent and that part of Litchfield included in the 13th regiment 2, Ridgefield 1, &c.

Similar to the orders of yesterday of Gen^l Doughlass, the orders are to Gen^l Selah Hart, who is ordered to give orders for draught, *viz* : Farmington 37, Salisbury 2, Sharon 2, Canaan 2, Cornwall 18, Norfolk 1, Litchfield 7, Harwinton 7, Goshen 3, Torrington 5, Symsbury 42, New Hartford 1, Hartland 1, Winchester 2, Colebrook 1, Barkhempsted 1, &c.

Similar to the orders of yesterday to Gen^l Doughlass, the orders are to Gen^l Andrew Ward, who is ordered to give orders for draught, *viz* : New Haven 7, Milford 3, Branford 2, Derby 2, Guilford 32, Killingworth 1, Saybrook 7, Wallingford 4, Durham 1, Waterbury 10, Middletown 4, Haddam 5, Chatham 3, &c.

Resolved, That three casks of musquet powder now in the care and custody of Colo. Pitkin and Colo. Woodbridge be delivered to the selectmen of Litchfield for the use of the town : they to be accountable.

Order delivered Mr. Strong.

Voted, That Mrs. Pepper producing a power of attorney from her husband have an order on the Pay-Table for wages due to her said husband Micall Pepper, a sailor on board the *Spy*, Capt. Niles, to the 25 of September, 1778, deducting two month pay, he having receiv'd one months pay at Norwich and the other in France. The above Pepper was taken in the *Spy*, Capt. Robt. Niles, on his passage from France.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor Capt. James Munro for thirteen hundred and twenty-eight continental dollars, being for an order said Munro had of Rose & Torrans of South Carolina for supplying the ships *Oliver Cromwell* and *Defence*.

On application from a number of gentlemen at Long Point in Stonington, representing their very exposed situation, that five ships and vessels are near their coasts, have been lately alarmed, that their men are now called off to N. London &c., that the inhabitants must remove unless relieved &c.: On consideration of their circumstances, voted, that B. Gen^l Tyler release and discharge the officers and men belonging to the four companys of Capts. Palmer, Noyes, Hallam and Stanton, of Stonington, who have been lately detached and sent into New London and Groton for defence of the posts there, and that all said officers and soldiers belonging to said four companys hold themselves in constant readiness to march instantly upon the first notice of an alarm, and that proper signals be provided for that purpose; and that in any future detachment to march out of that town to oppose the enemy upon a sudden emergency, the said officers and soldiers belonging to said four companys be exempted: provided nevertheless, that the above exemption shall not extend to any detachment made or to be made to recruit the continental army, or drafts of militia ordered to be raised for defence of this State.

And that said Gen^l Tyler issue orders to detach out of the militia stationed at N. London and Groton one ensign, one serjeant and twenty-three privates to repair to Stonington battery, join and cooperate with the party now under the command of Lieut. Sheffield there, and to be equally under his command for the purpose of defending that post.

Voted, that the prisoners lately sent from N. London and Norwich to the D. Commissary of Prisoners at Hartford be considered as continental prisoners and exchanged as such, and that the said deputy commissary send them to the Commissary General of Prisoners for that purpose.

Letter sent accordingly to Ez^t Williams, Esq.

Permitted Simeon Coffin to export three hundred weight of cheese from this State to Dartmouth.

Return having been made to the Governor by Lt. Colo. Welles, commander of one [of] the regiments ordered by the General Assembly in May last for defence of this State until the first of March next, by which it appears that said regiment is not raised by inlistment; and it also appearing that Lt. Colo. Mead's regiment, being the other ordered by said Assembly for said service, is not filled by inlistment, so that the defence proposed and ordered by the said Assembly will fail, unless said regiments be filled by detachments; and therefore, in conformity to the order and intention of said Assembly, the following orders are voted to [be] given to the brigadier generals in this State, for detaching their respective quotas of said two regiments for said service, *viz*:

State of Connecticut. By the Captain General.
To Erastus Wolcott, Esq^r, Brigadier General of the 1st brigade of militia
in this State.

Whereas the General Assembly at their session in May last ordered and enacted that two regiments of men should be forthwith raised for the defence of the sea coasts and frontiers of the State and to prevent the incursions and depredations of the enemy, to consist of five hundred and twenty men each, inclusive of commissioned officers, and each regiment composed of eight companys, to be commanded by one lieutenant colonel commandant and one major, each company to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and fifty-five privates, to be continued in service untill the first day of March next, unless sooner discharged ; which field and commissioned officers being thereupon appointed, and by the returns made of their success in inlisting men for that purpose it appearing that there is not a sufficient number inlisted upon such order and encouragement of Assembly &c.

You are, therefore, by and with advice of the Council of Safety, required immediately to detach peremptorily from your brigade one hundred and sixty able-bodied effective men and such as are most proper persons to be drafted for said service, including or deducting from that number all such as have already inlisted to join and serve in the battalion commanded by Lieut. Colo. Matthew Mead ; and you are to make a particular return of the number and names and places of abode of the men so detached, respectively, as soon as may be to the Captain General and to said Lieutenant Colonel. And each man so drafted or detached who shall immediately provide himself with a good and sufficient gun, bayonet, cartouch-box, knapsack, and blanket, to the acceptance of his captain, will be entitled to receive therefor twenty-four pounds, lawfull money, as a premium: otherwise will be furnished and provided therewith by the selectmen of the respective towns to which such soldier belongs, and who are specially directed and ordered to do the same without delay.

On motion and consideration, granted permits to the following persons to export the following articles, (much short of their requests,) viz :

To Hylliard Mayhew of Dartmouth, 100 bus. corn and rye, 70 lb. flax.

Abisha Luce, Dartmouth, 60 bus. rye and corn and meslin, 200 lb. flax and 100 lb. cheese.

Gilbert Scisson, Dartmouth, 50 bus. corn and rye, and 50 lb. flax.

Fortunatus Peas of Marthas Vineyard, 45 bus. of rye and corn, 200 lb. flax and 100 lb. cheese.

Cornelius Dunham, of _____, 30 bus. corn and rye, 72 lb. bacon, 50 lb. hogs lard and 2000 lb. flax.

Near sunseting, adjourned to Monday next.

MONDAY, 19TH JULY, 1779, GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL MET AGAIN.

Present : His Excellency the Governor.

Hono. D. Governor Griswold.

Wm. Pitkin,	David Mumford,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Jed ^h Strong,	
Benja. Payn,	Jesse Root,	

Heard by letters &c. the agreeable news of Gen^l Wain's storming and

carrying the enemy's fort at Stonny Point, with 500 prisoners, large stores &c. &c., last Fryday night, the 16th.

Orders prepared and sign'd to B. Gen' Ward of the 2d brigade similar to those to Gen' Wolcott, as entered the 17th, to detach for said service 245 men as aforesaid.

Do. To Brig. Gen' Tyler of the 3d brigade, to detach from his regiment for said service 144 men as aforesaid.

The same orders given to Col. Sam' Whiting, commandant of 4th brigade, to detach from said brigade for said service 191 men as aforesaid.

The same orders to B. G. Douglass of the 5th brigade, to detach from the same 146 men as aforesaid for said service.

The same orders given to B. Gen' Hart, to detach from his brigade (the sixth in n^o) 154 men as aforesaid for said service.

On consideration of a representation made by B. G. Tyler of the disposition he has made for defence of the post at Long Point in Stonington, of which this Board approve, and having, thro' misinformation of the state and circumstances of said post, given orders to Brig. Gen. Tyler respecting the same on the 17th inst., which now appear unnecessary: It is therefore resolved the aforesaid orders to B. G. Tyler, bearing date as aforesaid, be and the same are hereby repealed and made void.

And it is farther resolved and ordered, That B. Gen. Tyler be and he is hereby directed to enquire after and cause to be apprehended and secured all persons living at New London Great Neck, so called, and elsewhere on the sea coasts or in the vicinity of New London, who may be justly suspected of being unfriendly to the State or of carrying on a treacherous correspondence with the enemy, confine and send them safely to the county goal of the county of Windham, to be subject to such further orders and directions as may be given by his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety concerning them.

This Board do appoint Benja. Seelye of N. Milford a Lieutenant in Lt. Col. Mead's or western regiment ordered by the Assembly in May last for defence of this State, in the room of Ez' Lewis resigned.

And Lemuel Harrison, of Litchfield, a Lieutenant in said regiment in room of James Clark removed out of this State.

Granted a permit to Benja. Clifton of Rochester, to export from this State to said town 60 bushells of corn and rye.

Maj. Ezra Starr, lately promoted from a captaincy in the light-horse in the 3d regiment, certifies that his late company is destitute of a captain, cornet and quarter-master, that he has led the said troop to the choice of said officers, and that they have chosen Lt. Benj. Hiccox for their captain, Elij. Hoyt for their lieutenant, Jer. Dunning for their cornet, and David Wood for their quarter-master. The said officers are respectively established, and the Governor desired to give them commissions accordingly.

Voted, That Dr. Thos. Williams be appointed a Physician and Surgeon for the detachment now ordered and marching from the 5th brigadé of militia in this State, for the protection of New London, and is to proceed thither in said capacity as soon as the Governor shall think it necessary and order it: not to be upon pay till he shall receive such orders.

Voted, That 1 cask q' 13000 flints be deliver'd to the care of Mr. Zebulon King, (sent for that purpose,) to be delivered to B. Gen. Wolcott instead of the £10000 as voted the 14th inst.: all but 3000 to be disposed as then

ordered, and the rest to be retain'd in his hands for public use as occasion shall require and he may be ordered. And also 2 boxes q^t 112 each of cast bullets to be disposed at his discretion for public use.

To John Doughlass, Esq^r, Brig. General of the fifth brigade of militia in this State.

In consideration of extraordinary services heretofore rendered by the independent company raised in the town of Canterbury, commanded by Captain Timothy Backuss, I have thought fit, by and with the advise of my Council of Safety, to excuse said company from the present draft in your brigade ordered to be made for the defence of the town and fortresses of New London; of which you will take notice and conform yourself accordingly.

Cap. Payn Convers came, and declines accepting the captaincy as appointed the 16th, by reason of the rheumatism &c. Thereupon orders &c. are sent to Capt. Dan^l Allen in his stead, he being then conditionally appointed.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be directed to deliver the selectmen of Ly[m]e two two-pound cannon belonging to this State brôt in by Capt. Niles, to be used for defence there: they to be accountable.

Letters received from B. G. Parsons and from Gen^l Wolcott at Norwalk with a particular account of the destruction of Norwalk &c. &c., and of his, said W^s, proceedings there &c.

D. Governor went home. Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1779, GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL MET AGAIN.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
 William Pitkin, Benja. Payn,
 Wm. Williams, Jesse Root,
 Nath^l Wales, David Mumford, } Esq^r.
 Oliver Elsworth,

Voted, That the selectmen of Wallingford have leave to take some cannon at Salsbury for field-pieces, if any should be found there belonging to this State, or if they can find any other that belongs to the State they may have leave to get them; and wrote to Colo. Thaddeus Burr to apply accordingly, in answer to a letter from him on that subject.

Voted, That Samuel Gray, Esq^r, Issuing Commissary of Provisions at Windham, be and he is hereby directed to make necessary provisions for the militia of the State of the Massachusetts Bay now under orders to march to the town of New London.

Recommendation of Maj^r Ebenez^r Huntington to the Board of War and Gen^l Washington for a Lieutenant Colonel.

Whereas the office of lieutenant colonel in Colo. Sherburn's regiment became vacant Sept. the 20th, A.D. 1779, by the promotion of Lieut. Colo. Meigs to a full colonel in the line, and said office in Colo. S. B. Webb's regiment likewise became vacant by the resignation of Lieut. Colo. Wm. Livingston in Feb. last, neither of which vacancies have been filled — the whole of Colo. S. B. Webb's regiment and the half of Colo. Sherburn were raised in and are now placed to the quota of this State to be provided for &c. — and Maj^r Ebenezer Huntington of Colo. S. B. Webb's regiment claiming a right to have been promoted to the first vacancy in Colo. Sherburn's regiment when it happened, and now applies to be appointed a lieutenant colonel in

the continental army and to take rank from the time the first vacancy aforesaid happened, as being the time when his right of preferment accrued, agreeable to an ordinance of Congress directing the rank of the army,

Resolved, That altho' the right of appointing officers and filling vacancies in the Connecticut Line of the continental army below the rank of general officers is vested in the supreme executive authority of this State, and one of the above regiments and half the other was raised in and is now reckoned to the quota of this State, by which we are led to conclude the right of filling vacancies is in this State: Yet as it is or hath been under consideration in Congress to reduce the aforesaid regiments into one and for that purpose have directed and empower'd his Excellency Gen' Washington to compleat the arrangement of the army; and as it hath not been determined in whom the right of filling vacant officers in the 16 battalions is, this Board do not think it advisable for them at present to make the appointment, but do nominate and recommend Major Ebenezer Huntington to be appointed a Lieutenant Colonel in the continental army and to take rank from the time of Colo. Meigs promotion aforesaid: provided the right of appointment should be determined not to be in this State and such preferment does not interfere with the claims of any who have better pretensions than he, and that his pretensions be herewith transmitted by his Excellency the Governor to the Board of War and General Washington.

Cap. Niles came in, having arriv'd home last Saturday after having been twice captured &c.—gave an account of his voyage &c.—arrived at Paris in 27 days after he sail'd, which was beginning June, 1778, and delivered his mail to Dr. Franklin, containing the ratification by Congress of the Treaty with France, being the first account he had received of that event, which was greatly satisfactory to him and the French ministry and nation in general &c.

Voted, That Sam' Grey, Esq', D. Commissary of Issues at Windham, be and he is hereby directed to issue a sufficient quantity of provisions for the support of those inimical persons now committed to Windham county goal by order of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, and such others as may be committed to said goal in like manner, and the same deliver to Jabez Huntington, Esq', sheriff of said county, to be dealt out to said prisoners as occasion may require, taking his receipt therefor, and charge the same to the United States, and to call on Mr. Abbe or Mr. House for fresh beef as needed.* Rescinded.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich receive into his store one tun powder from Maj'. Gen' Huntington that was stor'd with him. Sent from Windham.

Voted, That Jabez Huntington, Esq', sheriff of Windham county, provide such articles as may be necessary for the support of the prisoners committed to Windham county goal by order of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety and deliver the same to them as may be needful for their subsistence.

* The whole of this paragraph is cancelled.

WEDNESDAY, 21TH JULY, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
 William Pitkin, Jesse Root,
 William Williams, Oliver Elsworth, }
 Nath^l Wales, David Mumford, } Esq^r.
 Benja. Payne, Sam^l Mott, }

Voted and resolved, That Samuel Bishop, Esq^r, of New Haven, Thaddeus Burr of Fairfield, and Colo. Stephen St. John of Norwalk, be requested to collect and transmit as soon as may be to his Excellency the Governor a general state of the loss and sufferings in the towns to which they respectively belong, together with particular and well authenticated accounts under oath as may be of the barbarities and cruelties occasioned and executed by the enemy in their late incursions and ravages in said towns.

Voted, That Benjamin Allen, of Nantucket in the State of Massachusetts, is permitted to purchase in this State, by exchanging for codfish, molasses, sheeps wool and mackerel, two hundred bushels of indian corn, two tun of rye flour or rye equivalent, two hundred weight of flax, and two hundred weight of cheese, and to export the same to said Nantucket, but not to export any until the danger from the enemy and ships hovering on our coast is removed and he shall obtain a permission from his Excellency the Governor to export the same.

To B. G. Tyler, commanding at New London and Groton.

Sir: You are order'd to dismiss the militia of the third brigade now serving at N. London and Groton (except three companies draughted for one month, Capt. Christopher Leffingwell's company and those from Colo. Troop's regiment,) as fast as the troops from the first and fifth brigades shall arrive to take their places, and you will use your discretion in dismissing those first whose circumstances [are] the most pressing. And you will dismiss the militia of the first and fifth brigades and those from Colo. Troop's regiment as the troops of the State battalion commanded by Lieut. Colo. Wells and those from the county of Hamshire shall arrive to supply their place, unless the situation and appearances of danger shall make it necessary to detain them longer, of which you are to judge.

Orders given to Lieut. Colo. Wells to send on his men to New London as fast as they can be collected, both inlisted and detach'd, under proper officers, and send an officer forward to take the command of them there.

To Chauncey Whittlesey, Esq^r, Clothier &c.

Please to sell and deliver to the bearer, Lieut. William Moulton jun^r, a Connecticut officer in the continental army, such clothing as he may be in present want of for himself at the customary price at which the Connecticut troops in said army are supplied, and charge accordingly.

Upon the application of the officers and soldiers raised in this State belonging to Colo. Warner's regiment which is one of the sixteen, for the same allowance of refreshment, cloathing for themselves, and subsistence for their families, and any other benefits which are granted and allowed to the continental troops in the eight battalions of the Connecticut Line: Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Board, that by the act of the General Assembly made and passed in May last entitled An act for providing for the families of the officers and soldiers belonging to the battalions of Connecticut troops raised in this State, the same allowance of refreshments and cloathing

for themselves and subsistence for their families and other benefits as the officers and soldiers of the eight battalions raised in this State in the continental army are entitled to receive, and from the time of passing the aforesaid act ought to be allow'd and issue to them,—and that the State commissaries and selectmen and committees of the several towns ought to provide for and issue to them accordingly.

1779. July 23d. Gave an order to Capt. Jabez Perkins to deliver B. General Douglass three hundred weight gss. of lead to be made into cartridges: The brigadier to be accountable. This is computed to make 8 thousand cartridges — ball at 20, 24, 26, and 28 to the pound.

The General reports that he hath in store 10 thousand cartridges which are sound and good, and about 2 thousand which have been out, are broken, and require new making.

Gave him an order on Mr. David Trumbull for fifteen hundred flints.

Directed him when the arms in his custody are repaired, that he return an account of the number he hath in actual possession, and where and to whose regiments and companies those were delivered which are not returned; that he put up the cartridges in tight boxes, and when needed that the same be carried in such manner as to be delivered as occasion requires; that each box be all of one sort, so as readily to be delivered out without confusion, and to suit each man's gun; and each man to be accountable for what he receives, or to be deducted from his wages.

Capt. John Dixon's company detached for two months, the 1st month ends the 29th of inst. July — they wish to be relieved at that time — at this busy season which will otherwise prove very detrimental to them on account of the business.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, 28TH
JULY, 1779, WEDNESDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Genl. Jabez Huntington,		} Esq ^r .
William Pitkin,	James Wadsworth,	
Roger Sherman,	David Mumford,	
Abraham Davenport,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
William Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Nath ^l Wales jun ^r ,	Sam ^l Mott,	

Consulted upon several matters, also in regard to Doc^r William Sam^l Johnson's being put under confinement.

Cap. Robert Swan, of the 4th troop of light-horse in the 2d regiment of horse, produced an order from Elijah Hide, Esq., major of said regiment, to lead to the choice of a captain in his stead and other needful officers &c., and a certificate of his having so done, and that they made choice of Lemuel Lamb of Stonington to be Captain, and Isaac Wheeler of said town to be Lieutenant of the same: Whereupon this Board on consideration do establish said officers elect in their respective offices.

The affair of Dr. Johnson, whether he may be released &c., was moved and largely discoursed, and a question was put and pass'd in favor by the Legislative Council, and by the Council of Safety not agreed to — majority

* The remainder from the date, July 28, is in the handwriting of Gov. Trumbull.

of 1 con., and not determined is laid by. Sundry other matters discoursed &c. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 29TH JULY, MET AGAIN.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Benja. Payn,	
Roger Sherman,	David Mumford,	
Abraham Davenport,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Williams,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Sam ^l Mott,	
	Sam ^l Bishop,	

At a meeting of the Legislative Council and Council of Safety of the State of Connecticut held at Lebanon the 28th day of July, *Anno Dom.* 1779, his Excellency the Governor laid before these Boards sundry papers relating to certain measures taken by sundry inhabitants of the town of Stratford upon an apprehended invasion of that town by the enemy, to apply to the commander of the invading troops for ease and favour and to endeavour to persuade him to spare said town of Stratford and save it from conflagration, — also a warrant from Major General Wolcott, commanding on the sea coasts, to Lieut. Colo. Jonathan Demon, directing him to send Dr. William Samuel Johnson of said Stratford to Farmington under a guard or otherwise, and to deliver him to the care and custody of the civil authority of that town, and to request of them that they would secure or keep him under such proper restraints as to prevent his having any correspondence with the enemy: the said Doctor Johnson having applied to his Excellency to be discharged of his said confinement.

His Excellency requested the advice of these Boards upon the propriety and expediency of granting the said Doctor Johnson's request.

The said Doctor Johnson now appeared and solemnly declared that he never hath communicated with the enemies of this State, directly or indirectly, by word, letter or message, or in any other way or manner, and that he never hath had any inclination to correspond with said enemies; that he hath never done or said anything in prejudice of the rights and liberties of this State, but on the contrary hath always wished for its liberty and happiness, and promoted the same by encouraging the enlistment of soldiers, contributing his property for that purpose, hiring a soldier to serve during the war, assisting their marches by furnishing both officers and soldiers with entertainment and carriages and in various other ways; that he hath formerly in a publick character faithfully served this State, and since in private life hath observed and been obedient to the laws, and did also this day freely and voluntarily take the oath of fidelity to this State as enjoined by law. The said Doctor Johnson further declared that he did not originate or plan the measures taken by the people of Stratford above mentioned, that he did not use any persuasion or influence to promote the same, but on the contrary gave his opinion that the same would be ineffectual, and that in what he did respecting the same, he only yielded to the inclinations and pressing importunity of the people.

These Boards, taking the aforesaid matters into consideration, are of opinion that the measures taken by some of the people of Stratford, above referred to, are dangerous in their tendency, as they naturally lead the

inhabitants of towns and places invaded by the enemy to desert the proper means of defence in opposing force to force and rely upon the moderation, clemency and good faith of an enemy whose violence, cruelty and perfidy have marked their conduct in every part of their progress during the present war, and by that means to bring accumulated wretchedness upon themselves, and to give the enemy such a footing in the State as to enable them to extend their ravages and spread the calamities of war over the face of the country. They are also of opinion that the measures taken by Major Gen^l Wolcott at that time were prudent and necessary. Nevertheless these Boards being satisfied that the said Doctor Johnson's word and oath may be relied upon, do *humbly* advise his Excellency the Governor to permit said Doctor William Samuel Johnson to return to his family till further orders, and that the Governor write to Robert Fairchild, Esq^r, and inclosing the foregoing act of advice &c.

The letter is as follows :

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, LEBANON, 29TH JULY, 1779.

To Robert Fairchild, Esq^r, and the rest of the civil authority and the selectmen of the town of Stratford, exclusive of all who were concerned in the late transaction in said town complained of :

Gentlemen: I have thought fit by and with the advice of the Legislative Council and Council of Safety, to permit Dr. William Samuel Johnson to return to his family till further orders. For your information and of the people of Stratford and towns adjacent, if need be, I have inclosed a short state of this case, of the evidence before us, and the attending circumstances inducing to this measure. You are well acquainted with the Doctor's conduct during this unhappy war, and with the matter lately alleged against him. If the safety of the town of Stratford, of the publick, or of himself at present, renders it necessary to take further measures relative to him, you will give me the earliest notice thereof with the evidences and reasons therefor. I am &c. J. T.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON ON THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1779, FRYDAY.

Present : His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Sam ^l Bishop jun ^r ,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Nath ^l Wales,	
Roger Sherman,	Jesse Root,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
Benj ⁿ Payne,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Jas. Wadsworth,		

Voted, That a body of troops, to consist of 1500 exclusive of commission and staff officers, be posted at New London, Groton and the sea coasts between Connecticut River and the State of Rhode Island, for the defence of the towns on the sea coasts.

And took into consideration what force is necessary to be raised and call'd forth for defence in the western parts &c., and how stationed &c. largely discoursed.

Maj^r Hart moves to have 4 four-pound cannon late belonging to the *Guilford* taken at N. Haven, the guns thrown over and got up &c.: On

considering the situation of our affairs, and on the question, is not agreed to sell or lend them.

Cap. Niles moves to have a barrel of pork belonging to this State &c. in consideration of his misfortune in being twice taken &c. on continental service to France, and deprived of opportunity to supply his family: His request is granted, and to be at the price sold to the continent by us, and order given on Cap. Perkins.

On the application of Chauncey Whittlesey, Esq^r, Purchasing Clothier for this State, for advice respecting purchases in his department: Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Board that it would be proper for said Whittlesey to give public notice in the news-papers of this State of the prices for which he finds the several articles he wants can be purchased, and that he make those prices his uniform rule in paying for the articles that shall after such publication be purchased for him in the several towns; and that for the articles already purchased for him by the several towns he ought to repay them the prices they have given unless they shall appear to him to be unreasonable.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
LEBANON, 31TH JULY, 1779. SATURDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Sam ^l Bishop jun ^r ,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin, -	Nath ^l Wales,	
Roger Sherman,	Jesse Root,	
Abraham Davenport,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Will ^m Williams,	David Mumford,	
Benj ⁿ Payne,	Sam ^l Mott,	
James Wadsworth,		

Voted, That General Huntington be desired to send to New London to the care of Gen^l Tyler for the use of the troops there as much musket ball as will make up half a tun with what he had sent before, and likewise send to New London as above what flints he has in his hands.

Resolved, That Capt. [Benjamin] Frothingham of the train of artillery, who at the request of his Excellency the Governor on the late incursion of the enemy into this State marched from the laboratory at Springfield with six field-pieces and thirty men and halted part at Middletown and part at Hartford, where it has been judg'd expedient hither[to] to retain them, that Capt. Frothingham be requested to move the three field-pieces now at Hartford to Middletown and there leave the whole six together with sergeant and two men to be employed with a sufficient number of the militia as a guard, and that Capt. Frothingham with the remainder of his company be not any longer detained; and that his Excellency the Governor be desired to write to his Excellency General Washington, and inform him of the reasons of Capt. Frothingham having been called into and detained in this State and of the advice above given to him, and to request the General (on the ground this State has to apprehend a speedy invasion and the most strenuous efforts of the enemy to ravage and destroy it,) to permit said field-pieces still to remain in this State, and that he would furnish proper officers to take the command of them, and also, if they can be spared from other posts not more important, that he would furnish from the train a sufficient number of men for said guns.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Captain General.

You are hereby ordered to furnish a sufficient guard in conjunction with one sergeant and two privates belonging to Capt. Frothingham's company of artillery to guard the six field-pieces and ammunition-waggons which he shall leave at Middletown, untill further orders.

To Maj^r Nath^l Brown, Middletown.

Voted, To draw an order on the Pay-Table in favor of Capt. Frothingham of the train from Springfield, for his extra charges and two officers with him, for three hundred dollars : one half the above sum for the captain, the other half for the other two officers.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Captain General.

To Brigadier Gen^l Tyler, commanding the troops at New London and Groton, &c.

On your request Gen^l Huntington has sent you 600 *lb.* of musket-ball and has directions to send 400 *lb.* more, and a number of flints which are in his custody. You will take the most effectual care that there be no embezzlement or waste of any of the military stores in your department. The cartridges ought not to be issued to the publick in any considerable quantity untill the appearance of an actual attack, and when any are given out there must be such accounts kept that the men can and must be answerable. You will order a particular return to be made of the military stores belonging to the publick within your department, making proper distinctions of prepared ammunition for artillery and for small arms &c. Let this be done as soon as conveniently may be, that any other necessary provision may be made.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2D, 1779. LEBANON, COUNCIL MET.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Benja. Payn,	} Esq ^r .
R. Sherman,	Jas. Wadsworth,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	David Mumford,	
Wm. Williams,	Sam ⁿ Bishop,	
Nath ⁿ Wales,	Oliver Elsworth,	

Resolved, On consideration of the situation and circumstances of Stephen Row Bradley lately draughted to go into service for this State, that this Council do advise the Captain General to dismiss and release said Bradley from such draught and order the commanding officer of the company from whence he is returned to draught another effective man proper to go in the service in his room.

James Smith of Haddam is appointed Captain in the regiment of militia raised in this State and commanded by Matthew Mead, Lt. Colo. commandant, in the room of Josiah Baldwin jun^r resigned.

— Stanton of Salisbury is appointed Captain in the same regiment, in the room and place of John Stephens excused.

Samⁿ Keeler of Norwalk is appointed Captain in the same regiment, in the room and place of John Couch resigned.

Voted, That the commanding officer of each regiment be directed to order the several commanding officers of the companies in his regiment which have detached men to serve in the regiments to be commanded by Lt. Colos.

Mead and Wells to bring the men so detached to some place or places by him appointed and at such time as he shall affix, as soon as may be, muster the men and dismiss such as he shall adjudge unfit for service or have a reasonable excuse or are more than fifty years of age, and order others detached in the room of such as may be dismissed, and the same deliver to some officer in one of said regiments.

14 copies d^s Lt. Colo. Mead 2d Aug 1779.

Granted a permit to Caleb Dixter and John Stevens, of Rochester in the State of Massachusetts, to transport to said Rochester by water 65½ bushels indian corn and rye.

Granted a permit to Israel Williams of Lebanon to transport by land to Boston five cartloads of grain, pork, butter and cheese, to Mr. Wells, being rents due for his farms lying in this State and payable in those articles.

Permission granted 11th Octo. '79.

Resolved, That a force, 4000 men, field, commission'd and staff officers exclusive, be kept up for defence of the sea coast of this State the present campaign; that in order thereto a draft of 2363 men be made and properly officered from the several brigades of militia in this State in proportion to the number of effective men, *viz*: from the 1st brigade 351; from the 2d, 454; from the 3d, 378; from the 4th, 426; from the 5th, 370, and from the 6th, 284 men, and to be at the places of their destination the 20th of instant August, or such time as the Captain General shall direct, and continue in service two months from the time of their arrival; and that a like draft be made of an equal number for an equal term of service to commence on the 10th of October next, or such time as the Captain General shall direct, so as to relieve the first draft. That said force be stationed 1500 men properly officered at New London and other posts east of Connecticut River, 1250 at New Haven and other posts between Connecticut and Stratford Rivers, and 1250 at the different posts west of Stratford River—subject to such other disposition and movements as circumstances and emergencies shall require and the Captain General or other of the general officers commanding said force or detachments thereof shall from time to time order and direct.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBA-
NON THE 3D DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 1779. TUESDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,	Sam ⁿ Bishop,
Wm. Pitkin,	Nath ⁿ Wales,
Roger Sherman,	Benj ⁿ Payne,
Abr ^m Davenport,	Oliver Elsworth,
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,

Ja^s Wadsworth.

Voted, That Brig. Gen^l Ward purchase or hire at his discretion a suitable boat for the use of the matross company commanded by Capt. Bradley at New Haven.

A letter prepared for Gen^l Washington de the field-pieces at Hartford and Middletown, requesting the march of Gen^l Glover's brigade to N. London—also a field-piece for Lt. Colo. Mead's regiment.

A letter prepared for Gen^l Putnam de vacancies in the Connecticut Line of the army, requesting a copy of the arrangement as established.

A letter prepared for Gen^l O. Wolcott, inclosing a copy of the vote of Council for detaching a number of the militia for the defence of the sea coasts, to be ready to march on the 20th of Aug^t instant, or sooner, also a copy of J. Rice's, D. Com^r Naval Prisoners, letter de the flag detained at Norwalk.

A letter prepared for Gen^l Ward de the surgeons from Berkshire being supplied with medicine, a boat for the fort &c.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give orders to Capt. Danⁿ Tyler to march with the company of matrosses under his command to New London, to continue in service two months from the time of their arrival at said New London unless sooner discharged.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue orders to the respective officers commanding at posts on the sea coasts and frontiers of this State, directing them that in case of an alarm and it is found necessary to call in the militia for their aid, that said officers give orders by the expresses they shall send for that purpose that they rendezvous at such place as they shall judge most fit and proper, and if any shall come on horseback they proceed with their horses no further than to such places without leave of the officer commanding there. And, that no time be lost, as fast as a suitable number of men are collected and properly officered they march immediately to join at the place for action; which being duly observed will greatly prevent the irregularity and confusion which too frequently happens upon the coming in of the militia on such occasion, and it is apprehended will much contribute to their usefulness and aid to repel the enemy.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
LEBANON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 1779, WEDNESDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Elip ^t Dyar,	Nath ⁿ Wales,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Sam ⁿ Bishop,	
Roger Sherman,	Benj ⁿ Payne,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
	Ja ^s Wadsworth,	

Resolved, That Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey of Middletown be and he is hereby authorized on behalf of this State, to divide the leather made of the hides that belonged to this State with the several persons employed to tan the same, agreeable to the contracts made with them, and receive the proportion thereof that belongs to this State and procure the same to be made into shoes for the use of the troops of this State, except what may be necessary to make harness for the horses that shall be used for the artillery in this State, which shall be delivered to such persons as his Excellency the Governor shall appoint to receive the same. And Mr. Whittlesey is directed to report the quantity of leather received to the Governor as soon as may be, and make enquiry concerning harness-makers and the quantity of leather necessary for that use and report the same; and that he order the whole to places of safety.

Resolved, That Capt. Daniel Tyler be directed to take the continental waggon at Pomfret to transport baggage and ammunition to New London. And you are to provide horses for the purpose in the best manner, and if

not to be had otherwise, you will apply to civil authority who are directed to afford you aid, and take direction from the commander at New London relative to your horses, either for keeping or returning them.

Upon the memorial of Matthew Graves, (clerk,) late episcopal minister at New London, praying for the reasons therein alledged for permission to remove himself and family with some few effects he hath left, to remove to Long Island, where he may be enabled to sell his bills for his salary and support himself and family &c.

Resolved, That the said Matthew Graves be and he is hereby permitted upon his and his sister's entering into parol not to give any intelligence to the British army nor say nor do anything to the prejudice of the United States, to remove himself, his sister, negro girl and his moveable effects to Long Island within the enemies lines.

Resolved, That James Wadsworth, Nathaniel Wales and David Mumford, Esq^r, members of this Council, do immediately repair to New London and Groton, view the fortifications and works at said posts, confer with the officers commanding there, enquire into the state of said fortresses, the cannon necessary at Town Hill &c., and what may be further necessary to be done to render the same more effectual for defence, and take such measures as shall be advisable for procuring tools, teams and horses, which shall be necessary for the speedy completing the fortifications and removing and using the cannon as necessary, and furnishing the troops with intrrenching tools, and consult and advise on measures necessary generally for defence, and make report to this Board of what they shall find and do in the premises.

Resolved, That the company of Rangers raised in the town of Greenwich commanded by Capt. Silvanus Marshall, both officers and men, be discharged and return'd to the companies to which they belonged, except 24 who belong to the first society in said Greenwich who are to be retained as guards to said town; and Timothy Lockwood is hereby appointed Lieutenant to command said guards, and he is directed to make his returns to Major John Davenport and receive his directions from time to time. Also, that the company of Matrosses in said town lately commanded by Lieut. Hughs, said Hughs having gone off to the enemy, both non-commission officers and privates, be discharged from said service and return'd to the respective companys to which they before belonged.

N. B. His Excellency the Governor received a warrant from Congress, dated _____ for two hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of supplying cloathing for the quota of the troops of this State in the continental line, on the Treasurer of this State, (to be paid out of continental money in his hands.)

By advice of Council he gave an order on the Treasurer, favor of the selectmen of N. Haven, for six thousand dollars, parcel of the above, for the purpose of procuring cloathing for said soldiers &c.

Afterward Mr. Chauncy Whittelsey, sub-clothier of this State for the continental army, applied for moneys to enable him to purchase &c.: Whereupon the Governor by advice of Council sent the said warrant to the Pay-Table and gave the following order, viz:

State of Connecticut. By the Governor.

To the Committee of Pay-Table at Hartford.

You will enter to the credit of the United States the foregoing warrant

for 200,000 dollars for the purpose of supplying cloathing for the quota of the troops of this State in the continental line and indorse this warrant to be paid to Chauncy Whittelsey, our clothier. He to be accountable. And the above 6,000 dollars he will charge to the selectmen or committee of the town of New Haven, delivered to them for that purpose.

Given at Lebanon, 4. Aug. 1779.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT
LEBANON ON THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. DOM. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

William Pitkin,	Samuel Bishop,	} Esquires.
Abra. Davenport,	Oliver Ellsworth,	
William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	

Ordered, Mr. David Trumbull to deliver to Samuel Bishop, Esq^r, one thousand flints for the use of Brig^r General Ward.

Resolved, That Major Joshua Huntington be requested, if he thinks fit, to deliver to the order of Brig^r Gen^l Tyler for the use of the posts at New London and Groton half a tun of the lead in his hands belonging to the United States, which he doubtless would be fully justified in doing under the present exigences.

Ordered, That Jedidiah Elderkin and Nathaniel Wales, Esq^{rs}, send half a tun of musket powder belonging to this State in their care to Capt. Jabez Perkins at Norwich, to be by him forwarded to B. Gen^l Tyler for supplying the troops under his command.

Thomas Hayden appointed a Lieutenant in Lieut. Colonel Wells regiment in the room of Samuel Smith resigned.

Ordered, That the selectmen of the several towns in this State be and they are hereby directed to furnish and deliver for the use of the two battalions raised for defence of this State one tent, one iron pot or kettle, and two wooden bowls, for every six men officers included, raised in their respective towns for said battalions, and that the officers apply for and receive the same accordingly.

A petition of Charles Straborn, a native of Berlin, setting forth that he was taken on board an English ship &c., and is now a prisoner at Norwich &c., praying that he may be released and allowed to take the oath of fidelity to the State, designing to spend his days here &c. &c. Said petition referred to M. G. Huntington to inquire into the truth of the facts, and finding them he may administer said oath and discharge him.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEB-
ANON THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1779. MONDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales jun ^r ,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Williams,	James Wadsworth,	
David Mumford,		

Resolved, That Mr. Edmund Cottle, master of a two-mast cedar boat from Marthas Vinyard, have permission to export out of this State to said Martha's Vinyard three barrells and one bag of wheat flour, two barrells meslin flour, three barrells of rye flour, forty bushells indian corn, thirty

bushells of rye and meslin, seven bushells of wheat, one firkin hogs lard, one hundred pound weight of cheese, and five hundred pound weight of flax.

Capt. Melally applies again about obtaining an exchange for the captain and crew of _____ lately taken: the matter consider'd and the letters from Commissary Burton to Maj. Ledyard on the subject of the exchange, by which it seems there is an agreement between the commissariys to exchange in 2 divisions, viz: on the different sides of Hudson's River, on the east side to be settled with commissariys this way, and on the other with Col. Beatty. Stated the matter to the Council at Boston and sent copys of the letters &c., and request them to agree upon a mode of transacting the matter and to inform, and requesting also of them a captain to exchange for Cap. Parker of the *O. Cromwell*, and to send him by Brown, who goes express for that purpose. Wrote also to Commissary Beatty on the subject with copys of Mr. Burton's letters. Wrote also to Mr. Williams, D. Commissary of Continental Prisoners in this State, inclosing copys of Mr. Burton's letters &c., and requesting him to send or deliver Cap. Melally a sufficient number of the prisoners lately sent him from N. London to be treated as continental prisoners, if he has not so transacted as to render it improper &c. &c.

Various applications and matters consulted till late in evening, and adjourned.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 1779. COUNCIL MET AGAIN.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Elip ^d Dyer,	Nath ⁿ Wales,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	James Wadsworth,	
David Mumford,		

Resolved, That Jonathan Pettibone, Esq^r, be appointed a Captain in Lt. Colo. Mead's regiment, in the room of Capt. Mills resign'd; and likewise that Selah be appointed a Lieutenant in said regiment in the room of Ezekiel Lewis resigned.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Captain General.

To Jonathan Lattimer, Oliver Smith, Samuel Abbott and Dyer Troope, Esq^r, Colonels of Regiments in the 3d brigade of militia.

Whereas by the orders of the 17th July last the men drafted to fill up the Connecticut battalions in the continental army were to be sent with the returns of the several recruiting officers, viz: those in the 3d brigade to Capt. Aaron Cleveland at Norwich, which orders have been neglected to be complied with: You will therefore cause the men who have been drafted in pursuance of said orders to be forthwith sent and delivered to said Cleveland at Norwich, the place of rendezvous in said brigade. *These orders were sent off last night.*

Letters prepared and sent, to M. G. Wolcott in answer to his receiv'd last evening, containing sundry directions and advice.

Do. to L. Col. Mead, with directions &c.

Do. to Col. Durkee at N. H., come to muster the continental recruits of this State, with directions to him to come forward to the county towns to muster and receive the men there &c.

Do. to Gen^l Ward, directions &c. Sundry other letters.

Maj^r Hart of the 2d regiment light-horse is order'd to detach from the regiment under his command one corporal and seven privates and order them to march to New Haven and put under the command of B. Gen^l Ward, to serve one month.

On representation of Cornelius Rich of Chatham that he has had five sons in the continental army, three of which are dead and kill'd in the service, one lately at Norwalk; that he has two now in the army, and one son only remaining with him, who is lately detached in the militia service for one month or 5 weeks on the sea coasts; that his circumstances were such that he could not part with and has been detained till this time; praying he may be excused from said service: This Board, on consideration of the particular and almost singular circumstances of Mr. Rich, do order (the facts being as represented,) that his said son be excused from that detachment and be favorably considered for the future.

To Col. Sage &c., or whom it may concern. *Copy d^t said Rich.*

On petition from the town of New Haven for a sufficient number of prisoners taken lately at N. Haven to exchange for their inhabitants taken under arms &c., being ten, and two from Branford and one from Fairfield: Is granted, and a flag given Jona. Sabin, the bearer, for the purpose, and a letter to Commissary Williams to deliver him 11 of said prisoners, there being two wounded at N. Haven.

Resolved, That an order be given to Maj^r Joshua Huntington, to deliver to Brig^d Gen^l Tyler one ton of lead which he had in his care belonging to the Navy Board Eastern Department, and to be accountable to him for the same.

Resolved, An order be given to Maj^r Joshua Huntington to deliver to Maj^r Ledyard such quantity of the sheet copper in his care belonging to the Navy Board Eastern Department as is necessary for ladles for the cannon, and to be accountable to him for the same.

Resolved, That Capt. Mumford be and he is hereby desired to purchase at a reasonable price of Ebenezer Backus two leaden pumps for the use of this State.

Resolved, That Capt. Mumford be desired to procure Elija^b Backus, Esq^r, to make two dozen spades and two dozen shovels for the use of this State.

Resolved, That Maj^r Ledyard be and he is hereby desired to purchase a good whale-boat and oars for the use of the troops at New London and Groton.

The report of Messrs. Wadsworth, Wales and Mumford, touching the troops and fortifications at New London, Groton &c., is accepted and approved, and his Excellency the Governor is hereby desired to give the necessary orders for carrying into execution every requisite contained therein.

Two accounts of Roger Huntington for riding express referred to the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment.

Resolved by this Board, That Brig^d Gen^l Tyler be directed to release of the militia under his command at New London and Groton and of such whose peculiar circumstances he shall judge most require their presence at home, so as to reduce the number of privates and non-commission officers to not less than fifteen hundred, and so from time to time as the coming in of Colo. Welles's regiment and the special appearance of the enemy at the time will admit of reducing them to that number.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Fanning be desired to issue provisions to the continental troops to be mustered by Mr. Aaron Cleveland of Norwich, recruiting officer for the 3d brigade of this State.

Resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, sheriff of the county of Windham, for the sum of twelve hundred dollars toward supporting a number of prisoners sent from Greenwich and elsewhere to the goal in Windham : he to be accountable.

August 11th. Order given the selectmen of Waterbury for one hundred flints of Mr. David Trumbull : they to be accountable.

To his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety :

We the subscribers being appointed to repair to New London and Groton, view the fortifications and works at those posts, confer with the commanding officers, there to consult and advise every measure necessary, generally for defence, and report make,— take leave to report, that we repaired to New London and Groton, and on the 5th instant, with the officers commanding there, inquired into the matters referr'd to in our appointment, and find that Fort Trumbull is in the same condition as for many months past, that there are ten cannon mounted, of the size mentioned in a late return by Maj^r Ledyard;— that the fort at Town Hill is nearly compleated, except the gate and barrack, which are going on, the platforms laid, some cannon mounted, the residue were to be yesterday, — the whole number two 12 lb., three 9lb., and four 6lb. cannon; that it is judged advisable the fort should be inclosed with an abbatis; that at New London there are two 12 lb. and two 3 lb. cannon mounted on travelling carriages; that Fort Griswold is in good condition except the abbatis, which it was judged advisable to have immediately repaired; that there are twenty-four cannon mounted, of the size mentioned in a late return by Major Ledyard; that the battery at Groton is in good condition and eight cannon mounted thereon of the size described in Maj^r Ledyard's late return; that the redoubt is yet unfinished but may be soon compleated, if proper tools can be provided; that there are at Groton one 12 lb. and two 4 lb. cannon on travelling carriages; that there are at Norwich, Preston, and places adjacent, 33,700 musquet cartridges, also 44,000 at New London, and in the hands of the militia; that there [are] at New London, fit for duty, 1,111 rank and file — at Groton, 551; that there are under the command of Brigadier General Tyler about 2,300 men, officers included, — a weekly return of which we have desired him to make to the Captain General; that the time of service of the companies commanded by Capts. Cary, Williams, and Dishon, amounting to 176 men, expires on Tuesday next; that there [are] at Norwich four 6 lb. cannon, which may be used at any post where necessary, for which Capt. John Dishon desires to exchange an equal number of longer, and purchase two more if to be had; that we reconnoitred the grounds adjoining the harbour of New London and the points of land on each side, and find that in calm weather a landing from boats may be made in so many places that it is very uncertain whether the erecting further works to prevent a landing of the enemy would answer any valuable end; that on consultation with General Tyler and the field officers, they gave it as their opinion that to man the fortifications it will be necessary to have in Fort Trumbull 80 men; fort on Town Hill 250, Fort

Griswold and battery 550, officers included; that it is necessary to be further supplied with two ton of cannon-powder; 5,000 flints, and one ton of lead, about two hundred pounds weight of which we have desired General Huntington, who has the same in his custody, to forward immediately to Major Ledyard; that it is necessary sixteen draft-horses be provided for the use of the field-pieces and ammunition waggons, which we think most advisable to be procured from the deputy quarter-master at Windham, if it may be; that we have engaged Major Ledyard to procure twelve axes, which he informed he could do immediately, have engaged Elijah Backus, Esq^r, to make one dozen of spades and one dozen of shovels for the works at New London — have engaged Capt. Richard Dishon to procure four large scows to be employed in transporting the troops as occasion may require, two of which he has already engaged. Major Ledyard requests an order may be given to Maj^r Huntington for a quantity of sheet copper in his custody belonging to the United States, to be used for ladles for the cannon. All which is humbly submitted

Lebanon, 7th August, 1779.

JAMES WADSWORTH,
NATH^l WALES jun^r,
DAVID MUMFORD.

N. B. A whale-boat should be provided for the use of the troops at New London.

August 10th, 1779. The foregoing report accepted and approved.

Test. JAMES WADSWORTH Clerk.

LEBANON, 13th August, 1779.

Dear Sir: Please to deliver to Mr. Joseph Loomis for the use of the troops at New London, five thousand flints belonging to this State, to be delivered to Capt. Jabez Perkins to be sent to Maj^r Ledyard.

Your affectionate

To Mr. David Trumbull.

JON^{ns} TRUMBULL.

Whereas the General Assembly at their sessions in May last passed an act containing and holding forth certain encouragements and offers of favor and indulgence to such persons late belonging to this State, who have, through various temptations, been induced to desert the cause of their country and assist and join with and aid our unnatural enemies in the prosecution of the unjust and oppressive war they have waged against the United American States, for the destruction of their rights and liberties; — that it is, to such of them as shall, at or before the 1st day of October next, voluntarily quit the service of the enemy and return to this State and to the duty they owe their country &c. — and desired his Excellency the Governor to issue a Proclamation accordingly: And whereas by reason of his Excellency's unceasing attention to the public business and concerns of greater importance he had not issued such proclamation untill the enemy in prosecution of their savage, and among civilized nations unknown, mode of war made their descent upon New Haven and other seaport towns of this State, for the purpose of a malicious (and to themselves unavailing) destruction of the property of those who by fair and manly war they despair of conquering, since which every attention has been given to counteract their barbarous purposes: And his Excellency the Governor now moving this Council for advice as to issuing such proclamation, on consideration whereof it appearing that the

inimical persons described in said act, both of this and the other States, have been of late very active in favor of the detestible cause which they have chosen, and many of them on board and assisting the fleet and army who have lately committed the inhuman destruction of several important towns in this State, and otherwise discover great malignity against their country, and having reason to hope that the struggles of our oppressive foes are drawing near a close and to expect that many of said inimical persons, who have been of the most bitter and malignant disposition towards their country and active in the worst scenes of rapine and murder and now despairing to better their circumstances with the friends they have chosen, might now avail themselves of the benefit offered in such proclamation—enjoy the rights and protection of their country while they retained their enmity against her, and so prove a nuisance and curse, instead of a blessing and advantage to the States; and it being always in the power and disposition of the General Assembly to grant and extend their acts of lenity and grace to any of said persons, according as their circumstances and conduct shall appear to deserve: Under these circumstances, in many respects so different from what they were at the passing said act, this Council are of opinion that it would not be the minds of the Assembly to have said proclamation issued at this time, and do, therefore, offer it as their advice, that his Excellency the Governor do not issue such proclamation untill the pleasure of the General Assembly in this behalf shall be further known, or untill he may be otherwise advised by this Board.

The foregoing voted by both Councils, Thursday, July 29th, and allowed by Council of Safety August 3d Tuesday.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Governor.

To the Committee of Pay-Table :

Please to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favor of Mr. Jesse Brown, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, lawful money, towards his services as post-rider for the public, and charge the same to his account.

Given at Lebanon, 16th August, 1779.

JONTH TRUMBULL.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
FRYDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
Sam ⁿ Mott,		

Upon the memorial of Jacob Ogden of Colebrook, to have ten men exempted from a draught, till January next: Resolved, that William Denison, Charles McCarly, John Mead, Charles Day, Peter Codman, John Johnson, William Marshall, John Baits, William Ransom, one chief Colman from Oblong, name not known, be exempted from any draught till the first of January next, (unless upon a general alarm,) or their leaving said Ogden's service.

Maj^r Bull made application for a rule to be given the Pay-Table to settle the pay of the light-horse when called forth in the State service, so as [to] obtain a settlement for his detachment lately employed at N. Haven, Fairfield &c. &c., the Assembly not having determined their pay &c.: The

matter considered, and on the whole it is tho't not proper for this Board to determine a matter of this importance, and advise him to wait till the sitting of the General Assembly, and encourage him that if they shall be call'd again money shall be advanced for their expences.

Letter received from Gen^l O. Wolcott, containing sundry matters of importance.

Resolved, That Samuel Gray, Esq^r, Issuing Commissary at Windham, issue necessary provisions for the troops at New London which belong to the State of the Massachusetts Bay when on their march in returning home.

Col. Mott, who has lately returned from N. Haven to view the situation of the place with respect to the practicability and expediency of erecting works and forts for defence &c., reported the circumstances &c., that the hill called Beacon Hill is a place capable of receiving a strong fort and defensible, its situation not so convenient as might be wished, as to commanding the town, harbour &c.; that there is no other advantageous place; that it wo'd be useful to annoy an enemy at a landing in the town and in a retreat that way &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
AUGUST 21ST, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Nat ^l Wales jun ^r ,	} Esq ^m .
William Williams,	Samuel Mott,	
David Mumford,		

Resolved, That Aaron Pinney be appointed a Lieutenant in the room of Lieut. Willson resigned, and Caleb Watson be appointed an Ensign in the room of Granger resign'd, in Lieut. Colo. Mead's regiment.

Capt. John Deshon desires to exchange four long six-pound cannon he has for four short ditto which this State has at Norwich Landing, and to purchase two more short ditto of this State: *Resolved*, that this request be granted, and Capt. Jabez Perkins is directed to exchange and sell accordingly.

Resolved, That Colo. Mott, for his late tour to New Haven to view the situation and direct to works and intrenchments &c. for the security of that place and parts adjacent, be allow'd and paid by this State for his time the same pay as a colonel of the militia is allowed when in service, and also his expences, and that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to adjust his account and draw on the Treasurer in favour of Colo. Mott for the same.

On further consideration of Colo. Mott's report of the state of N. Haven, and erecting a fort &c., it is tho't a matter of so much importance as to require the consideration of a fuller Council, and therefore postpone the determination and agreed to send for the rest of the Council who may be obtained, and sent accordingly by persons present in town &c., to meet on the 25th inst.

Resolved, That Amos and Benjamin Wright be permitted to purchase and obtain in this State two hundred bushells of corn and rye: on condition only, that before you are allow'd to export it you make a true and exact return and account to the Governor, of the way, manner and rate of purchase or exchange, by which you obtain the same, together with the names of the persons and place of abode of whom you purchase or receive the said grain and any part thereof.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
AUGUST 25TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Samuel Bishop,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Williams,	James Wadsworth,	
Nath ^l Wales jun ^r ,	Samuel Mott,	
William Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	

Resolved, That the selectmen of the town of Kent have an order on Mr. Isaac Dolittle of New Haven for two hundred pound powder, taking their receipt for the same: the said town to be accountable.

Resolved, That Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq^r, be and he is hereby desired to engage persons to have in constant readiness six good draft-horses to be used to remove the field-pieces and ammunition waggons at Groton as occasion may require.

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Lattimore be and he is hereby desired to engage persons to have in constant readiness six good draft-horses to be used to remove the field-pieces and ammunition waggons at New London as occasion may require

Resolved, That Mr. John Raymond be and he is hereby desired to engage persons to have in constant readiness four good draft-horses to be used to remove the field-pieces and ammunition waggons at New London as occasion may require.

Resolved, That John Lawrence, Esq^r, Treasurer of this State, be and he is hereby directed as soon as conveniently may be, to purchase bills of exchange on France, to the amount of one thousand pounds sterling, for the use of this State to pay publick debts due in the West Indies.

On application of Maj^r William Ledyard that one Dennis Morris, a prisoner under his care, dy'd on his passage to New York and that he had a sum of hard money and cloathing, which said Ledyard has in his possession and desires to know what he shall do with the same: *Resolved,* that he lodge the hard money with the Treasurer of this State, taking his receipt and lodge it with the Secretary of this State, and dispose of the cloathing, the amount of which to go towards paying for sickness of the British prisoners while with us.

Resolved, That Capt. Stanton Hazard, now a prisoner at New London, be remov'd to Hartford and there put in close gole, and there to be kept till further orders.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY, LEBANON,
AUGUST 26TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Williams,	Samuel Mott,	
William Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	
Samuel Bishop,	Nathaniel Wales jun ^r ,	
Benja. Payne,		

Consulted about the mode and method of fortifying the town of New Haven, and sundry important things.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL &C. FRIDAY, 27TH
AUGUST, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	Benja. Payne,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	James Wadsworth,	
Nath ^l Wales,	David Mumford,	
Wm. Hilhouse,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Sam ^l Bishop,		

Matter about Chaplains at N. London &c. considered: not concluded.

The affair of fortifying N. Haven Harbor &c. taken up and largely considered.

Pass'd a bill desiring the Governor to write the Board of War requesting the loan of six brass field-pieces lately brought from the park at Springfield to Middletown for the use of this State, also of some heavy and other cannon for the defence of the town of New Haven.

Resolved, That the officer commanding the troops at and about New Haven be directed and he is hereby directed with the troops under his command, to proceed in carrying on the front of the works on Beacon Hill on the east side of New Haven Harbour in the manner laid out and directed by Colo. Mott, and to employ the men therein with all suitable diligence and dispatch; that three good crow-bars, spades and shovels to make up to the number of 2 dozen each with those that are there, and one dozen pick-axes be without delay procured for the works, at the expence of the State, in addition to the tools already there; and that teams to the number of one or two in a day be procured at publick expence, for carrying on said works when it is found necessary. The inhabitants of the town and parts adjacent will doubtless freely lend any necessary tools, when the number provided are not sufficient for the number of men employ'd.

Resolved, That an order be given on the Pay-Table in favor of Mr. Jonathan Walden for fourteen hundred pounds, L. money, for two nine-pound and two six-pound cannon.

On the application of the authority of the town of Derby for the family of Azariah Pritchard (gone into Canada and joyned the enemy,) to go over to him: *Resolved,* that Mr. James Pritchard have permission to remove the wife and children of the said Azariah Pritchard, their wearing apparel, and a bed and furniture, to Canada.

Permission is granted to Mr. Henry Vandyke, his wife and children, to go over to Long Island with their effects.

Resolved, That permission be granted to Capt. Jesse Leavenworth to export out of this State to Bedford in the Massachusetts State, viz: For the schooner *Betsey*, lying at Bedford, for her stores, bound to the West Indies, six barrells pork, three barrells beef, and nine hundred pound bread; also two barrells pork and six do. flour, for refitting and fitting out the said vessell.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY AT LEBANON
THIS 28TH DAY, AUGUST, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Nath ^l Wales jun ^r ,	James Wadsworth,	
Will ^m Hillhouse,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
David Mumford,		

Resolved, That Mr. Guy Richards jun^r be directed to collect and receive the bills and proper vouchers that have hitherto accrued in carrying on the works at Town Hill and other public works at New London, and lay the same before the Committee of Pay-Table at Hartford, who are directed to liquidate the same and order payment accordingly. And said Mr. Richards is appointed Agent for this State, to whom application should be made by the officers to get tools repair'd and necessary things according to orders, provided and settle such accounts, and lay them before the Committee of Pay-Table for liquidation and order for payment. And Mr. Richards is authorized to take care for the safety and security of all tools and implements used at the works, and the officers there are to afford him all proper assistance that no loss, imbezzlement or waste be made of the publick interest.

Resolved, That the inhabitants of the town of New Haven be permitted to ship on board the sloop *New Haven Packet* and the schooner *Fanny*, bound on a voyage to Boston, each of said inhabitants which has no salt for his family's use, so much rye or indian corn as is necessary to procure a sufficient quantity of salt for his family's use the present year, to be done under the inspection and direction of the authority and selectmen of New Haven, and that Jesse Leavenworth of New Haven be permitted to ship on board said sloop and schooner 100 bushels of rye and indian corn to procure salt for the use of such of the inhabitants of said New Haven as are poor and unable to procure grain for to procure salt therewith. Said salt to be sold under the inspection of said authority and selectmen and at such price as they shall ascertain, and that said sloop and schooner when so loaded be permitted to proceed to Boston.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor Capt. Robert Niles for the sum of eight hundred pounds, lawfull money, towards wages due to the seamen on board the schooner *Spye* in her voyage to France: he to be accountable.

To Jabez Huntington, Esq^r, Sheriff of the county of Windham:

You are hereby ordered and directed to liberate Nathan Merrit of Greenwich, who is now a prisoner in your goal, from his present confinement, and deliver him to the bearer, Mr. Gabriel Manning, that he may be sent to the care of Colo. John Mead in order that he may be exchanged, he being consider'd a prisoner of war, for one William Osborn.

Resolved, That Daniel Finch of Waterbury, who absconded and put himself under the protection of the enemies of the United States of America about the 1st day of Oct. 1776, and about the 20th day of March last inlisted into their service, and on the 13th instant deserted said service and returned home, be and he is hereby ordered to reside in the town of Hartford and not depart the bounds of said town under the care and direction of the sheriff of the county of Hartford until otherwise ordered.

Voted, That Cap. Jz. Perkins be authorized and desired to sell and dis-

pose to Simon Fitch one case of pistols, in his care late belonging to the ship *Defence*, at such price as he shall think just and reasonable, receive the money and be accountable.

1779, Aug^t 31. Order given for another case to Mr. Nathⁿ Hyde, in like manner.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY, LEBANON,
AUGUST 30TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	} Esq ⁿ .
Nath ^l Wales jun ^r ,	James Wadsworth,	
William Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	

Receiv'd an express from Gen^l O. Wolcott inclosing a letter from Colo. Mead at Horsneck, giving an account of the arrival of Admiral Arbuthnot at New York and a number of troops from England under his convoy. Wrote a letter to Gen^l Washington to see if he could give us any assistance as we expect the enemy will make a descent upon this State.

Cap. Bradley, of the matross company at N. Haven, comes in with a representation of a dissatisfaction in the company &c. by being cut short of their rations &c., and threatening to resign &c. &c. Was considered and he inform'd that they might well depend the Assembly wo'd do them justice, that this Board co'd not properly order the continental issuers &c., and exhort them to continue and do their duty: but if they will unreasonably complain, and will resign, they must signifie their resignation in writing &c. &c. Letters prepared to the Council of Massachusetts giving the intelligence of the arrival of Arbuthnot &c. and the expectation of being attacked in this State, and requesting their militia of Hampshire, Berkshire, and Wooster countys to be in readiness on call to come to our relief &c. &c.

A number of other letters and dispatches receiv'd and answered, and other matters attended to &c. till after dark, and adjourned.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY, LEBANON,
AUGUST 31ST, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	} Esq ⁿ .
Nath ^l Wales jun ^r ,	James Wadsworth,	
William Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	

Resolved, That Maj^r William Hillhouse be and he is hereby appointed and directed to purchase six draft-horses for the use of the post at New London and them deliver to the care of Mr. Daniel Latimore, at said place to be under the direction of the commanding officer at that station untill farther orders, and that the Pay-Table draw an order on Treasurer for the sum of one thousand pounds in favour of said Hillhouse, to enable him to purchase said horses, and he to be accountable.

Resolved that, Whereas the position of the enemy at and near New York, the preparation for an embarkation at Huntington, the arrival of Admiral Arbuthnot's fleet from Great Britain and the accounts of the resolution of the Cabinet British Council, all evince the design of the enemy to ravage, burn and plunder the towns of this State, which renders it necessary to

keep up a large body of troops for our defence, — and the present circumstances of people and the want of laborers renders it inconvenient to thresh out their grain: Thereupon the purchasing commissary for the continent or State when they have occasion for supplies of wheat or other grain for the use of the army or the militia and soldiers of the State, he shall apply to such person or persons who have wheat or other grain more than is necessary for his or their own families, and shall agree on a reasonable price for the same, and where necessary shall procure men to thresh out and clean the same, at the customary rate; and where he shall find he cannot purchase the same at a reasonable price of such person or persons, such commissary shall make information thereof to the Governor and Council of Safety for further direction thereon. And the purchasing commissary is directed to purchase the prize flour lately bro't into New London.

On consideration of the late arrival of Admiral Arbuthnot with a considerable reinforcement, together with the known determination of the British Cabinet to lay waste the towns in this State, and the present and late movements of the enemy at Long Island &c.: The Board prepared and came to a resolution for taking measures for defence, as expressed and contained in the following orders to each of the brigadiers, *viz*:

To Esq^r, Brigadier General of the brigade of militia
in this State.

By authentic intelligence receiv'd from France an invasion of this State is determined upon in the British cabinet by the arrival of Admiral Arbuthnot with a considerable reinforcement to their land forces. The movements of the enemy on Long Island collecting their light troops at or near Huntington, where they have a fleet ready to receive them, give me reason to believe that an immediate descent is meditating against this State. To prevent the threatened evil our noblest exertions are required.

You are therefore hereby order'd and directed forthwith peremptorily to detach or cause to be detach'd able-bodied and effective non-commission'd officers and privates from your brigade, cause them to be formed into companies properly officered and equipt and to hold themselves in constant readiness to march on the shortest notice for the defence of this State when ordered, or if not order'd before the tenth of October next to relieve the militia now in service when their time of service expires, and to continue in service two months after their arrival at the place of destination unless sooner discharged. And you are hereby further ordered and directed to cause all the remainder of the able-bodied effective men in the brigade under your command, and none else, to be divided into two equal divisions, cause them to be formed into companies properly officer'd and equiped and distinguished by First and Second Divisions, and to hold themselves in constant readiness to march on the shortest notice to such place as they shall be order'd either by me or other their superior officers. You are hereby further ordered to see that the three foregoing divisions are actually well equiped with arms and accoutrements, and when any are not so equiped and unable to do it themselves that application be made to the selectmen of each town respectively to furnish them; and such selectmen are impowered and directed to supply the same and if necessary to take from such persons as are not within either of the foregoing detachments for that end, and cause said arms to be appriz'd and deposited in the hands of an officer under whom such men deficient in arms is ordered to march to be delivered him when necessary and such arms to be returned to the owner when the service is

over; and such soldier to return such arms to the officer delivering him the same or on default thereof to pay for the same unless lost without any fault or negligence of such soldier, in which case the same shall be paid by the State.

Resolved, That the account of Messrs. Ebenezer and William Ledyard for doctoring sick people (prisoners) have an order on Pay-Table to liquidate, adjust and give order for payment accordingly.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor of Mr. Edward Hallam for the sum of four hundred pounds, lawfull money, for one nine-pound cannon for the use of the State.

Resolved, That Maj^r William Ledyard be and he is hereby directed to purchase from the furnaces or elsewhere a quantity of 6, 4, 3 and 2 *lb.* cannon shot for the use of the cannon at New London, Groton, and New Haven, also to send to New Haven the four cannon design'd for the fortifications at New Haven and procure from thence a quantity of nine-pound shot.

Voted, That Maj^r William Ledyard be impower'd to purchase of Tho^s Mumford, Esq^r, of Groton, five thousand flints for the use of the State. And adjourn'd, near 8 o'clock.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
SEPTEMBER 1th, 1779.

Present: The same as yesterday.

Resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive the account of Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey of Middletown for twine provided for the use of this State, liquidate and adjust the same and order payment thereon. There is an account to be charged him for articles received on this account from Mr. Elijah Hubbard, State Commissary.

Resolved, That Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich have an order on Capt. John Deshon of New London to receive what salt he has in his possession at New London belonging to this State and remove the same to Norwich Landen and there have it stor'd.

Letter and request to Col. Cheever, conductor of stores &c., at Springfield, prepared and pass'd, representing the state and circumstances of affairs and the prospect of an invasion upon this State, and requesting the assistance of matross men &c. from thence, as on file.

Letter and request also to Cap. Frothingham desiring instructors for matross men forming here, and his own and company's attendance in case of invasion &c.

On question, granted liberty to Gilbert Scofield, living with Mr. Payn, confin'd to Hartford county for inimical principles, to go home to Stanford on his parole for three weeks, to visit his friends and procure necessary cloathing (on recommendation of Esq. Payn.) And same liberty given to

Barns to Wallingford or N. Haven, confin'd to Windham county, for like reasons, to return home on parole for a fortnight, to get cloathing &c., (on recommendation of Esq. Wales.)

Resolved, That three companies of men, *viz*: one in and about the town of Hartford, one in and about the town of Middletown, and the other in

and about the town of Wallingford, to consist of fifteen each, be and they are called upon and invited to enlist and undertake to form and exercise themselves in the management of field-pieces, who shall each be furnished with one of the brass pieces lately brought from the post at Springfield, with necessary apparatus to practice with; and any active alert man in any of the towns or vicinities aforesaid, with the approbation of the colonel or chief officer of the regiment in whose limits he dwells, is hereby authorized forthwith to enlist and engage for a term not exceeding two months, the said number of men, able, active, and likely to serve well in said capacity, for the service aforesaid — who is directed to exert his best endeavours to fill up such companies, without delay, and make report to his Excellency the Governor as soon as such company is compleat; and thereupon such company will be immediately furnished with proper instructions, and soon as conveniently may be with officers, and have the said pieces put into their hands, and be employed to exercise and acquire skill in said business, and shall be upon the same pay as other matross companies in the service of this State, and be liable to be, and when called into actual service against the enemy, shall have the same rations and other allowances which such companies are entitled to.

And dismissed.

[From the *Courant*, No. 765, Tuesday, September 21, 1779.]

[AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AT HARTFORD, ON THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1779.*

Whereas the Congress of these United States, for due enquiry and proceeding upon complaints that might be made against any persons employed in the departments of the Commissary or Quarter Master General, resolved on the 9th day of July, 1779, in the words following, *viz* :

“That the executive powers of each State be earnestly requested instantly to make the strictest enquiry into the conduct of every person within such State respectively employed, either in the Quarter-Master General or purchasing or issuing Commissary General departments, and in case of any kind of misbehavior, or strong suspicion thereof, in any such person not being an officer immediately appointed by Congress. to remove or suspend every such person, ordering him at their discretion to be prosecuted at the expence of the United States, and to appoint another in his place if necessary, and so from time as occasion may be, giving notice to the Board of War, and also to the Quarter Master General or Commissary General in whose department such removal or suspension shall be of the change; the person so appointed to have the same authority and pay which the person removed had been vested with and entitled to, or such pay as the said executive powers respectively shall agree for, to be in like manner subject to the head of the department to which he belongs, and to observe all the regulations for the government of Deputy Quarter Masters and Deputy Commissarys respectively; and that the executive powers of each State be in like manner requested to enquire into the number of persons employed in the Quarter Master General's and Commissary's departments, and immediately to discharge such as shall be judged unnecessary.”

* Perhaps the Council at this time advised the Governor to call the October session of the General Assembly to meet at Hartford. His proclamation for that purpose, printed in the *Courant*, No. 765, bears date Hartford, Sept. 11, 1779.

And as some doubts have arisen in this State, whether the supreme executive power of the State only, or any persons in subordinate executive authority, are authorized and intended by said resolve: It is the understanding of the Governor and his Council of Safety, that the former is the true and natural construction; and that such complaints are to be made to the General Assembly when sitting, and in their recess the Governor and his said Council. And notice is hereby given accordingly, that in the recess of the General Assembly the Governor and his said Council will receive, and due and speedy enquiry make upon all such complaints that may be brought before them; that any real abuses in those departments may be rectified, and the public enabled to discriminate between their faithful and unfaithful servants, if any such, that may be employed therein.]

SEPTEMBER, About 12.

An order drawn on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales to deliver Cornelius Cady for the people at Bennington 100 *lb.* powder or thereabouts, at 10 dollars $\frac{3}{4}$ per *lb.*: they to receive payment and be accountable.

SEPTEMBER 18th, 1779.

Governor gave an order on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales in favor of the selectmen of Stonington, for two casks of about 100 weight of gun-powder each: they to be accountable. Done on motion of Paul Wheeler, Esq^r, and order delivered him.

Sept^r 18. Governor gave an order on S. Bishop jun^r for rigging for *New Defence*, per Mr. Spelman.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT WINDHAM
THE 21ST OF SEPTEMBER, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold.

Eliph^t Dyer, Wm. Williams, } Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Pitkin, Nath^l Wales, }

On motion by Elias Parshall, of S. Hold on Long Island, representing that he is a friend to the United States, that he had lately built on said island a small vessel of about 20 tons, for trade; that by means of the threats and usage from the enemy, within whose power the inhabitants of said island are, he dared not remain longer on said island, and has therefore brought over part of his family and effects on board said vessel to this State, which are now in the river at East Haddam; and moving for liberty of landing and safe protection for said effects for his own benefit; and further shewing that Mat^r Welles of said South Hold, a friend to the States, has also come over from said island in said vessel, with his family and effects, for the same occasion and for safety: Resolved, that the said Parshall be permitted to land his said goods and effects within this State, and that they shall and may remain safe and free from any arrests, in his own care, unless and untill other orders shall be given concerning them: provided that said effects and goods be under the inspection of Colo. Jabez Chapman, who is to examine and see that no articles are introduced from the enemy and contrary to law, and to make report to his Excellency the Governor in the premises.

And the said Parshall is also permitted to bring over the rest of his family, and to be reported accordingly. And the same liberty is also granted to said Welles, to land, hold and safe keep, his goods and effects in this State, free of arrests, under the same inspection and restriction as aforesaid.

Whereas by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of this State, passed in October, 1777, provision was made for any of the inhabitants of this State for transporting out of the same, by land or water, so much of their produce (excepting sheeps wool and cloathing of every kind,) as shall be sufficient to purchase a sufficient quantity of salt for the use of their families, on application, in manner and under restrictions, as by the same is provided: And whereas it is apprehended that the force and effect of said act is superseded by virtue of a special act of said Assembly, laying a restraint and embargo on the exportation of any such produce out of this State, made and passed since the passing of the act firstmentioned, without the special permit of the Governor and Council of Safety: And whereas the article of salt is equally necessary and scarce at this time, as at the time of passing said act, the circumstances of the people equally require the same indulgence.

This Board, taking said matters into consideration, and that the inhabitants of this State may be enabled to obtain sufficient quantities of that useful and necessary article for their own consumption, without the loss of time and expence of particular application from the people in every part of this State, do therefore hereby grant, order and permit any of the inhabitants of this State, to export from this into any of the neighboring States any of their own produce or manufacture (except as by said act is excepted) for the sole and only purpose of exchanging for and obtaining such quantities of salt as shall be necessary for their respective use and consumption for the present season, under the regulations and restrictions following, *viz*: That any of said inhabitants, standing in need, may make application in writing to any Assistant or justice of the peace within the town to which such inhabitants belong, therein stating and setting forth the names of the persons wanting that article and the quantities by them respectively needed, and quantities of produce by them respectively proposed to be exported for obtaining the same; and the said Assistant or justice, with the assistance of two or more of the selectmen of the same town, actually convened, may take such motion into consideration, adjust the quantity and kind of produce which ought to be permitted for each person to export for obtaining a necessary supply of salt for their own use and consumption respectively, and no more, — and thereon may allow such quantity of produce to be exported as to them shall appear reasonable and necessary, as aforesaid; and shall at the same time require and take bond, with sufficient surety, to the Governor and Company of this State, on three times the value of the quantity of produce exported, conditioned that the person or persons exporting the same, whether by land or water, shall dispose of all such produce or manufacture in some of the United States, (inevitable providence only excepted,) and apply the avails thereof for the purchase of salt, and that only and for the only use as aforesaid, and that such exporter shall, within a reasonable time, make return with proper vouchers of the disposition which has been actually made of such articles of produce as aforesaid to the authority granting such certificate, — and thereupon such authority and selectmen may and are authorized

to give a certificate under their hands that the persons therein named are permitted to export the quantity and kind of articles therein also specified, for the purpose aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of this permission and resolve of the Governor and Council of Safety, which certificate shall be a sufficient warrant to such exporters, the aforesaid restraining act or embargo notwithstanding.

And it is further resolved, That it shall be the duty of said authority and selectmen to give seasonable information to the Governor and Council of Safety of any failure or breach of the condition of such bond so required and taken, that proper measures may be taken thereon accordingly. And the said authority and selectmen are advised and directed to exercise great care and caution in any permission or certificate for exportation by water, on account of the danger of capture by the enemy.

Resolved, That liberty be granted to Capt. Nichols to export one firkin of butter, three or four bushels of wheat, and as much rye and cheese as to make one load in the whole.

to four men to export one hundred bushels of rye in exchange for a quantity of salt one of them has, and in payment for the labour of three, to be purchased under the inspection and direction of the civil authority and selectmen where they trade.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Fanning of Norwich, a commissary P., take into his custody the thirteen tons of flour by him stopped on board a vessel at New London, claimed by one Paul Allen, and hold the same for the use of the continent, paying said Allen, or the proper owner, a just price therefor.

Resolved, That Nathan Fordham, Obadiah Jones and Maj^r King have liberty to go on upon Long Island and bring off a quantity of salt and the produce of their farms, under the care and inspection of Capt. Shipman, captain of the fort at Saybrook.

Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy Governor, the Hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer and Wm. Pitkin, Esq^r, be and they are hereby desired to inspect the fortifications at New London and Groton, and see what is further necessary to be done to compleat the same, and to give such orders as they shall judge necessary respecting the labour to be done on said works, and report to his Excellency the Governor what they shall find and do in the premises; also the state of the military force there.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Governor.

To the Committee of Pay-Table at Hartford:

Please to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Porter, for his services as Clerk to the Governor and Council of Safety, the sum of two hundred pounds, lawful money. Given at Lebanon, 2d Oct^r, 1779.

JON^{NS} TRUMBULL.

Order delivered Mr. Cha^s Foot, one of the selectmen of Colchester, on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales, to deliver the selectmen of that town three casks musquet powder, containing 100 lb. each or thereabouts.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
OCTOBER 8TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Nathaniel Wales jun ^r ,	} Esq ^r .
Eliphalet Dyer,	Samuel Mott,	
William Williams,	David Mumford,	
William Pitkin,	William Hillhouse,	

Call'd on occasion of a letter from Gen^l Washington of the 4th, informing of the hourly expectation of Count De Estaing to cooperate with him &c., and earnestly requesting from this State the aid of 4000 militia &c. &c. The important matter taken into consideration and largely discoursed &c.

Gave orders to Deputy Commissary Fanning to purchase, or if not to be had by purchase, forthwith to seize and detain for the use of the United States all the flour lately captured and bro't into the port of New London: the same to be paid for at the price current in this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON,
OCTOBER 9TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	William Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
William Pitkin,	Oliver Elsworth,	
Eliphalet Dyer,	Samuel Mott,	
William Williams,	David Mumford,	
Nathan ^l Wales jun ^r ,	Benja. Payne,	

Gave order to the generals commanding brigades, and the colonels of Tyler's brigade, forthwith to suspend the march of the men order'd for two months tour at New London and to march on the 10th of this inst., that they may cease their beginning to march till further orders.

On the requisition of Gen^l Washington as mentioned in the first entry of yesterday, on large consideration the Board came to the following resolution, * viz:

[STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Captain General.

Whereas his Excellency General Washington has, by his letter of the 4th of October instant, informed me, That by accounts received from Congress, he expects the arrival of an armament under his Excellency the Count D'Estaing. and that his appearance may be hourly looked for on our coasts, and is directed and authorized by Congress, to pursue measures for co-operating with the French squadron; and for that end, to call for such aid from the neighbouring States, as he shall judge necessary; and in compliance therewith, requests of this State the number of four thousand militia, as their proportion, and the smallest number which will be adequate, in conjunction with the continental troops, to enable him to attempt a decisive stroke against New York with a reasonable prospect of success.

Taking into consideration the foregoing requisition, the important reasons on which it is grounded, and the unspeakably happy consequences, which, by the blessing of Almighty God, may attend a chearful and vigor-

* This Resolution is not recorded, but is here given from a printed handbill in the editor's possession, on the back of which is written the designation of Charles Butler to be a Lieutenant, by Thomas Belden, Col. of the 6th Regt., with some other orders in consequence of an act of Assembly passed Oct., 1779. Another copy of this resolution is in *Rev. War*, xv, 5.

ous exertion on this peculiar and great occasion — the singularly generous and noble conduct of the French Admiral, in leaving to hazard his acquisitions in the West Indies, and coming to our aid at the request of Congress — the emotions he must justly feel, if disappointed of the spirited co-operation he has been made to expect from the several States: — I do therefore by the unanimous vote of the Council of Safety, order and direct, that there be forthwith raised, armed and equipped, within this State, (it is expected and hoped) by free, chearful and immediate inlistment, the number of four thousand militia, able-bodied and effective men, only, inclusive of two regiments raised by order of the General Assembly in May last, to serve under his Excellency General Washington, for the purposes signified in his letter as aforesaid, for the term of three months from the time they join the army, unless sooner discharged, which they certainly will be, if the particular service for which they are drawn out can be sooner performed. The remainder of the four thousand men, deducting the said two regiments, to be formed into six regiments or battalions; one of which regiments shall be raised in each of the several brigades of militia in this State, and to consist of the number of companies, commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates, as follows, *viz.* The first regiment, or that raised in the first brigade, is to consist of eight companies, and each of said companies to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, and sixty non-commissioned officers and privates. — The second regiment, to be raised in the second brigade, to consist of twelve companies, each of said companies to consist of the same number of commissioned, non-commissioned officers and privates, as aforesaid. — The third regiment, to be raised in the third brigade, to consist of seven companies, and each company of the like number of officers and privates, as aforesaid. — The fourth regiment, to be raised in the fourth brigade, to consist of ten companies, and each company to consist of the like number of officers and privates, as aforesaid. — The fifth regiment, to be raised in the fifth brigade, to consist of seven companies, and each company to consist of the like number of officers and privates, as aforesaid. — The sixth regiment, to be raised in the sixth brigade, is to consist of eight companies, and each company of the like number of officers and privates, as aforesaid.

And it is further ordered, That the whole shall be divided and formed into two brigades. — The regiment commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Levi Wells, the first, third and fifth regiments aforesaid, to compose the first brigade. — The regiment commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew Mead, with the second, fourth and sixth regiments, to compose the second brigade. — The first brigade to be commanded by Brigadier-General John Tyler, and the second brigade to be commanded by Brigadier General Andrew Ward, who are appointed accordingly; and each of said regiments is to be commanded by one Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and one Major, except that the second regiment shall have two majors; the said field officers to be designated and appointed by the brigadier-general of the brigade of militia within whose limits the same is raised, and the said several commissioned officers by the said brigadier in the limits aforesaid, with the advice of the colonel, or commanding officer of the several militia regiments within the limits as aforesaid, so as that no officer be by them advanced higher than the rank they have respectively before sustained; and the said appointing brigadier-general shall endorse on such commissioned officer's former commission, that he, the bearer, is by him designated, agreeable to a resolve of

the Governor and Council of Safety of this State, bearing date the 9th of October, 1779, to serve the United States under the command of General Washington, in a regiment commanded by _____ raised by order of said Governor and Council; which shall be a sufficient warrant for the bearer to execute all the powers and authorities of such commission.

And it is further ordered, That all the said general, field, commissioned, and non-commissioned officers and privates, shall be entitled to the same pay, wages, and allowances, as the militia of this State, in their respective ranks, are entitled to; and non-commissioned officers and privates to such further allowance or premium as the General Assembly shall, in their wisdom and goodness, see fit to grant them. And all officers and privates are to exert their utmost endeavours to furnish themselves with necessary arms, blankets, and equipments, and shall have a reasonable allowance for the use of them, and if lost without their default, a full compensation. And their friends and neighbours, who remain at home, are earnestly called upon and requested to lend and furnish such as cannot be otherwise supplied — as they tender the happiness and salvation of their country; — and they shall be entitled to pay or compensation as aforesaid: And where necessity requires, any civil authority, within their proper limits, are, on application, to grant warrants to impress any necessary articles.

And it is further ordered, That the colonels, or commanding officers of the respective militia regiments, do, without delay, cause their respective quota of such battalion to be raised, to be draughted by peremptory detachment of able-bodied effective men, liable to go out of this State, to make up the compliment, who do not immediately enlist with the officers designated as aforesaid, who are to lose no time in endeavouring to raise them by enlistment: And all the brigadiers and colonels of militia, and other proper officers, are ordered to afford their utmost aid to promote and facilitate the raising, equipping, and furnishing the said battalions.

The select-men of the several towns are also directed to take care, that the quota of their respective towns be furnished with blankets, tents, and necessary camp utensils — And where arms are wanted, they may apply to any public stores, and the keeper is directed to deliver the same to the captain of the company where there is a deficiency, taking his receipt, and calling on him for the same when the service is over, if not speedily returned. The public stores of tents or camp utensils at the several stations on the sea coasts are to be applied to, so far as they can be spared.

And it is further ordered, That the first brigade of said troops do immediately rendezvous at Say-Brook; and the second in like manner at Stratford, agreeable to the request of his Excellency General Washington — there to wait his further orders; and their respective brigadiers are to give orders to them accordingly.

It is also further ordered, That there be one Chaplain, one Adjutant, one Pay-Master, one Quarter-Master, one Surgeon, to each of the two brigades, and one Surgeon's Mate to each regiment; and that on the recommendation of each brigadier, appointments shall be made as shall be thought fit, and warrants given to the staff officers accordingly. And the colonel of each regiment in this State is hereby ordered to muster the men of his regiment, either enlisted or detached, and see that none but able bodied effective men are accepted — and any deficiency thereby occasioned, instantly supplied.

Given under my hand in Lebanon, in this State, the ninth day of October, A. D. 1779.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.]

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, BEING THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, ANNO DOMINI 1779.*

Present :

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r, *Governor.*

The Honorable Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq ^r ,	} <i>Assistants.</i>
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq ^r ,	
Jabez Huntington, Esq ^r ,	
William Pitkin, Esq ^r ,	
Abraham Davenport, Esq ^r ,	
Joseph Spencer, Esq ^r ,	
Oliver Wolcott, Esq ^r ,	
Richard Law, Esq ^r ,	
William Williams, Esq ^r ,	
Titus Hosmer, Esq ^r ,	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the Several Towns are as follow, viz. :

Colo. Thomas Seymour, Colo. Jonathan Wells, for Hartford.
 Mr. Stephen M. Mitchell, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
 Mr. John Dickinson, Mr. Ebenezer Bacon, for Middletown.
 Mr. Ichabod Warner, Mr. Samuel Carver jun^r, for Bolton.
 Mr. John Treadwell, Gen^l Selah Hart, for Farmington.
 Mr. Eliakim Marshall, Mr. Alexander Wolcott, for Windsor.
 Mr. Ebenezer White, Capt. Joseph Kellogg, for Chatham.
 Capt. Joseph Brooks, Capt. James Hazleton, for Haddam.
 Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
 Capt. Thomas Pitkin, Major Abiel Pease, for Sommers.
 Mr. Seth Crocker, Capt. Ebenezer Heath, for Willington.
 Capt. Elijah Robinson, Mr. Samuel Cobb, for Tolland.
 Capt. Amasa Mills, Mr. Benja. Farnam, for Symsbury.
 Colo. Henry Champion, Major Elias Worthington, for Colchester.
 Mr. Eliphalet Terry, Capt. Daniel Perkins, for Enfield.
 Colo. Jabez Chapman, Capt. Israel Spencer, for East Haddam.
 Major Elihu Kent, Mr. Phineas Sheldon, for Suffield.
 Gen^l Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Fred. Elsworth, for East Windsor.
 Colo. Stephen Moulton, Mr. Isaac Foot, for Stafford.
 Capt. Daniel Ingraham, Colo. Joel Jones, for Hebron.
 Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Eneas Munson, for New Haven.
 Gen^l James Wadsworth, Mr. Phineas Spelman, for Durham.
 Mr. John Burgis, Mr. Nathaniel Stone, for Guilford.
 Capt. Thomas Clark, Capt. James Beard, for Derby.

* The session adjourned Friday evening, November 8d. *Journal, Lower House.*

Capt. Jotham Curtiss, for Waterbury.
Colo. Edward Russell, Mr. Jonah Clark, for Branford.
Colo. Street Hall, Major Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Mr. Isaac Miles, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, for Milford.
Major William Hillhouse, Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Capt. Jabez Perkins, for Norwich.
Colo. Wm. Worthington, Capt. Edward Shipman, for Saybrook.
Capt. Phineas Stanton, Capt. Benja. Clark, for Stonington.
Capt. Richard Wait jun^r, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Mr. Ebenezer Ledyard, Mr. William Avery, for Groton.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Capt. Samuel Crane, for Killingworth.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Capt. Asa Keeney, for Preston.
Capt. Samuel Squire, Capt. Sam^l Wakeman, for Fairfield.
Mr. Elisha Mills, Capt. Samuel Blackman, for Stratford.
Capt. Noble Benedict, Capt. James Clarke, for Danbury.
Colo. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
Major Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
Mr. Stephen Barns, for New Fairfield.
Mr. William Hawley, Mr. William Heron, for Reading.
Mr. Nathan Olmsted, Mr. John Benedict, for Ridgfield.
Capt. Clapp Raymond, Capt. James Richards, for Norwalk.
Colo. Cha^s Webb, Capt. Daniel Boughton, for Stamford.
Mr. Nath^l Wales jun^r, Colo. Jed^h Elderkin, for Windham.
Mr. Elkanah Tisdale, Colo. Jonathan Trumbull, for Lebanon.
Colo. Experience Storrs, Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
Mr. John Felch, Mr. Asa Witter, for Canterbury.
Major Andrew Bacchus, Mr. Isaac Knight, for Plainfield.
Capt. Samuel Craft, Colo. Joseph Abbott, for Pomfret.
Capt. Simon Learned, Mr. Amasa Learned, for Killingley.
Colo. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Major John Keyes, Capt. Simeon Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Ephraim Root, for Coventry.
Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, Mr. Jedidiah Morse, for Woodstock.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Major Andrew Adams, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
Mr. John Canfield, Major Ebenezer Gay, for Sharon.
Colo. Epaphras Sheldon, Mr. Noah North, for Torrington.
Capt. Sherman Bordman, Mr. Abel Hine, for New Milford.
Capt. Timothy Chittenden, Mr. Hezekiah Fitch, for Salisbury.
Capt. Asaph Hall, Mr. Giles Griswold, for Goshen.
Mr. Dudley Humphry, Capt. Michael Mills, for Norfolk.
Capt. William Cogswell, Capt. Ebenezer Clarke, for Washington.
Capt. Samuel Forbes, Colo. Charles Burrall, for Canaan.
Capt. Uriel Holmes, Mr. Eleazer Ensign, for Hartland.
Capt. Joseph Pratt, Major Eleazer Curtiss, for Kent.
Capt. Josiah Phelps, Mr. Joseph Cook, for Harwington.
Capt. Edward Rogers, Mr. Andrew Young, for Cornwall.

Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Noah Kellogg, for New Hartford.
for Westmoreland.*

Andrew Adams, Esq^r, Speaker, }
Jedidiah Strong, Esq^r, Clerk, } of the House of Representatives.

An Act empowering the Superior Court to try and determine Piracies, Felonies and Robberies committed on the High Seas &c.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all piracies, felonies and robberies, committed in and upon the sea or in any place within the admiralty jurisdiction, may be tried and determined within any county in this State; and the superior court are hereby appointed, authorized and empowered, to hear, try and determine the same, and to proceed therein, and to grant execution thereon, in the same manner as in case of felonies committed on the land within the jurisdiction of this State.

An Act for the better securing and holding Prisoners belonging to or taken in the County of Fairfield.

Whereas the publick goal in Fairfield county was by the enemy in their late attack upon part of the sea coast of this State burned and destroyed,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That in all cases, civil and criminal, in which any person or persons in Fairfield county are or shall be liable by law to be committed to goal, it may and shall be lawfull, and the duty of the proper officer, to cause such person or persons to be committed to the keeper of the common goal in New Haven in the county of New Haven, or in Litchfield in the county of Litchfield, as they shall judge most convenient; and the keepers of the goals in New Haven and Litchfield shall receive such person or persons, and him or them hold in safe custody within their said prisons untill delivered in due course of law.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act passed in May last prohibiting the Sale of Prize Goods and other Articles of Merchandize at Vendue.

Whereas the prohibition of the sales of ships and other vessels taken from the enemy and condemned in the maritime courts as lawfull prize at publick auction is found to be inconvenient,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all ships and other vessels taken from the enemies of this State and the rest of the United States and condemned as lawfull prize upon tryal before any of the maritime courts within this State may be sold at public auction or vendue; anything in said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

* These additional names appear on the roll published in the *Courant* for Oct. 19, 1779. (No. 769.) Mr. Elizur Hale, for Glastonbury; Capt. Thomas Fenn, for Waterbury; Capt. Dan Towner, for New Fairfield.

An Act to continue an Act passed by the General Assembly at their Sessions in May, 1779, entitled An Act for stating Fees, Fines and Penalties for a limited Time.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act be and hereby is continued in force until the rising of this Assembly in May next, and no longer.

An Act for raising and equipping four thousand of the Militia to aid the Army under the Command of General Washington.

Whereas his Excellency General Washington has, by his letter of the 4th of October instant, informed that by accounts received from Congress he expects the arrival of an armament under his Excellency the Count D'Estaing, and that his appearance may be hourly looked for on our coasts, and is directed and authorized by Congress to pursue measures for co-operating with the French squadron, and for that end to call for such aid from the neighbouring States as he shall judge necessary, and in compliance therewith requests of this State the number of four thousand militia as their proportion, and the smallest number which will be adequate, in conjunction with the continental troops, to enable him to attempt a decisive stroke against New York with a reasonable prospect of success: Taking into consideration the foregoing requisition, the important reasons on which it is grounded and the happy consequences which, by the blessing of Almighty God, may attend a chearfull and vigorous exertion on this occasion; the singular, generous and noble conduct of the French Admiral, in leaving to hazard his acquisitions in the West Indies and coming to our aid at the request of Congress; the emotions he may justly feel if disappointed of the spirited co-operation he has been made to expect from the several States,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith raised, armed and equipped, within this State, it is expected and hoped, by free, chearfull and immediate inlistment, the number of four thousand militia, able-bodied and effective men only, inclusive of two regiments raised by order of the General Assembly in May last, to serve under his Excellency General Washington for the purposes signified in his letter as aforesaid, for the term of three months from the time they join the army unless sooner discharged, which they certainly will be if the particular service for which they are drawn out can be sooner performed. The remainder of the four thousand men, deducting the said two regiments, to be formed into six regiments or battalions, one of which regiments shall be raised in each of the several brigades of militia in this State, and to consist of the number of companies, commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates, as follows, viz: Each company to be officered with one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign. The first regiment, or that raised in the first brigade, is to consist of seven companies, each of said companies to consist of sixty-seven non-commission officers and privates.

The second regiment to be raised in the second brigade, to consist of nine companies, each of said companies to consist of sixty-five men, non-commissioned officers and privates. The third regiment to be raised in the third brigade, to consist of eight companies, and each company of sixty-four non-commissioned officers and privates. The fourth regiment to be raised in the fourth brigade, to consist of nine companies, and each company to consist of sixty-three men, non-commissioned officers and privates. The fifth regiment to be raised in the fifth brigade, to consist of eight companies, and each company to consist of sixty-two men, non-commissioned officers and privates. The sixth regiment to be raised in the sixth brigade, is to consist of eight companies, and each company of sixty-two men, non-commissioned officers and privates.

And it is further enacted, That the whole shall be divided and formed into two brigades: The regiment commanded by Lieut. Colonel Levy Wells, the first, third and fifth regiments aforesaid, to comprize one brigade to be commanded by Brig. General John Tyler; the regiment commanded by Lieut. Colonel Matthew Mead, with the second, fourth and sixth regiments, to compose the other brigade, to be commanded by Brigadier General Andrew Ward; who are appointed accordingly. And each of said regiments is to be commanded by one lieutenant-colonel-commandant and one major: the said field-officers to be designated and appointed by the brigadier general of the brigade of militia within whose limits the same is raised; and the said several commissioned officers by the said brigadier in the limits aforesaid with the advice of the colonel or commanding officer of the several militia regiments within the limits as aforesaid, so as that no officer be by them advanced higher than the rank they have respectively before sustained, and the said appointing brigadier-general shall endorse on such commissioned officer's former commission that he, the bearer, is by him designated agreeable to an act of the General Assembly to serve the United States under the command of General Washington in a regiment commanded by _____; which shall be a sufficient warrant for the bearer to execute all the powers and authorities of such commission.

Be it further enacted, That all the said general, field, commissioned, staff, and non-commissioned officers and privates, shall be entitled to the same pay, wages and allowances, as the militia of this State in their respective ranks are entitled to; and such non-commissioned officers and privates may expect such further reward or premium, proportioned to their services, as the General Assembly in their wisdom and goodness shall see fit to grant. And all officers and privates are to exert their utmost endeavours to furnish themselves with necessary arms, blankets and equipments, and shall have a reasonable allowance for the use of them, and if lost without their default a full compensation; and their friends and neighbours who remain at home are earnestly called upon and requested to lend and furnish such as cannot be otherwise supplied, as they tender the happiness

and salvation of their country; and they shall be entitled to pay or compensation as aforesaid; and where necessity requires any civil authority within their proper limits are, on application, to grant warrants to impress any necessary articles.

And it is further enacted, That the colonels or commanding officers of the respective militia regiments do without delay cause their respective quota of such battalion to be raised, to be draughted by peremptory detachment of able-bodied effective men liable to go out of this State, to make up the complement, who do not immediately inlist with the officers designated as aforesaid who are to lose no time in endeavouring to raise them by inlistment. And all the brigadiers and colonels of militia and other proper officers are ordered to afford their utmost aid to promote and facilitate the raising, equipping and furnishing the said battalions. The selectmen of the several towns are also directed to take care that the quota of their respective towns be furnished with blankets, tents and necessary camp utensils; and where arms are wanting they may apply to any publick stores, and the keeper is directed to deliver the same to the captain of the company where there is a deficiency, taking his receipt and calling on him for the same when the service is over, if not speedily returned. The publick stores of tents or camp utensils at the several stations on the sea coasts are to be applied to so far as they can be spared.

And it is further enacted, That the brigade of said troops commanded by General Tyler do immediately rendezvous at Saybrook, and the other in like manner at Stratford, agreeable to the request of his Excellency General Washington, there to wait his further orders. And their respective brigadiers are to give orders to them accordingly.

And it is further enacted, That there be a brigade-major, one chaplain and one surgeon to each brigade, one adjutant, one quartermaster, and one surgeon's mate, to each regiment; and that on the recommendation of each brigadier appointments shall be made as shall be thought fit and warrants given to the staff-officers accordingly. And the colonel of each regiment in this State is hereby ordered to muster the men of his regiment, either inlisted or detached, and see that none but able-bodied effective men are accepted, and any deficiency thereby occasioned instantly supplied.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all such as have inlisted for the service aforesaid, in consequence of orders from his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety to Brigadier Generals Ward and Tyler, bearing date the 9th of October instant, shall be considered and held as part of the quota aforesaid.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officer detaching such men on their neglect, do take effectual measures immediately to deliver them to some one of the commissioned officers of the regiment or company in which they are to serve; and the officer or officers who have heretofore detached men to serve in either of the

State regiments commanded by Lieut. Colonel Levi Wells or Lieut. Colonel Matthew Mead are to take like effectual measures to apprehend and deliver such men to some one of the officers of the regiment in which they are ordered to serve, and all costs shall be paid according to the provision of law in such case made and provided. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to issue his orders accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency be and he is hereby requested forthwith to issue his orders for the raising and calling forth the four thousand militia ordered to be raised the present sessions upon the requisition of General Washington, pursuant to the resolution of the Assembly for that purpose, and when so raised to cause them to rendezvous along the sea coast as his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall think most expedient, to cooperate with Count De Estaing in case of his arrival, under the direction and command of General Washington, or to act defensively in guarding the sea coasts as occasion shall require; and also that his Excellency the Governor acquaint General Washington with the measures herein directed for his approbation therein.

And it is further resolved, That the Commissary General have liberty forthwith to take up one third of the quantity of grain ordered for the supply of said troops by resolve of this Assembly passed the present sessions and if necessary to apply therefor to the authority of the respective towns in the State, who are directed to take such measures thereon as in and by said resolve is directed, so far as respects the proportion aforesaid.

An Act to enable the Commissary General on a sudden and very pressing Emergency, to procure a certain Quantity of Flour or Grain from this State for the Subsistence of the Troops of this and the United States.

Whereas in compliance to the earnest request of his Excellency General Washington, this Assembly have agreed to furnish four thousand men of the militia of this State for the purpose of co-operating with the forces of the United States in conjunction with the fleet and troops expected under the command of his Excellency the Count De Estaing in the reduction of the enemy at New York and on the coasts of the United States: And whereas this Assembly by letters from his Excellency General Washington and the Commissary General are informed that, in order to maintain these troops and the other forces of the United States now in the field with their subsistence of bread, it will be absolutely necessary that large quantities of flour or grain should be collected for said purpose in this State, and they are in said letters earnestly and in the most pressing manner urged to furnish said supplies:

Be it enacted by this Assembly, That in case the armament under the command of the Count De Estaing should arrive on these coasts and the four thousand men of the militia of this State shall agreeably

to the requisition of his Excellency General Washington be actually called forth to the expected co-operation, the Commissary General shall be supplied from this State with fourteen thousand bushels of wheat and six thousand bushels of rye or meslin, or an equivalent thereto in flour. That in order to effect said purpose with the greatest expedition and the most equal justice, the towns in the county of Hartford shall supply four thousand bushels of wheat and two thousand five hundred bushels of rye or meslin. That the towns in the county of New Haven shall supply two thousand bushels of wheat and fifteen hundred bushels of rye or meslin. That the towns in the county of Fairfield shall supply four thousand bushels of wheat. That the towns in the county of Windham shall supply eight hundred bushels of wheat and one thousand bushels of rye or meslin. That the towns in the county of Litchfield shall supply three thousand two hundred bushels of wheat and one thousand bushels of rye or an equivalent thereto, according to their respective proportions in each town in said counties. That the proportional assessment to each town in the several counties which shall be called on for any part of said supply shall be rated agreeable to the annexed schedule.

A Schedule of Wheat, Rye and Meslin assessed and apportioned to each Town in the several Counties in this State to be furnished by such Towns according to the foregoing Act.

		Wheat.	Rye or Meslin.	Total.
<i>In the County</i>	Hartford,	400	200	
<i>Hartford.</i>	Weathersfield,	250	100	
	Windsor,	850	300	
	Midletown,	200	200	
	Suffield,	800	200	
	Symsbury,	500	200	
	Farmington,	800	400	
	Haddam,	100		
	East Haddam,	100		
	Colchester,	150	50	
	Hebron,	100	50	
	Bolton,	50	50	
	Glastonbury,	100	100	
	East Windsor,	200	300	
	Enfield,	100	200	
	Somers,	50	100	
	Tolland,	50	50	
	Stafford,		50	
	Willington,			
	Chatham,	200		6,500
<i>County of</i>	New Haven,	875	375	
<i>New Haven.</i>	Wallingford,	463	314	
	Durham,	100	75	
	Guilford,	204	150	
	Branford,	128	128	
	Milford,	200	160	
	Waterbury,	380	200	
	Derby,	172	100	8,500
<i>County of</i>	Greenwich,	150		
<i>Fairfield.</i>	Stamford,	400		
	Norwalk,	425		
	Fairfield,	475		

	Wheat.	Rye or Mealin.	Total.
	Stratford,	725	
	Newtown,	450	
	Reading,	275	
	Ridgfield,	350	
	Danbury,	450	
	New Fairfield,	300	4,000
<i>County of</i>	Windham,	99	132
<i>Windham.</i>	Killingly,	87	100
	Woodstock,	69	92
	Lebanon,	116	150
	Coventry,	69	88
	Canterbury,	60	80
	Ashford,	60	63
	Voluntown,	42	43
	Pomfret,	84	112
	Plainfield,	45	60
	Mansfield,	69	80
			1,800
<i>County of</i>	Woodbury,	970	400
<i>Litchfield.</i>	New Milford,	425	150
	Sharon,	425	50
	Salisbury,	425	50
	Canaan,	175	100
	Norfolk,		
	New Hartford,	70	150
	Harwington,	50	
	Litchfield,	50	50
	Kent,	200	25
	Cornwall,	120	
	Goshen,		25
	Torrington,	60	
	Hartland,	30	
	Washington,	200	4,200

That the major part of the civil authority in any town so assessed as aforesaid shall be impowered, and they are hereby directed, at their discretion, to designate the persons who in their judgment are able to furnish, and who shall be called on to furnish, the quantities of flour and grain assessed on said town, making out the list of the quantity which each person so designated shall furnish; which assessment so made out shall be delivered to some proper officer, who shall be directed by virtue of a warrant from said justices accompanying such assessment, immediately to impress or take, if not otherwise obtained, from each person therein mentioned the quantity so assigned to him, which quantity or quantities so collected shall be delivered to the Commissary General, or any proper officer acting under him: said commissary or his officers giving his or their receipt for the same. That if any officer to whom any warrant for impress shall be directed, who is hereby impowered by virtue of said warrant to enter into any house, barn, mill, store or other apartment, owned or occupied by the person from whom he shall be directed to take or impress, shall not find flour enough or grain already threshed sufficient to satisfy said warrant, he shall be directed by said warrant to take grain in the straw and procure the same to be threshed, and shall have power by the same warrant to impress men for that purpose, if necessary, unless the owner of said grain shall cause the same to be

immediately done; and said officer shall deliver the same as before directed in this act: Provided always, that if the quantity of grain or flour herein mentioned, or any part thereof, may be obtained by taking the same from monopolizers, engrossers, or any other person or persons who shall have collected the same to sell again, a warrant from said justices of the peace shall first issue to take the same from such persons. That every person from whom any flour, wheat, rye, or meslin, shall be taken by virtue of this act shall be allowed for the same the several prices following, that is to say: For every bushel of wheat twenty dollars, for every bushel of rye thirteen dollars and one third of a dollar, for every bushel of meslin sixteen dollars and two thirds of a dollar; and for every hundred weight of wheat flour sixty dollars, for every hundred weight of rye flour forty dollars, for every hundred weight of meslin flour fifty dollars, deducting therefrom the expence of threshing and cleaning the grain, unless done by the owner of the same. That every officer who shall execute any such warrant shall immediately make return thereof to the authority granting the same, having thereon endorsed and certified the quantity or quality of the flour or grain and from whom by him so taken. That no warrant as aforesaid shall issue from any authority unless the commissary or officer requesting the same shall declare before said authority that he does not know or believe the quantity assessed on such town, as aforesaid, has been purchased for the commissary department during the continuance of this act. And said authority are directed to issue their warrant for no more grain or flour than shall be wanted to make up said assessment as aforesaid, inclusive of purchases made by said commissary department during said time. That not only the payment for all flour and grain procured by this act, but also the expences attending the same, shall be discharged by the said commissary. That this act shall be and continue in force three months from and after the twentieth day of October instant.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen or committees of the several towns in this State, who were ordered by an act of the General Assembly passed in May last to provide and deliver to Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey certain articles of cloathing for the use of the army, do deliver one fourth part of the number of shirts, stockings, overalls and shoes, ordered by said act to be procured by them, to Mr. Elijah Hubbard of Midletown, commissary of refreshments for the soldiers from this State in the continental army, or at such stores as he shall direct: provided there remains so much of said articles in their hands not delivered to said Whittlesey; any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further resolved, That the said Elijah Hubbard shall keep said articles ordered to be delivered to him as aforesaid, and cause the selectmen and committees to be paid for the same such sum as upon adjustment shall be found justly due, and the Committee of

Pay-Table draw orders upon the Treasurer in favour of said Hubbard for such sums as shall be necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

And it is further resolved, That said Hubbard shall keep said articles and dispose of them for the benefit of the soldiers from this State in the army, agreeable to the orders he shall receive from his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the benefits provided and promised by a resolution of this Assembly passed at their session in April last be and the same is hereby extended to all officers and soldiers of the Connecticut Line, or who serve in the line, who shall serve to the end of the term for which they were engaged in the confederated American army, or that have or shall dye with sickness while in actual service, or fall in battle, before the time for which they engaged shall expire.

And it is further resolved, That the pay and wages of such officers and soldiers shall be made good to them and the heirs or legal representatives of such of them as shall be dead. That is to say: the wages of the establishment of Congress when they engaged, according to an act of this Assembly made on the 18th of December, 1776, entituled An act to prevent monopolies and oppression by excessive and unreasonable prices for many of the necessaries and conveniences of life, taking for a measure of their wages the prices set to the articles enumerated in said act.

And it is further resolved, That the Hon^{ble} Titus Hosmer, Esq^r, General Erastus Wolcott, Gen^l James Wadsworth, Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Colo. Experience Storrs, and Mr. John Canfield, or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to take an account of the time which such officers and soldiers shall have served in the battalions raised in this State untill the first day of January next, and also according to the measure aforesaid of all supplies and sums of money, except bounties and private gratuities, which have been already advanced or granted by the United States, or by this State, or by any particular community; and to state an account of the same, by the rule and measure aforesaid, up to the said first day of January next; and make report thereof to the next sessions of this Assembly, in order to know what is justly due to said troops according to the real terms upon which they entered into said service, so that justice in some future time and when it shall be in the power of this Assembly may be rendered to them, either by the United States or by this State. That said committee be empowered to agree with the officers belonging to this State on a time and place for meeting such committee as they may appoint for the purpose aforesaid: Provided that no sums of money or other article advanced or granted by any particular committee to induce any soldier or recruit to engage in the army of the United States shall be considered or computed by said committee, but only such monies or

other estate as has or shall be advanced or granted by such committee towards making good the wages of any officer, soldier or recruit.

Whereas considerable expences have and may be incurred, by reason of wounds received and things lost in time of action with the enemy, by the militia of this State when called into service, and by reason of sickness, for defraying of which no adequate provision has yet been made, as has been done in like cases,

Resolved by this Assembly, That all inevitable losses of arms, accoutrements, blankets and proper camp cloathing of the militia of this State, which shall be lost in any engagement or action with the enemy, and the reasonable expence of sickness of the militia, in going to, at, or returning home from the place of rendezvous, and also the reasonable expence of any who have or shall be wounded by the enemy, as was provided by this Assembly for the wounded when the enemy made their incursion to Danbury, and also the wages of the militia of this State while in captivity, and reasonable expence in returning home, shall be paid out of the treasury of this State; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to receive all such accounts, being properly vouched, examine and adjust the same, and in part or whole as they shall judge just allow, and draw on the Treasurer for payment thereof accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the officers and privates belonging to any of the troops of horse in this State, who have since the first day of May last or shall hereafter be called into actual service, shall have and receive out of the publick treasury the following wages and allowance for each month while in service, *viz* :

A Major,	£144	A Cornet,	£48
A Captain,	98	A Quarter-Master,	48
A Lieutenant,	64	A Corporal,	38 8s.
An Adjutant,	64	A Trumpeter,	35 1 4
		Each Private,	32

And it is further enacted, That each commission, non-commission officer and private, shall be allowed the same for subsistence and rations as by law is allowed to the militia of this State for themselves, and also 18 shillings per day for their horses when they draw no rations.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of six shillings on the pound on the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1778, be levied and paid into the State treasury by the twentieth day of January next, in current State or continental bills: Provided, that for the relief of the indigent, who are unable to pay their proportion of said tax, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate, either in whole or part, of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their re-

spective towns as they shall judge stand in the greatest need of such abatements, to the amount of one twentieth part of such town's proportion of said tax, and lodge a list of said abatements with the town-clerk of such towns respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors of said tax; and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatements in their settlement with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants to the collectors chosen by the several towns to collect the State tax according to law.

Whereas Darling Whelpley, Solomon Ferriss, William Peck and David Washborn, prisoners in the county goal in the counties of Hartford and Litchfield under sentence of death for the crime of high treason, and the day of their execution is determined to be on the 10th day of November, 1779: And whereas they have severally preferred their petitions for relief, but by reason of multiplicity of publick business they cannot now be heard &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the day of the execution of the said Whelpley, Ferriss, Peck and Washborn, be and the same is hereby suspended untill the first Wednesday of March next.

Whereas a letter from the Hon^{ble} General Assembly of the State of New Jersey has been addressed to this Assembly, on the subject of limitations of prices and the state of our currency &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of his Council of Safety, be desired to make an answer to said letter and forward the same as early as may be convenient.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Delegates chosen to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for the current year ending on the first Monday of November next shall continue to represent this State in said Congress, with the same powers, privileges and instructions as were given them for the current year, untill the first day of March next.

Whereas the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay have proposed a meeting of Committees or Delegates from the State of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York and Connecticut, to be holden at Hartford on the 20th day of October instant, to consult of measures proper to be taken that a free and general intercourse may take place upon principles correspondent with the publick good, and effectually to cut up and destroy the practises of those people who by various arts inance prices and depreciate and injure the currency, and how the further depreciation of the currency may be prevented, and have appointed Delegates accordingly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer, Benjamin Huntington, Oliver Elsworth and James Wadsworth, Esq^{rs}., be and they are hereby appointed Delegates on the part of this State, to meet the Delegates from Massachusetts Bay and the other States aforesaid, and

to deliberate and consult with them on the matters proposed as aforesaid, and to report the measures they shall judge expedient to be adopted to attain the good ends proposed to this Assembly.

The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen of this State to stand for Election in May next as sent in to this present General Assembly are as follow, viz:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r.

The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r.

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r.

Richard Law, Esq^r.

Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r.

William Williams, Esq^r.

Jabez Huntington, Esq^r.

Titus Hosmer, Esq^r.

William Pitkin, Esq^r.

Mr. Oliver Elsworth.

Roger Sherman, Esq^r.

Major Andrew Adams.

Abraham Davenport, Esq^r.

Mr. Daniel Sherman.

Joseph Spencer, Esq^r.

Major General James Wadsworth.

Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r.

Brig. General Samuel Holden Parsons.

Samuel Huntington, Esq^r.

Mr. Benjamin Huntington.

Whereas at a meeting of the Commissioners of the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, and New York, holden at Hartford in Connecticut on the 20th of October, 1779, it was resolved that a Convention of Commissioners from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, be requested to meet at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, for the purpose of considering the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandize and produce and, if they judge such a measure to be expedient, then to proceed to limit the prices of said articles as they think proper in their several States, in such manner as shall be best adapted to their respective situations and circumstances, and to report, &c.,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Commissioners be appointed in this State to meet the Commissioners from said other States at said time and place, and for the purpose as recommended as aforesaid; and that either two of the Delegates from this State who may be present attending at Congress at the time of said Convention proposed as aforesaid, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners from this State to attend said Convention, with full power and authority to appear in behalf of this State in said Convention to be held at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, for the purpose mentioned in said resolve, and the proceedings of said Convention report make to the then next General Assembly to be holden in this State.

Whereas a number of axes and hatchets are wanted to be used

under direction of Colo. Matthew Mead in preparing a quantity of timber for various uses by order of his Excellency General Washington: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to give orders that one hundred axes and eighteen large hatchets be procured by Mr. Nehemiah Hubbard, an officer of the quarter-master general residing in this town, and sent forward to said Colo. Mead to be used for the purposes aforesaid; and afterwards, in case the quarter-master-general shall pay the cost and expence of purchasing and transporting the same, that said axes and hatchets be delivered into some continental store for the use of the army of the United States: otherwise, that they be reserved and safely kept and secured for the use of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to procure on the best terms possible from the Board of War such number of old guns or gun-barrels and locks as he can obtain, not exceeding four thousand, to be put into the hands of the selectmen of such towns in this State as shall apply for and stand in need of the same: they paying therefor.

Resolved, That the town of Winchester be and they are hereby directed to send in a list of the polls and rateable estate which the inhabitants of said town were possessed of on the 20th of August last, to the General Assembly to be holden on the second Thursday of May next, with the additions thereof, agreeable to the law of this State in such case provided; and the Secretary is directed to notify this resolution to the selectmen of said Winchester as soon as may be.

Upon representation to this Assembly that the towns of Colebrook and Barkhemsted remain to this day unincorporated and not as yet invested with the privileges, benefits and authorities by law given and used by the other towns of this State: Wherefore, resolved by this Assembly, that the towns of Colebrook and Barkhemsted be and they hereby are invested with all the rights, liberties, privileges and authorities, that other towns in this State by law have; and shall, sometime in the month of December next, by warning from an assistant or justice of the peace, meet and choose town officers in the same manner as other towns by law are directed. And it is further resolved, that the said towns of Colebrook and Barkhemsted be and they are hereby ordered and directed to make and transmit to the General Assembly in October next a list of all the rateable polls and property within the said town, respectively, on the 20th day of August next, in the same manner and form as other towns in this State are by law required to do. And the Secretary is hereby required to notify the said towns of Colebrook and Barkhemsted of this resolve and order, so that said towns may take such measures as are necessary for that purpose.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the powers and directions given to Major William Ledyard in May last, for the purpose of effecting the exchange of naval prisoners, be and the same are hereby continued to him until the rising of this Assembly at their next meeting.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Lyman, Esq^r, to be one of the Committee of Pay-Table.

This Assembly do appoint Jesse Cady, of Stafford, Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint David Whittlesey, of Washington in the county of Litchfield, Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Adams, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Medad Hill, Esq^r, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Bazaleel Beebe to be Major of the seventeenth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Andrew Adams, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Tyler, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the seventh regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Silvanus Graves, Esq^r, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Shipman, Esq^r, to be Major of the seventh regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Abraham Tyler, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Newbury to be Ensign of the 2d company of the alarm list in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Remington to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish Ashbel King to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish William Prince to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Way jun^r to be Ensign of the 2d alarm list company in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Lattimer to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Wells to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Judson to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Justus Hart to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Gregory to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Beard Eells to be Lieutenant of the 9th company of alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Matthias St. John to be Ensign of the 9th company of the alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Andrews to be Captain of the first alarm list company in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Dudley to be Lieutenant of the first alarm list company in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Rogers to be Ensign of the first alarm list company in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hall to be Ensign of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Smith to be Lieutenant of the third company of alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Scramtum to be Ensign of the third alarm list company in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asahel Cooley to be Captain of the 4th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Bartholomew to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hopson jun^r to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Willson to be Ensign of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Goodell to be Ensign of a granadier company in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hope Smith to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Fisher to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Griggs to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Chandler to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Grosvenor to be Ensign of the 1st company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Porter to be Captain of the 2d company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Thorp to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Francis Hinman to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Churchill to be Captain of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Booth to be Lieutenant of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Stanley to be Ensign of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Lewiss to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Justus Peck to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Alcock to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Levi Gaylord to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Hubbel to be Lieutenant of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Phelps to be Ensign of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Deforest to be Lieutenant of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Stoddard to be Captain of the 1st company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Theodore Catlin to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Cone to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Cornwell to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benoni Hough to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Cossett to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Rice to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Silas Hays to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Alexander Kinney to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemmi Thrall to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Frederick Huntington to be Second Lieutenant of a matross company in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Abbot to be Lieutenant Fire-Worker of a matross company in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Norriss to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benoni Shepard to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ashbel Chapman to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Emons to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Andrews to be Captain of the 3d company of the alarm list in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Ensign to be Ensign of the 3d company of the alarm list in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Laurence Clinton to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Hitchcock to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Beech to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Todd to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Blakesley to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ithamar Tuttle to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Henry Allyn to be Lieutenant of the first company of the alarm list in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Griswold jun^r to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Robinson to be Captain of the seventh company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Smith to be Ensign of the 7th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Henry Daggett to be Captain of the 5th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Bradley to be Lieutenant of the 5th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Bazel Munson to be Captain of the 15th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Hoadley to be Captain of the 14th company of alarm [list] in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Bunnell to be Lieutenant of the 14th company of alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ozias Tyler to be Ensign of the 14th company of the alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Allyn to be Captain of the 2d company or trainband in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Lewiss to be Lieutenant of the 2d company or trainband in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Lester to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the eighth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Bradford Steel to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Smith to be Lieutenant of the 18th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Henry Tomlinson jun^r to be Ensign of the 18th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Mica Pool to be Captain of the 18th company of the alarm list in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Benedict to be Captain of the 14th* company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ozias Brownson to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Wilcoxson to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Hotchkiss to be Lieutenant of the 5th company in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James North to be Ensign of the 5th company in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Smith to be Captain of the second company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Plumb to be Lieutenant of the second company of alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Savage to be Ensign of the 2d company of alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Raymond Sanford to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joel Hotchkiss to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Grenull to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

Upon the memorial of Maj. Gen^l James Wadsworth, shewing to this Assembly that in March last he was ordered on a tour of duty to New London, which he performed, taking with him Elihu Marvin, Esq^r, aid de camp, and one of the militia not previously ordered; praying a further allowance on account of the high prices of the necessaries of life, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Maj. General James Wadsworth shall be paid one hundred and forty pounds, his aid de camp sixty-nine pounds and eight shillings, and the private mentioned therein fourteen pounds per month while in said service, and that the Committee of Pay Table be and they are hereby directed to adjust his pay abstract accordingly and order payment thereon.

Upon the memorial of Sherman Boardman of New Milford, one of the selectmen of said New Milford, shewing to this Assembly that the selectmen of said town in the month of June, 1778, were applied to by one Daniel Sullivan, a transient person, a native of Ireland, for support and relief, being poor and needy and for some time afflicted with a fever-sore in his thigh, and for the relief of said Sullivan the memorialist necessarily expended a large sum for the support of said Sullivan, and for which they are without remedy; praying the account of said Sullivan be paid &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be paid the sum

* An error of the Secretary for the 4th, as appears by the original bill on file.

of £398 10 0, L. money, for their expences, in supporting said transient person, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to pay the same to said memorialists, taking their receipt for the same.

Upon the memorial of Seth Warner of Waterbury, representing to this Assembly that in the month of December, 1776, by the perswasion and instigation of designing persons, he deserted the cause of his country and joined the British army on Long Island, that he soon was convinced of his error and determined on making his escape the first opportunity, which he never was able to effect untill the 5th day of instant October, when at the risque of his life he made his escape from Newport and now throws himself on the mercy of his country and prays this Assembly to grant him a pardon of his said crime, or otherwise grant him such relief as they in their wisdom and clemency shall see fit, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Seth Warner have liberty to return to the town of Waterbury and be confined to the bounds thereof under the care of the selectmen thereof: provided the town of Waterbury are willing to receive him; and if said town shall refuse to admit the said Seth Warner to dwell therein, untill the further order of this Assembly, the selectmen are hereby directed to convey the said Warner to the selectmen of the town of Windsor, who are hereby directed to take on them the oversight of said Warner and give him such rules and orders as they think may be for the publick service, untill the further orders of this Assembly. And on said Warner's observing such orders, he is not to be prosecuted for his offence set forth in his memorial.

Upon the memorial of Richard Perry, late a soldier in Col. Sam^l B. Webb's regiment, representing to this Assembly that he has, on account of a wound received in the service of his country, been mustered out of the regiment and sent to the corps of invalids, and can have no advantage of the cloathing furnished by this State to their troops; praying this Assembly to order the clothier of this State to furnish with cloathing &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Ordered by this Assembly, that the clothier of this State be directed, and he is hereby ordered and directed, to furnish and supply the said Richard Perry with all such cloathing as he would have been entituled to receive as if he was yet in the Connecticut battalions.

Upon the petition of Zachry Johnson, eldest councillor of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, in behalf of himself and brethren: Resolved, that Jabez Hamlin, Joseph Spencer and William Williams, Esq, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, they or any two of them, to repair at some convenient time to said Mohegan and there enquire into the state and circumstances of said tribe and their lands and into the matters of complaint mentioned in the said petition, and to hear all the parties concerned therein, and report make with their

opinion of what is proper and expedient to be done thereon to the General Assembly at their sessions in May next.

Upon the memorial of Thaddeus Burr, Esq^r, and others, inhabitants of the town of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that the British troops in their incursion into this State in the month of July last laid great part of said town in ashes, and destroyed great part of the perishable property belonging to the inhabitants who lived in the body of the town, whereby many families are reduced to circumstances of distress; praying a committee to apprise and ascertain the losses of individuals &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. John Chandler and Messrs. Daniel Bennet and William Hawley be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into and estimate the losses of every individual in said town of Fairfield in consequence of the late hostile incursion of the British troops, and to abate the State taxes, either in whole or in part, of such of said sufferers as in their opinion are proper subjects of such abatement, and report make of their doings to the next sessions of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Bull of Farmington, shewing to this Assembly that he served as a quarter-master in the regiment under the command of Colo. Enos the last campaign, that his expences in paying for the teams belonging to said battalion, in settling with the captain, and even with individuals in many instances for sauce money, have been great and much time has been spent and his business much interrupted in the settlement of those accounts; that the sums received and paid out as aforesaid amount to about three thousand pounds; and praying for commissions on said sum &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of sixty pounds, L. money, be and the same is granted to the memorialist, for his said services; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to draw on [the Treasurer for] the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Ruth Taylor, widow and relict of William Taylor late of Symsbury, deceased, and administratrix on the estate of said deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said William Taylor in his lifetime, on the 13th day of January, 1757, by his bond obligatory under his hand and seal by him well executed, became bound in the sum of seventy pounds, L. money, to one Seth Done of Midletown, which said bond was conditioned that the said William Taylor should within thirteen years and four months after the date of said bond procure from Nathaniel Higgins, then a minor and only heir of Daniel Higgins then late of Midletown, deceas'd, a firm and legal deed of sale of fifteen acres of land then lying in said Midletown, bounded easterly on Joseph Doanes land, westerly and northerly on highways, and southerly on land of the heirs of Thomas Rogers jun^r, deceas'd, &c.; and the said William Taylor having on the said

Nathaniel Higgins arriving to the age of twenty years obtained from him a good and authentick deed of said land in fulfilment of the condition of said bond to said Doane and the price money for said land the said William Taylor converted to his own use in laying out in other lands with other monies of his own for lands in the town of Symsbury and Barkhemsted, by which means the estate of the said William Taylor became intermixed with the estate of the said Nathaniel Higgins and so remained at the death of the said William Taylor, by means whereof in the partition of said Taylor's estate to his legal heirs justice cannot be done to the said Higgins; praying to this Assembly that a committee to ascertain the said Nathl Higgins's part and portion of the said land by said William purchased in part with the monies of the said Higgins, as aforesaid: Wherefore, resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Seth Smith, Capt. Mathew Gillett and Capt. Amasa Mills, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to ascertain and apportion to the said Nathaniel Higgins such part and share of the lands aforesaid as they shall adjudge just and reasonable, and report thereof of what they find to make to the next session of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Dewey, William Bingham, and Ephraim Lyon, listers for the town of Canterbury for the year 1778, shewing to this Assembly that the additional and fourfold lists of said town were as follows, viz: Additions £639 3 0, fourfolds £836 12 0, total £1475 15s. 0; but that in making their return to the General Assembly they only certified the total amount of both fourfolds and additions, but did not ascertain the amount of each separately and distinctly as they since find they ought to have done, by means of which mistake the whole sum abovementioned is set down in the grand list of this State against the town of Canterbury as additions, and no fourfolds, and the Treasurer hath issued out his warrant accordingly, whereby great and manifest injustice will unavoidably take place unless the aforesaid mistake be seasonably rectified; and praying this Assembly to rectify the same accordingly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby directed to consider the said sum of £836 12 0 of the additional list of said town as being fourfolds, and to settle his accounts with the collectors of the State taxes in said town and charge the State accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Monsieurs P. Patot, Ladolphe and Pour Le Capér,* captains of three large French ships which lately arrived into the port of New London distressed and much damaged in their car-

* Their application is in *Rev. War*, xv, 84. The signatures appear to be:

P. PATOT, cap^e du navire *Le Jonathan*.

LANDOLPHE, cap. du nav. la flute du Roy, *La Negresse*.

Pour le cap^e Riaux — *Le Compte D'Artois*.

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goes, shewing to this Assembly that by the laws of their country and by the direction of their consul it is necessary for them to sell their damaged cargoes by publick auction &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted them, to sell their said cargoes at publick auction or otherwise, for the benefit of the concerned; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of James Torey, of Stafford in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of James Torrey late of said Stafford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges with some small allowance to the widow of said dec'd as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford, surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £16 8 9½, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum with the charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £16 8 9½, lawfull money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Abner Hatheway, shewing that he had a legal permit to carry out a small quantity of grain from this State by water, which he happened to purchase without licence, being ignorant of the law in such case, supposing such permit was in all respects a compleat license, for purchasing which grain without licence he stands bound over to the county court in the county of Hartford; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the memorialist paying the cost arisen upon the process depending against him before said court he be and he is hereby discharged and no further holden upon said process or to answer thereto.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Fitch, Esq', and others, inhabitants of the town of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that the British troops in their incursion into this State in the month of July last laid great part of said town in ashes and destroyed great part of the perishable property belonging to the inhabitants living in the body of said town, whereby many families are reduced to circumstances of distress; praying a committee to apprise and ascertain the losses of individuals &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Benjamin Hinman, Colo. Nehemiah Beardslee and Mr. William Heron, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into and estimate the losses of every individual in said town of Norwalk in consequence of the late hostile incursion of the British troops, and to abate the State taxes, either in whole or in part, of such of the sufferers as

in their opinion are proper subjects of such abatement, and report make of their doings to the next session of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Benedict of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that his dwelling-house was burnt and destroyed by the enemy in their late incursion in that quarter; that he has a numerous family and is unable to build a house to screen himself and family from the inclemency of the approaching season, and praying for liberty to purchase of the administrators on the estate of Ebenezer Street, formerly of said Norwalk, lately declared and adjudged forfeit to this State, a certain barn, parcel of said estate, at the apprizement, for the purpose of a dwelling or shelter for himself and family, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the administrator on said estate be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell to the memorialist the barn abovementioned at the apprizement, on his paying or securing to be paid the money to the amount thereof.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Webster of Lebanon, administrator on the estate of Samuel Thomas late of Lebanon, dec^d, with the will of said deceas'd annexed, shewing to this Assembly that the estate of said deceas'd is justly indebted to the said Ebenezer the sum of £86 12 0, for supporting and taking care of the said deceas'd, mostly at the rate of six shillings per week, over and above the whole amount of the inventory of the personal estate of said deceas'd; praying that so much of the real estate of said deceas'd at the value thereof in the year 1774 may be apprized and set off to him, the said Ebenezer, by three judicious disinterested freeholders under oath as will be sufficient to pay and satisfy said sum of £86 12 0 and incident charges thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the court of probate for the district of Windham be and hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint three judicious disinterested freeholders under oath, to apprize and set off to the said Ebenezer Webster so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd, at the value thereof in the year 1774, as will be sufficient to pay and satisfy the said Ebenezer the aforesaid sum of £86 12 0 and the incident charges arising thereon; and said apprizers shall make return of their doings in the premises to said court of probate, which being by said court accepted and recorded a copy thereof and of this resolve under the hand and attestation of the clerk of said court shall forever be a sufficient title for the said Ebenezer Webster, his heirs &c., to the lands so set off in any court of law or equity.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of New Haven, representing that on the 5th day of July last the British troops entered the town, burnt sundry dwelling-houses, plundered and destroyed the effects of the inhabitants, to the amount of about £25000; praying that a committee might be appointed to take a just account of the

damages and losses sustained, and also to enquire into the circumstances of the sufferers and order an abatement of the country rates of those who they should judge ought to be abated; as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Barker, Joseph Hopkins and Gideon Buckingham, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into and estimate the losses of every individual in said town of said New Haven in consequence of the late hostile invasion of the British troops, and to abate the State taxes, either in whole or in part, of such of the sufferers as in their opinion are proper subjects of such abatement, and make report of their doings to this Assembly at their next sessions.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Selden, Samuel Selden and others, being the widow and heirs of Colo. Samuel Selden late of Lyme, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said Colo. Selden in his last will and testament disposed of his whole estate, both real and personal, to and among his wife and children by giving legacies of about ninety pounds in money to each of his daughters and by ordering the residue of said estate to be distributed, as appears by said will bearing date the 17th day of July, 1776; that it was Colo. Selden's expectation that lands should be sold to pay so much of said legacies as the personal estate should be deficient for that purpose; that since the death of said Colo. Selden the price of said personal estate has so increased in the hands of the executor as to surmount the whole sum of said legacies; that the said widow and heirs are willing to have said estate so distributed to and among them as to make the legacies given as aforesaid as good as they were before the depreciation of the currency, taking said will and the inventoried price of said estate for a rule of distribution; praying that the judge of probate for the district of New London may be directed to give order for a distribution of said estate accordingly; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the judge of probate for the district of New London be and he is hereby empowered and directed to give his order for a distribution of said estate to and among said widow and heirs according to the direction of said will, making said legacies as good as the same were at the death of the testator, and to set out land to said legatees to make up the said legacies after the personal estate is first distributed according to the true intent and meaning of the testator, making the inventoried price the rule of such distribution; which distribution so made and completed shall be good and valid in law.

Upon the memorial of Pomp, a negro man slave belonging to the estate of Jeremiah Leming formerly of Norwalk, clerk, now absconded to the enemy of the United States, shewing to this Assembly that in consequence of a sentence of confiscation passed against said estate agreeable to an administration committed thereon the memorialist is liable to be sold for the benefit of the State, and to be continued in

slavery by act of government, and praying to be emancipated and set at liberty, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby emancipated and set at liberty.

Upon the memorial of Simeon Mills of Norfolk, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776 he, having engaged and entered into the service of his county as a soldier in Capt. Titus Watson's company, Colo. Burrall's regiment, and having marched into Canada there sickened with the small-pox, which for want of proper phisick and attendance left him in a sick, low and languishing state of body, and by means of ulcerated sores hath been and still is unable to do any kind of business, thereby subjected to great expences &c.; praying to this Assembly for relief: Wherefore, resolved by this Assembly, that there be granted and paid out of the treasury of this State to the said Simeon Mills three hundred pounds, L. money; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw an order on the Treasurer of this State in favour of said Simeon Mills for said sum of £300 accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Peter Waterbury of Stanford and Jesse Wareing of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that they belonged to the coast guards and were captured at Stanford, and are now confined in the Sugar House in New York, where they are exposed to the small-pox and also suffer many hardships, and are held as hostages for the delivery and exchange of Uriah Hoit and James Hoit, both prisoners now confined in Litchfield goal &c.; praying said exchange may be made &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby impowered and requested to make said exchange of said Waterbury and said Waring for said Hoits.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Hine of Ridgfield, shewing to this Assembly that he had an order from the Committee of Pay-Table upon the Treasurer of this State for the sum of four hundred fifty-nine pounds two shillings and six pence, dated the 31st day of August, 1779, which he has lost, the same not being paid; praying for a new order &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they hereby are directed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of said Hine for the sum aforesaid, therein directing said Treasurer to pay the same the said first order not being answered, and also to refuse payment of said first order.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Hubbard, Isaac Mosely, William Little jun^r and Picket Latimer, shewing that they are desirous of erecting a Glass House and of carrying on the manufacture of glass of various kinds within this State; that the same will be attended with

*the** risque and expence; praying for [the] encouragement and protection of this State &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists, as an encouragement in their undertaking in so usefull and necessary a manufacture, shall and it is hereby granted to them to have and enjoy the sole and exclusive right and privilege of making and manufacturing glass within this State during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the society of Southington, and also of that part of the society of Farmingbury within the limits of the town of Farmington, by their agents John Curtiss, Daniel Lankton, Asa Bray and Zacheus Gillett, shewing that said town of Farmington is large and extensive, and their numbers great, whereby the transaction of their publick affairs is rendered difficult; that the memorialists live at a great distance from the county town but are settled very compactly and commodiously upon a tract of land in the south part of the town of about seven miles north and south and of about eight miles east and west, and are near twenty thousand pounds upon the grand list; praying to be incorporated into a distinct town &c., as per memorial &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialists with all the lands lying within the following limits and bounds, *viz:* To bound south by the present established line of said Farmington or by the north line of the societies of Meriden and Cheshire, west by the east line of the town of Waterbury, north by a highway running between said Farmingbury, New Cambridge and Southington and the first society in said Farmington, and east beginning at the north-east corner of Southington society in a twenty rod highway, and from thence extending southerly a paralell line with the said twenty rod highway untill it meets with Meriden north line, be and the same are hereby incorporated into a distinct and separate town, with all the powers and privileges that other towns by law have and do enjoy, and shall be called by the name of Southington; and that they shall have and receive from the joint stock of said town of Farmington now on hand their full share and proportion thereof, according to the list of said town.

And it is further resolved, That the inhabitants of the said town of Southington shall pay all State taxes already due or that are or may hereafter be laid on the list of 1778 to the collector of the State tax for said town of Farmington, and also all town taxes already laid and due to the collector of the town tax, to be appropriated for the use of the town in the same manner as if said Southington had not been incorporated. And if it shall appear on a final adjustment of the town accounts, which the said towns of Farmington and Southington are directed to make as soon as may be, that the said town of Farmington is indebted, the inhabitants of the said town of Southington shall contribute their proportion to settle and pay the same,

*This word not in original bill. *Industry*, ii, 168.

taking for a rule of that proportion their list for the year 1778. And that the listers of the said town of Farmington be and they are hereby directed to make out the lists of the said towns of Farmington and Southington for the year 1779 distinct and separate and transmit the same so made to this Assembly at their next sessions; and the Treasurer is directed hereafter to issue his warrants to the collectors of the said towns accordingly.

And it is further resolved, That the town of Southington shall be subjected to maintain and support their own poor, including in that number such as for convenience of support have been removed from said Southington and are now residing in said Farmington.

And it is further resolved, That the said town of Southington shall furnish and supply the officers and soldiers in the continental army who belong to said Southington, and shall raise from time to time their just proportion of men to fill up said army in the same manner as other towns in the State are by law obliged to do, and under the same regulations, forfeitures and penalties.

And it is further resolved, That any justice of the peace within said county shall and he is hereby impowered to grant a proper warrant for the calling the first meeting of said town of Southington, upon application therefor.

Upon the petition of Samuel Hall of East Haddam, shewing that in the year 1775 he contracted with the agents of this State to make a number of guns for the use of said State; that he made and delivered about one hundred and forty-three, and was pursuing his business faithfully to compleat the whole number agreed for but was called repeatedly into service in the militia duty with his apprentices so that he was thereby hindered and delayed untill May, 1778, when the General Assembly gave orders that no more guns should be received; that at that time he had on hand forty-four guns compleated according to the form particularly prescribed to him by said Assembly, and also twenty-five guns more partly finished, the locks being compleated, with many others in the rough &c.; that a committee hath been appointed to examine the matters alledged in said petition, who have made report thereon, and the same being now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel shall and may proceed to compleat and finish the said twenty-five guns begun the locks whereof are already finished, and that upon his compleating and delivering the same together with the said forty-four guns now on hand and finished unto Titus Hosmer, Esq^r, who contracted with him therefor in behalf of this State, in good order and condition, and also settle and return what he hath on hand belonging to this State, to the said Titus Hosmer, Esq^r, for the use of said State, and the same being by him duly certified to the Committee of Pay-Table, said committee shall and they are hereby directed to give order upon the Treasurer in favour of the petitioner for the

sum of thirty-six pounds for each of said sixty-nine guns that shall be so compleated and delivered as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Anne Grant of Litchfield, wife of Lieut. Jesse Grant who is now in captivity, shewing to this Assembly that she is under necessity of some aid for the support of her family; that her said husband not having received any part of his wages since his captivity is desirous that the memorialist should have some allowance on account thereof; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be allowed and paid out of the treasury of this State on account of her husband's wages the sum of £186, money, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for said sum accordingly.

Upon the memorial of David Stoddard, Nathaniel Smith, Salmon Tryon, Olive Smith, Matilda Smith, Mary Westover, Molly Kilborn, Lucina Clemens, Matilda Smith and Mehitabel Carter, all of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the spring of the year 1778 they were greatly exposed to the small-pox, in consequence of which they applied to the civil authority and selectmen of said town for liberty to be inoculated, but all the steps of the law in that case provided were not fully attended to, by mistake, by means of which they were prosecuted, and the suits now depending in law; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they hereby are respectively excused from any fines or further prosecution in the premises upon their paying all the cost that has or may arise therein.

Upon the memorial of Medad Osborn, executor of the last will and testament of John Bradley jun^r, dec^d, who was executor of the last will and testament of his father John Bradley dec^d, representing that said John the elder died in December, 1773, leaving his estate by will to be equally divided to his son, said John the younger, and the three children of his son Jonathan dec^d, and said John the elder, supposing that after the settlement of his estate there would remain a large part of it to be divided between said John the younger and said three children, bequeathed his grist-mill, saw-mill, house and homested to said children as part of their portion of said estate, but upon the settlement of said estate it was found that the debts then appearing to be due surmounted the moveable part of the estate £144 9 6; whereupon this Assembly gave liberty to said executor to sell the real estate to that amount, and said executor supposing it would be most for the advantage of the heirs proceeded to sell said grist-mill, as he then thought he well might, towards raising said sum, but before he had accomplished said business, viz: April, 1779, he died, leaving your petitioner sole executor of his will; whereupon your petitioner proved said will and was proceeding to make a settlement of John the

elder's estate, when he found there were additional debts brôt in against said estate to the amount of £31 10 10, which in addition to said forementioned sum does not fall much short of the inventory of the whole estate of said John the elder, so that should your petitioner pursue the direction in said will he must sell the whole of said real estate except said house and homested, whereby it will become necessary that said house and homested should be divided between the heirs of said John and said children, which would be a disadvantage to said heirs and said children; praying for liberty to sell said house and homested together with other estate sufficient to make said sum of £144 9 6 that still remains, and also to make up said sum of £31 10 10, and also confirm the sale of said grist-mill sold by said John the younger, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell said house and homested, anything to the contrary in said will notwithstanding, together with other estate sufficient to make said sum of £144 9 6, that still remains behind, and also to make up said sum of £31 10 10; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein; and also do hereby confirm and establish the sale of said grist-mill sold in manner aforesaid.

On the memorial of John Abbott jun^r, of Tolland in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of John Abbott jun^r, late of Tolland in said county of Hartford, dec^d, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £144 6 7½; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the dec^d as will be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £146 6 7½, L. money, together with the incident charges arising thereon; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise said sum of £146 6 7½, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of John Mead and the Representatives of the town of Greenwich, shewing to this Assembly that the committee appointed by the General Assembly in May last, by the frequent incursions of the enemy into the said town, have not been able to enquire into and estimate the damages done by the enemy there, and that since that time the enemy have made sundry incursions into that town, whereby the good people of said town have been further greatly distressed and many rendered incapable of paying their State taxes; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this

Assembly, that Capt. James Beard, Elisha Mills, Esq^r, and Colo. Increase Mosely, or either two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into and estimate the losses of every individual in said town of Greenwich in consequence of the hostile invasion in said town by the British troops, and to abate the State taxes, either in whole or in part, of such of the sufferers as in their opinion are proper subjects of such abatements, and make report of their doings to this Assembly at their next sessions.

Upon the memorial of Jabez Goodale, of Mansfield in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Abner Goodale late of said Mansfield, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate, without any allowance to the widow or charges of administration, surmount the inventory of said estate the sum of £47 6 7, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said debt, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said debt of £47 6 7, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of Robert Kinsman and others, listers of the town of Plainfield for the year 1778, representing to this Assembly that they, said listers, through forgetfulness omitted sending the fourfold list of said town for said year to the General Assembly as the law directed; praying this Assembly to order and direct the Treasurer to receive said fourfold list, as per memorial on file: Whereupon, resolved, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to receive said fourfold list and grant out his warrant accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Rhoda Taylor, administratrix on the estate of John Taylor late of Windham, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that said John before his death, viz: on the 9th day of Feb^r last, executed and delivered his bond to one Samuel Clark of Lebanon, whereby he obligated himself to make and execute a deed of warranty to said Samuel of five acres and an half of land situated in the town of Lebanon and described in the conditions of his said bond: said deed to be so made within one year from said date, and in consideration of said Clark's making and delivering a like deed of eight acres and one quarter of land lying in said Lebanon to said Taylor; that such deed was not made by said John before his death, which happened in April last, and that no person is authorized to execute said deed or carry said bargain into execution, which it is represented would benefit the estate of said John deceas'd; praying that power and authority may be granted to said Rhoda to make and execute a sufficient deed of said five and an half acres upon her receiving a like deed from said Clarke

of said eight acres and a quarter of land described and mentioned in the conditions of his said bond to the proper heirs of said John deceas'd, as per memorial on file: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that power and authority be and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist to make, execute and deliver, in her said capacity of administratrix, unto said Samuel Clark, his heirs &c., a sufficient deed of warranty of said five and half acres of land and as described in the conditions of said bond executed by said John deceas'd as aforesaid, upon the said Clark's making and executing a deed of said $1\frac{1}{4}$ (*sic.*) acres as described in said bond by him executed as aforesaid to the proper [heirs] of said John Taylor deceased.

Upon the memorial of Abel Seeley of Stratford, shewing to this Assembly that one Elijah Peet, a soldier in the guard at New Field under the command of Lieut. Aaron Hawley, accidentally fell into a salt kettle on the 15th day of January, 1778, and was thereby greatly scalded, and was by said Lieut. Hawley put into the house and care of the memorialist and was there nursed and a surgeon employed to take care of the said soldier, by all which a considerable expence accrued to the memorialist, and that the accounts thereof have been presented to the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment and allowance but were rejected by said committee as not being within the rules given to the said committee by the General Assembly for the rule of their conduct: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table receive the said accounts of expence of the said Abel Seely on account of the said soldier, and examine and adjust the same and draw on the Treasurer for payment of what shall be found justly due.

Whereas the General Assembly in May last appointed and directed Colo. John Chandler to receive of the Treasurer the sum of forty-five thousand pounds and to pay over the same to the battalions raised in this State, according to the orders of said Assembly, and to render his account thereof &c.; and the said Colo. Chandler having executed the trust whereto he was appointed and now rendered his account, and there being a ballance due to him thereon of the sum of £476 4 0, as per report of a committee who adjusted the same, and now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer do and he is hereby directed to pay to the said Colo. Chandler the said sum of £476 4 0, and take his receipt therefor, and that the said Chandler be and he is hereby exonerated and discharged from further accounting for said monies, and that the receipt and vouchers now by him exhibited concerning the payments made to said battalions be lodged in the Secretary's office for the use of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all petitions and memorials now depending or entered for hearing before this Assembly shall and the same are hereby continued to the next meeting of this Assembly, and

that the power of committees appointed upon such petitions and memorials be also continued.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to adjourn this Assembly to the first Thursday of January next, then to convene and be held at such place as his Excellency by proclamation shall hereafter direct.

This Assembly, pursuant to the above resolve, and order of the Governor, was adjourned (by proclamation,) to the first Thursday of January next, then to be convened and held at such place as his Excellency, by proclamation, shall hereafter direct.

Teste, GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyar,	Dan ^l Sherman,	} Esq ^r .
Jabez Huntington,	Sam ⁿ Bishop,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Jed ^h Strong,	
Wm. Williams,	John Canfield,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Jas. Wadsworth,	

Whereas Thomas Leffingwell jun^r of Norwich has been apprehended and on examination before Brig^o Gen^l John Tyler was by him committed to the goal in Windham county for inimical conduct and professions towards the united States of America, their liberties and independence, and having been there confin'd about three months and now moving to this Board and praying for further enlargement, and sundry of the civil authority and selectmen of said town also for sundry reasons moving in his behalf: This Board, taking the same into consideration and ever desirous to exercise all the lenity that is consistent with public good and safety, and hoping that the indulgence and favour prayed for may tend to correct and reform the erroneous and inimical principles and practices of the said Thomas Leffingwell jun^r, do therefore resolve and order, that the said Thomas Leffingwell jun^r [be] and he is hereby permitted (first paying all costs and charges that have attended his commitment and confinement) to return to his father's house in Norwich and to pass and repass as occasion shall require from thence to his farm at Wequonuck and attend his lawfull business on and about the same, and also to attend divine worship at the meeting-house in the first society in Norwich: this liberty to continue until further orders, and he to be under the watch and inspection of Benj^a Huntington and Rufus Lothrop, Esq^r, and Colo. Samⁿ Abbot, who are from time to time to give proper information concerning his, the said Thomas Leffingwell jun^r's conduct and behaviour; and the keeper of the goal in the county of Windham is to take notice hereof and permit him to return accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.		
Jabez Huntington,	William Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
William Pitkin,	Samuel Bishop,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jedidiah Strong,	
William Williams,	John Canfield,	
Daniel Sherman,	Benja. Payne,	

Upon the memorial of Samuel of Sutton in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, by his agent Samuel Jannison of said Sutton, requesting the loan of fifteen hundred weight of saltpetre from this State, for the purpose of manufacturing the same into gun-powder: Resolved, that the said Samuel may have and receive fifteen hundred weight of saltpetre belonging to this State in the care of Messrs. Elderkin and Wales at Windham, upon his, the said Samuel's, procuring sufficient security, to be given by an inhabitant of this State, to replace the same by the first day of April next; and the said Elderkin and Wales are directed to deliver the same accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL, HARTFORD, 22 OCTOBER,
1779. FRIDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Deputy Governor Griswold.		
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Dan' Sherman,	
Ab ^m Davenport,	Sam. Bishop,	
Wm. Williams,	Jno. Canfield,	

Resolved, That Mr. Isaac Doolittle may receive one ton of saltpetre belonging to this State in the care of Messrs. Elderkin and Wales, to be made into powder by said Doolittle for the use of the State, giving receipt &c.

Voted, That the selectmen of Stanford may receive 400 pounds of musket powder of Mr. Doolittle's powder-mill, they to account; also two boxes of lead bullets in the care of the Governor at Lebanon, and one thousand flints in the care of B. Gen' Wolcott, lately sent from Lebanon. *Order for the bullets delivered Col. Davenport.*

That the selectmen of N. Haven may receive two boxes of bullets from Lebanon, in the care of the Governor.

On motion by Cap. Sherman Boardman and Abel Hine, Esq^r, of New Milford, for a proper allowance for care and trouble in seizing a quantity of flour &c, *viz*: five barrels wheat flour, 2 do. rye flour, and 3 do. indian meal, (call'd in the doings of 28 May last 7 bbl. wheat flour and 3 indian meal :) Resolved, that instead of paying their expence &c., as then ordered, the persons seizing the same be allowed one-third part of the articles seized, in lieu of any and all other expences, trouble &c., and be accountable for the remainder.

Lt. Timo. Lockwood of Greenwich, representing in a letter to Gen' Oliv. Wolcott of the 11th Oct. inst. representing that he had by advice of the selectmen increased the guards, that he (Gen' Wolcott) had ordered, to the number of twenty-one privates, and asking his approbation, and Gen. Wol-

cott asking the approbation of this Board, and on consideration the same is approved.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL &c. HARTFORD, 25 OCTOBER, 1779. MONDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Deputy Governor Griswold.

Ab ^m Davenport,	Benj. Payn,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Dan ^l Sherman,	
Wm. Hilhouse,	Jn ^o Canfield,	
Jed. Strong,		

The Governor laid in an account of Zabdiel Rogers for 7 ream of paper bôt by him, the Governor, for public use, amounting to the sum of £364 16, and for which he has paid &c.: Resolved, that the said sum of £364 16 be paid and reimbursed to him out of the State treasury.

Resolved, That the selectmen of Woodstock, on their application, be entitled to receive two hundred pounds of musket-powder from Messrs. Elderkirk and Wales powder-mill, for the use of their militia. They to be accountable.

Upon the memorial of Colo. Joseph Bull, late of the State of New York, now a prisoner to the United States confined in the town of Hartford, praying to be permitted to go into New York to settle some of his own private affairs and to return again: Resolved, that the memorialist have liberty to go to said New York upon giving his parole that he will not do or say anything to the prejudice of the United States nor give any intelligence, and to return again within three weeks from the 28th day of instant October; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to grant said Bull a permit accordingly.

AT A MEETING &c. HARTFORD, 27TH OCTOBER, 1779. WEDNESDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Hon. Deputy Governor Griswold.

Jz. Huntington,	Dan ^l Sherman,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Williams,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
Nath ^m Wales,	Jed ^h Strong,	

On memorial of Ryal Howell, a refugee from Long Island, shewing that he fled from thence about 3 years since and has never return'd, is a firm friend to the country; that he has expended what little he brought and his family must suffer if he cant obtain some moneys and effects to the value of about £50 he left at South Hampton &c.; praying liberty to pass over for that purpose: Resolved, that said Howel be permitted to go over to Long Island in a flag and to bring over his said effects under the careful inspection of the captain of Saybrook Fort going and returning. He to see to it that no illicit trade or doings be carried on colour of said permission; and the Governor is desired to allow him a flag in manner and for the purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That Cap. Jz. Perkins, who has in his care, belonging to the State, taken from the ship *Defence*, 1 large cable, old shroud and other rigging, 1 small iron cabuse, one or two large anchors, one chest with medicine, a number of swiffel guns, 2 or 3 small sails, be and he is authorized to sell

and dispose of the said articles at their proper value and be accountable for the avails.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jz. Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	} Esquires.
William Pitkin,	Jed. Strong,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	John Canfield,	
William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Samuel Bishop,	

Upon the request of the authority and selectmen of the town of Greenwich in behalf of Daniel Lockwood, Isaac Peck, Gilbert Lockwood, Solomon Wright, Isaac Anderson, James Merrill, Benja. Willson and Nathan Merrill, inimical persons confined in Windham goal, that they might be released from their said confinement, their friends having given bond for their good behaviour: Resolved, that the said persons aforementioned be and they are hereby released from their said confinement upon their paying the cost incurr'd thereby, and that his Excellency be desired to give orders to the sheriff of the county of Windham accordingly.

Upon the memorial of James Currin, a refugee from Long Island now resident at Guildford in this State, shewing that his wives father hath lately deceased at Southold on said island and left an estate to his children, and praying for liberty to go over and receive and bring off his wives part of said moveable estate, as per memorial: Resolved, that the memorialist have liberty to go over to said island and bring away the moveable estate belonging [to] his wife, taking the directions of Mr. Nathaniel Stone of said Guildford going and coming &c.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Cushing and Nath^l Gorham, Esq^r, of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, shewing that they had large families and were destitute of bread for their subsistence, as also the Hon^{ble} Jeremiah Powell, who had also a family and in want of the same, and praying for a permit to carry out of this State one cart-load of flour for supplying said families, as per memorial: Resolved, that the memorialists have liberty to carry out of this State one cart-load of flour for the purpose of supplying their families and the family of the said Jer. Powell, Esq^r; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to grant a permit accordingly.

Upon the representation of Colo. Stephen St. John of Norwalk, shewing that the militia and other inhabitants of said town were in want of lead and flints &c., and requesting a supply of those necessary articles of defence &c.: Resolved, that the selectmen of said Norwalk do receive from Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich two hundred weight of lead belonging to this State in his care, and also three hundred flints of Mr. David Trumbull of Lebanon, who are directed to deliver the same taking their receipt therefor. Said selectmen to be accountable.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	William Hillhouse,	} Esquires.
Jz. Huntington,	Nath ^l Wales Jr.,	
William Pitkin,	Samuel Bishop,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jed. Strong,	
William Williams,	John Canfield,	
Daniel Sherman,	Benja. Payne,	

Resolved, That Captains John Wyllys and Samuel Rathbone, late inhabitants of Block Island now residing in the town of Greenwich in this State, have liberty and liberty is granted to them, to go to said Block Island to bring away their effects and to settle their affairs there and return again.

Resolved, That the selectmen of the town of Newtown receive from Joseph Hopkins, Esq^r, of Waterbury, ten fire-arms belonging to this State, 150 lb. gun-powder from the keeper of powder belonging to this State in Ripton, and also 300. flints of Capt. George Smith of Hartford, they passing their receipt therefor. Said selectmen to be accountable.

Order d^s Major Baldwin.

Resolved, That the selectmen of the town of Ridgefield receive of Capt. George Smith of Hartford one hundred and fifty flints belonging to this State in the care of said Smith, giving their receipt therefor: they to be accountable.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Hazzard, a refugee from the city of New York now resident in the town of Newtown, shewing that when he left said New York he left with some of his friends on Long Island considerable effects belonging to himself and family, and praying to have liberty to go on to said island and bring off his said effects: Resolved, that the said Samuel Hazzard have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to go on to Long Island for the purpose of bringing away his said effects: he conforming himself to the directions of Thaddeus Betts, Esq^r, of Norwalk, under whose care and inspection he is to conduct in the affair.

Permit d^s Col. Chandler.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 2D DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales jun ^r ,	} Esquires.
Jz. Huntington,	William Hillhouse,	
William Pitkin,	Samuel Bishop,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Oliver Ellsworth,	
William Williams,	Jed. Strong,	
James Wadsworth,	John Canfield,	
Daniel Sherman,	Benja. Payne,	

Resolved, That the selectmen of Redding receive 150 lb. musquet-powder belonging to this State in the care of Eben^r Blackman of Ripton: they to be accountable.

Capt. John Franks, now residing at Saybrook, is permitted to go over to Long Island to bring off some grain for the subsistence of his family.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 3D DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esquires.
Jz. Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	
William Pitkin,	William Hillhouse,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jed. Strong,	
William Williams,	John Canfield,	
James Wadsworth,	Benja. Payne,	

Charles Kellogg of Hartford having laid before this Board his account of expence incurred by transporting one Enoch Johnson by order of his Excellency the Governor from Hartford goal to Concord in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, amounting to the sum of £251 2 0, the same is referred to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are directed to receive, examine and adjust the same and draw on the Treasurer for what shall be justly due.

Elias Howell, a refugee from Long Island, is permitted to go to Long Island and to return again, under the inspection and direction of the commandant of the fort at Saybrook.

Shipman of Saybrook is permitted to go to Long Island for the purpose of marrying a wife, as also to bring away his wife with her effects, under the direction of the commandant of the fort at Saybrook.

Upon the application of Lieut. John Shipman jun^r, commandant of the fort at Saybrook, for powder, lead and grape-shot for the use of said fort: Ordered, that he receive two barrells of cannon-powder from Messrs. Pitkin & Woodbridge's powder-mill, one hundred of lead from Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich, and 500 weight of grape-shot.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Will ^m Hillhouse,	} Esquires.
Jz. Huntington,	Nath ^l Wales,	
Will ^m Pitkin,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
A. Davenport,	Oliver Ellsworth,	
William Williams,	Jed. Strong,	
James Wadsworth,	John Canfield,	
Daniel Sherman,	Benja. Payne,	

Resolved, That Francis Johnson, master of a two-mast boat from Nantucket, have liberty to exchange salt with the inhabitants of this State for the following articles, *viz:* one hundred weight of cheese, one firkin of butter, bushells of rye or rye flour equivalent thereto, and three hundred and thirty weight of flax.

Resolved, That Benja. Russell of the island of Nantucket, master of a deck boat from said Nantucket, have liberty to exchange salt with the inhabitants of this State for one hundred weight of cheese, 1 firkin of butter, bushells of rye or rye flour equivalent thereto, and 340 *lb.* flax.

Resolved, That Dunham, master of a two-mast boat from Dartmouth in the Massachusetts State, be and he is hereby permitted to ex-

change salt in this State and receive therefor 1 hundred weight of cheese, 1 firkin of butter, bushells of rye or rye flour equivalent thereto, and 330 *lb.* flax.

Resolved, That Jesse Wood, a refugee from Long Island now resident at Saybrook, have liberty to go to Long Island and bring from there about twenty bushells of salt under the inspection and direction of the commandant of Saybrook Fort.

Moses Hammond of Sandwich, master of a two-mast boat, is permitted to receive on board his said boat 200 *lb.* cheese, 100 *lb.* butter, 50 bushells of rye, 6 bushells of beans, 30 bushells of onions, and 100 *lb.* tobacco, and transport the same to said Sandwich, upon his clearing the same at the naval office at Middletown.

Resolved, That the account of John Wise, for serving as forage-master at New Haven by the appointment of General Ward, be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table to make such allowance thereon as on due enquiry and examination they shall judge just and reasonable and find proper warrant and vouchers therefor, and draw on the Treasurer of this State for such sum as they shall find justly due thereon and charge the same to the account of the United States.

N. B. Lead and flints for Norwalk. That altered to bullets — 2 boxes — of Mr. David Trumbull, and 300 flints.

Orders for Stamford — 2 boxes bullets. Sent both by Epinetus Webb, waggoner.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1779, SPECIALLY CALLED, ON ACCOUNT OF A LETTER OF GEN^l WASHINGTON, THE 12TH INST. SIGNIFYING THAT THE ARRIVAL OF COUNT DE ESTAING IS GREATLY UNCERTAIN &c. AND THAT HE DOES NOT WISH THE TROOPS OF THIS STATE TO BE CALL'D OUT &c. &c.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esquires.
Jabez Huntington,	David Mumford,	
Wm. Williams,	and p. m. Colo. Mott,	

The affair of dismissing the militia according to Gen. Washington's proposition considered.

On motion by letters from B. Payn, Esq., and Colo. Hez. Wyllys, representing the time of the artillery company at Hartford is nearly expired &c. &c.: On consideration resolved, that the artillery companys at Hartford, Middletown and Wallingford be continued on their present footing and regulations untill the 10th day of January next, unless sooner discharged.

On further consideration resolved, that the march of the 4000 militia order'd to join Gen. Washington &c. by the Assembly &c. be suspended till further orders. And the orders are sent out accordingly to all save the 2 western brigadiers: they not stop'd.

Sundry other letters received and wrote &c. &c.

Permit granted Col. Nitingale, removed from Pomfret to Providence, to transport sundry articles of provisions, the produce of his own farm, from Pomfret to Providence.

Motion from Mr. Brown of Providence to export a considerable quan-

* These two paragraphs in the handwriting of Governor Trumbull.

tity of flour and meat from this State to Newport, for supplies for his shipping &c., on consideration is negatived.

Adjourned to Tuesday next.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
TUESDAY 23D NOVEMBER, 1779, ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Elip ^d Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	David Mumford,	
and Sam ^l Mott,		

A letter had been received from Gen. Washington, dated West Point, 16th Nov^r, giving information of the Count De Estaing having made an assault with Gen. Lincoln &c. on the enemy at Savannah the 9th of Oct. last, and that they were repulsed and the count slightly wounded in the arm and leg, and Count Pulasky kill'd &c., and thereon releasing the 4000 militia ordered to be raised for co-operating with De Estaing &c. &c.

Pressing letters from N. Haven for militia and expressing their great apprehensions of a visit from the enemy &c.

Granted a permit to Ich^d Allen of Sharon to export to Massachusetts 6 barrels of flour, for the sole purpose of exchange for salt for particular families at Sharon.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Elip ^d Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Sam ^l Mott,	
David Mumford,		

On motion of Lt. Col. Sherman &c., letters wrote Gen^l Washington recommending his promotion to the lieutenant colonency and command of the 8 Regt. in the Connecticut Line in the continental army, in the room of Col. Giles Russell deceased the 28 of October last. And Lt. Col. Hoyt to the place of said Sherman in the regiment.

And many other matters considered.

P. M. According to a citation from the Governor, Mr. Edward Hallam, D. Commissary of Issues at N. London, attended to answer to complaints exhibited against him for unfaithfulness in his department in sundry respects, and a number of witnesses present and examined, and a number of depositions exhibited, and he was heard fully &c. &c. And on consideration of the whole matter the following judgment and decree was pass'd, viz: Whereas Mr. Edward Hallam, Assistant Commissary of Issues at N. London, has been complained of for neglect of duty in suffering the butchers to embezzle some of the public stores of meat and suffering cattle sent in for the use of the troops in that department to pine for want of feed, and sundry other matters, and the said Mr. Hallam having been duly cited to appear before the Governor and Council of Safety at Lebanon the 24th of Nov^r inst.

1779, to answer to the said several matters of complaint, and appeared accordingly, and being fully heard in the premises, and the evidences for and against him also heard and duly consider'd, and it appearing he had agreed to receive beef cattle alive from the D. Com. Gen. of Purchases for the use of the troops: This Board is of opinion, that the said Hallam is guilty of having too much neglected his duty in the matters complained of, in several instances, to the disadvantage of the public interest, probably owing in good measure to his being engaged and involved in multiplicity of other businesses; and the said Hallam willing and moving to resign and be released from said office of assistant commissary of issues, his resignation is therefore accepted, and he is accordingly releas'd and dismissed from his said office of assistant commissary of issues from and after the last day of Nov' inst., and directed to deliver over all public stores then remaining in his hands to the officer who shall by this Board be appointed in his stead.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Elip^d Dyer, Nath^l Wales, }
Jz. Huntington, Sam^l Mott, } Esq^r.
Wm. Williams, David Mumford, }

Many matters considered.

Nath^l Spooner of Burmuda being arrived with about 300 bushells of salt, best kind, moving for permission to barter the same for our produce &c., and on consideration, and in order to prevent increasing prices &c., allowed him to sell said salt to Messrs. Coit & Howland, Norwich: said Howland present and engaging to dispose the same to the inhabitants at the following rates per bushell for the salt, *viz*: wheat 3½, flour 1c., corn 7 bush., beans 3½, butter 30lb., cheese 60lb. for one, pork and beef at what it can be purchased, and other articles in proportion: to which said Howland agreed and signed.

After much consideration, concluded, ordered and resolved, that one half the militia, heretofore order'd to be rais'd and marched on the 10th of Octo. last, and whose march was after suspended, that the half of them, *viz*: on the west side of Connecticut River, be forthwith ordered to be marched under proper officers and stationed at several places, *viz*: Gen. Ward's at N. Haven, except 2 companys; Silliman's brigade at Stanford and Stratford; Gen Hart's at Stratford; Gen. E. Wolcott's at New Haven, and orders are sent out accordingly.

Much evil, fraud and plunder having been often complained to have been committed by whale boats &c., on that and several other accounts the following vote and resolve is pass'd, *viz*:

Resolved, That his Excellency be and he is hereby requested to call on Maj. Gen^l Spencer to wait on his Excellency without delay and to receive his Excellency's orders for reconnoitring the several posts on the sea coasts of this State, inspecting the several guards and companys of men stationed for defence, give every necessary order for the common safety, detect every species of communication and correspondence with the enemy, take effectual measures for putting a stop to and preventing the mischievous practices of

the commissioned and other boats along the coasts, with every direction his Excellency may think necessary to give herein for the safety and well being of the State.

This Board do appoint Mr. Guy Richards of N. London to be an Assistant Commissary of Issues at the post of New London, and including Saybrook, in the stead of Mr. Edward Hallam resigned and dismissed.

Adjourned to the 15th December next.

The judgment in Mr. Hallam's case as per 3 and 4 * finished this day.

26th November, 1779. Drew an order on Commissary Fanning to deliver to the owners of the *Young Cromwell* twenty barrells of flour, in part of what was taken from the prize.

Sign'd by

4th. December, 1779. An order to Doct. Elderkin to furnish Sergeant Lothrop Davis in Capt. Selden's company in Colo. Meiggs's regiment with one pair of stockings and one pair of shoes, at the regulated prices — he to pay — The advance to be charged to the United States or this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY, LEBANON,
DECEMBER 15TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

William Hillhouse,	Joseph Plat Cook,	} Esq ^r .
Daniel Sherman,	David Mumford,	

Not being a quorum, adjourn'd till tomorrow.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF] SAFETY AT LEBANON,
DECEMBER 16TH, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,	Samuel Bishop,	} Esq ^r .
Abraham Davenport,	Joseph Plat Cook,	
William Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	
James Wadsworth,	Jesse Root,	
Daniel Sherman,	Samuel Mott,	

Resolved, That the orders given by the Captain General to Maj^r Gen^l Spencer on the 27th day of November last be continued in force until the 6th day of January next, at which time to report to the Captain General.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN
LEBANON DECEMBER 17TH, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Sam ^l Bishop,	} Esq ^r .
Abraham Davenport,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Dan ⁿ Sherman,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	
Ja ^s Wadsworth,		

Resolved, That the several accounts of expences in taking up David Peet

* Page, 442, *ante*.

and Benjamin Peet of Stratford and other suspected persons by order of his Excellency the Governor exhibited to this Board, also Capt. David Phelps and Lieut. John Chick their accounts for taking depositions and attending as witnesses in a cause at Lebanon before the Governor and Council of Safety, be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment and order of payment thereon.

Seth Baker of Barnstable having brought into this State 51 bushels of rock-salt, 31 bush. Lisbon salt and 15½ bushels American manufactured salt, 3 barrels of clear oil, 1 barrel guery, 1 barrel of molasses, to exchange for the necessaries of life: Resolved, that the said Baker be permitted to exchange said articles for rye, indian corn, cheese, tallow and flax, not exceeding the following rates, viz: 1 bush. rock-salt for 3 bushels of beans or 4 bush. of rye, or 6 bush. of indian corn. Lisbon salt for the like articles at two-thirds of that quantity, and American manufactured salt at one half of that quantity. One gallon of clear oil for one bushel of rye or indian corn in proportion. The barrel of guery for a saddle, and the molasses at one gallon for 10 lb. of cheese or flax or 7 lb. of tallow: provided he sell to no person more than 2 bushels of rock-salt or 3 bush. of Lisbon salt, or 4 bushels of American manufactured salt, and to export the avails thereof by water to said Barnstable.

James Nickerson, of Chatham in the State of Massachusetts Bay, having brought into this State 100 bushels of salt, three barrells of oyl, 7 barrells of gurry, to exchange for the necessarys of life: Resolved, that the said Nickerson be permitted to exchange said articles for rye, indian corn, cheese, tallow and flax, not exceeding the following rates, viz: one bushel of rock-salt for three bushels of beans, 4 bushells of rye or six bushels of indian corn. Lisbon salt for the like articles at two-thirds of the aforesaid quantity. American manufactured salt for the like articles at one half of the above rates. One gallon of clear carriers oyl for one bushel of rye or indian corn in proportion. Gurry by the gallon at half the above rate. Provided he sell or dispose of it to no one person more than 2 bushells of rock-salt, 3 bushels of Lisbon salt, 4 bushels of American manufactured salt, and that he export the avails thereof to the said Chatham.

Whereas information hath been made to this Board against Samuel Whiting, Esq', Colo. Commandant of the 4th Brigade of Militia in this State, for sundry misdemeanours in said office, especially in that orders had been given by his Excellency Governor Trumbull to Lieut. Colo. Dimon to apprehend and secure a number of persons of the name of Peet and others supposed to be inimical to these States, as prisoners of the State: But that the said Colo. Whiting in violation of the positive orders of Governor Trumbull, Commander-in-Chief, and in pretended virtue of his commission as colonel commandant, liberated from confinement the said Peets and others after they had been apprehended and confined by the said Lt. Colo. Dimon; and being duly notified to appear before this Board on the 14th day of instant December to answer to said information and complaint, as well as to such other matters as might be alledg'd against him for misconduct in his said office, the said Colo. Whiting appeared, and upon fully hearing the evidences produc'd against him by Lt. Colo. Dimon and others with respect to the matters alledg'd, and after hearing the said Colo. Whiting with the evidences produced by him in his defence, do find that by the conduct of Colo. Whiting in the matters complain'd of, the said Lt. Colo. Dimon had just reason

to give the information above mentioned, but that the said Colo. Whiting, not duly apprehending the last peremptory order given by Governor Trumbull to Lt. Colo. Dimon by Lt. Chick, being only verbal, did not in his conduct in releasing the said Peets &c. from their confinement, intentionally violate the order of the Commander-in-Chief, but on repeated examination of the said Peets finding no direct evidence against them, and as he affirms had no knowledge of the Governor's verbal order, only liberated them from their close confinement, taking such security as he thought necessary that they should be forthcoming and ready to be deliver'd up to such orders as the Governor or Commander-in-Chief should after give concerning them. And as to some other matters alledg'd, tho' not of so great consequence yet we apprehend the said Colo. Whiting not to have conducted with that prudence and discretion which he ought to have exercised, yet it arose rather from too yielding a disposition than any ill intention or design,—do therefore, on consideration thereof, acquit the said Colo. Whiting and do thereupon restore him, the said Colo. Whiting, to his former command.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Sam ⁿ Bishop,	} Esq ^m .
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Dan ⁿ Sherman,	Sam ⁿ Mott,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	
Jas ^s Wadsworth,		

Whereas Ephraim Kelcy, serjeant of the guard stationed at the west society in Saybrook, on the 27th day of Nov^r last seized one trunk and three sacks containing a quantity of goods and remnants belonging to Doct^r Wm. Lawrence, a friendly refugee from Long Island, which he had brought from said island by permission, yet not strictly conforming to the directions in the permit; and the said Kelcy having made report thereof to his Excellency the Governor for advice: Resolved, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to advise the said Serj^t Kelcy to deliver the said trunk, sacks and goods to the said Doctor Lawrence on his paying to said Kelcy his reasonable expences in the premises.

Resolved, That Grace Chew be permitted to go by a flag of truce to N. York with her five children, Fanny, Joseph, W^m Johnson, Grace and John, taking with them their apparel.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY
HOLDEN IN LEBANON, DECEMBER 20TH, A.D. 1779.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Sam ⁿ Bishop,	} Esq ^m .
Abr ^m Davenport,	Joseph P. Cook,	
Dan ⁿ Sherman,	Sam ⁿ Mott,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	David Mumford,	
Ja ^s Wadsworth,		

Whereas complaint is made to his Excellency the Governor of great insufficiency in the quality and strength of the powder made, making and sold out at the powder manufactory at New Haven: Resolved, that James Wads-

worth and Andrew Ward, Esq^r, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to essay the powder made and making at the said manufactory, and enquire into the causes of any deficiency that may appear to be in the quality of the same, and make report to his Excellency the Governor of their proceedings therein as soon as conveniently may be, that proper order may be taken thereon.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to call upon the several collectors of the State taxes to forward the collection of the same and pay into the treasury all monies on hand, also to exhibit an account of all orders lodg'd with them drawn by the Committee of Pay-Table, as soon as may be, that an account thereof may be laid before the General Assembly in their next sessions, as there is a very pressing occasion for money and a full knowledge of the accounts.

Resolved, That the owners of the privateer sloop *Beaver* be permitted to transport to the West Indies thirty barrels of salted beef, exclusive of sea-stores for the crew, for the purpose of procuring salt.

Resolved, That two or three companys, as the Commander-in-Chief shall direct, of the regiment under the command of Lt. Colo. Com^{dt} Levi Wells remain at New London; that Lt. Colo. C. Wells and Major Buel with the remainder march to New Haven where said Lt. Colo. Wells shall take post with such number of said regiment as he may be order'd, and said Major Buell to take post at such place and with such number of said regiment as he may be order'd by the Captain General, and that on the arrival of the aforementioned troops at New Haven or other post where they may be ordered the militia there to be dismissed; and that B. Gen^l Ward be directed without delay to dismiss those who were to relieve the men now on duty on the first of January next.

Resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer in favour of Michael Pepper, a mariner on board the schooner *Spy* while commanded by Capt. Robert Niles, taken by the enemy and carried into England, or his attorney, for the sum of £76, the amount of his wages to the 4th day of July last, and charge the same to the United States in account with Capt. Robert Niles.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to write Peter Colt, Esq^r, advising of the distressed state of the troops posted at Horseneck for want of bread; that Mr. Dan^l Gray by order of Maj^r Gen^l Spencer by reason of the necessity of the case had made some supplies of bread at that post; requesting Mr. Colt to reimburse to said Gray his expenditures and that he continue to employ said Gray in procuring supplies of bread for said troops until further orders.

Resolved, That George Wyllys, Esq^r, treasurer of the county of Hartford, be and he is hereby directed to pay over to Joseph Plat Cook, Esq^r, all the moneys and any other articles which were contributed in that county for the sufferers in the towns of New Haven, Fairfield and Norwalk, taking his receipt for the same.

Similar resolve given to the treasurer of the county of Litchfield.

Similar resolves given to the treasurers of the countys of Windham and New London, in favour of Abraham Davenport, Esq^r.*

* On the 5th of August, 1779, Governor Trumbull, with the advice and at the desire of the Council, issued a Brief calling for contributions for the relief of the sufferers at New Haven, Fairfield, and Norwalk. A printed copy of it is before me. The money raised was to be paid to the respective county treasurers and to be distributed in accordance with orders of the Governor and Council of Safety.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY ADJOURNMENT AND SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF JANUARY, BEING THE SIXTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, ANNO DOMINI, 1780.*

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r, *Governor.*

The Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq ^r ,	} <i>Assistants.</i>
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq ^r ,	
Jabez Huntington, Esq ^r ,	
William Pitkin, Esq ^r ,	
Abraham Davenport, Esq ^r ,	
Joseph Spencer, Esq ^r ,	
Oliver Wolcott, Esq ^r ,	
Richard Law, Esq ^r ,	
William Williams, Esq ^r ,	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz :

Colo. Thomas Seymour, Capt. Jonathan Wells, for Hartford.

Mr. Ichabod Warner, Mr. Samuel Carver jun^r, for Bolton.

Mr. Ebenezer White, Capt. Joseph Kellogg, for Chatham.

Colo. Henry Champion, Major Elias Worthington, for Colchester.

Colo. Jabez Chapman, Capt. Israel Spencer, for East Haddam.

Gen^l Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Frederick Elsworth, for East Windsor.

Mr. Eliphalet Terry, Capt. Daniel Perkins, for Enfield.

Mr. John Treadwell, General Selah Hart, for Farmington.

Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, Mr. Elizur Hale, for Glastonbury.

Capt. Joseph Brooks, Capt. James Hazleton, for Haddam.

Capt. Daniel Ingraham, Colo. Joel Jones, for Hebron.

Mr. John Dickinson, Mr. Ebenezer Bacon, for Middletown.

Capt. Thomas Pitkin, Major Abiel Pease, for Somers.

Colo. Stephen Moulton, Mr. Isaac Foot, for Stafford.

Major Elihu Kent, Mr. Phineas Sheldon, for Suffield.

Capt. Amasa Mills, Mr. Benja. Farnam, for Symsbury.

Capt. Elijah Robinson, Mr. Samuel Cobb, for Tolland.

Mr. Stephen M. Mitchell, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.

Mr. Seth Crocker, Capt. Ebenezer Heath, for Willington.

Mr. Eliakim Marshall, Mr. Alex^r Wolcott, for Windsor.

Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Eneas Munson, for New Haven.

Colo. Edward Russell, Mr. Jonathⁿ Clark, for Branford.

* The Journal of the Lower House begins with Wednesday, 19th January, 1780, but a quorum did not assemble so as to do business until Saturday, January 23d. This was on account of severe snow storms. The session finally adjourned on Thursday evening, March 2d.

Capt. William Cogswell, Capt. Ebenezer Clarke, for Washington.
 Mr. Daniel Sherman, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
 for Westmoreland.

Andrew Adams, Esq^r, Speaker } of the House of Representatives.
 Jedidiah Strong, Esq^r, Clerk }

An Act in further Addition to a Law of this State entitled An Act to enable the Governor to lay an Embargo and for rendering the Same when laid effectual.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority aforesaid, That every town of this State shall forthwith choose a suitable number of active, vigilant and discreet men, who shall be called Inspectors of Provisions, whose duty it shall be, either jointly or severally, to stop, detain and secure any embargoed provisions which he or they shall suspect are driving, carrying or transporting through the town for which he or they are appointed inspectors, with an intent to carry or drive the same out of this State contrary to law. And said inspectors, or any of them, shall, as soon as he or they shall have detained and secured such provisions, give information thereof to an assistant and justice of the peace, or to two justices of the peace of that county wherein such provisions are detained, of the quantity, kind and circumstances thereof, and thereupon said civil authority shall take cognizance of the matters contained in such information, and shall proceed relative thereto in detaining, removing or returning such provisions to the owner or owners thereof as is by law already directed. And it shall also be the duty of said inspectors, to give information as aforesaid against any person or persons, whom he or they shall suspect of having drove or carried any embargoed provisions out of this State, contrary to law; and of any person or persons, who shall store, hold, conceal, or put on board any vessell, boat or water-craft, any such provisions with such an intent as aforesaid; and said civil authority shall proceed therein according to law: Provided nevertheless, that whenever said civil authority shall find upon good evidence that such provisions were transporting, carrying or driving out of this State, or are stored, concealed, or put on board any vessell or other water-craft for that purpose, they shall apprise the same according to the current price thereof, and deliver the same to some purchasing commissary for the use of the army, upon his paying or depositing the value thereof according to such apprizement in the hands of such authority, to be by them delivered over to the owner or owners thereof after deducting therefrom the costs which have arisen; and provided any such owner refuses or neglects to take said money after deduction of all costs, within six months after such apprizement, in full satisfaction for such provisions, such money shall be deemed forfeited to the use and placed in the treasury of that town wherein such provisions shall be found and proceeded against as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That any of said inspectors shall have power to require any assistance necessary to enable him to execute the

duties of his said office, and if any person of ability shall refuse to afford such assistance when required, he shall suffer the same penalties as those are liable to who refuse to assist sheriffs and constables in the execution of their offices; and such inspectors shall be paid for their time and expences for prosecuting the offences aforesaid when they shall apply therefor to said civil authority, such sum as they shall judge reasonable, who shall order payment thereof according to law.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no embargoed provisions shall be water born out of the limits of any county in this State, without the special permission of the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this State, or of an assistant and two justices of the peace, or of three justices of the peace *quorum unus*, certifying that bonds have been given to land such provisions according to law in some place within this State; which bonds and certificate such assistant and justice of the peace may give, take or refuse, according to their discretion; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Always provided, That nothing is hereby intended to prevent any provisions being carried out as aforesaid which shall be necessary stores for vessels going to sea, or such as shall be transported by any commissary for the use of the confederate army, or for the troops of this State.

That his Excellency the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this State be desired and empowered to make requisition, as occasion shall require, of the troops of the confederate army which are or shall be cantoned in this State, and that he direct any troops in the pay of this State to observe such a conduct to prevent any embargoed provisions going out of this State contrary to law as he shall judge proper: yet so as that no such orders shall be given as shall render such provisions forfeited nor detained more than twenty-four hours, except by an order from the civil authority as mentioned in this act.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be in the power of the civil authority and selectmen of any town in this State, whenever they shall judge that any cattle or other moveable property is so situated that it will probably be clandestinely carried or drove to the enemy, or is in danger of falling into their hands, and that on account thereof the publick interest renders it expedient that such property should be removed, that they give order that the same be removed into any part of their town or into any other town in this State as they shall judge proper, and may require such aid of the militia as they shall judge needfull to carry such order into execution, and that no owner of such property so removed shall have liberty to take or receive the same without an order therefor from said civil authority and selectmen, and until he shall pay the costs for the removing, keeping and detention of such property, if demanded, as shall be allowed by the authority and selectmen aforesaid.

And whereas there are inhabitants dwelling between the American and British lines contiguous to or near the town of Greenwich, who

make a practice of purchasing embargoed provisions in this State and transporting or driving the same to their habitations contrary to law, from whence such provisions are conveyed to the enemy of the United States: Which evil to prevent,

Be it enacted, That if any person dwelling within said lines shall purchase any embargoed provisions, or any live stock within this State, without licence first obtained in writing under the hands of two justices of the peace of the county wherein such provisions are purchased, who are hereby authorized to give the same, specifying the articles he or they are allowed to purchase, shall suffer three months imprisonment by order of two justices of peace, and not be discharged therefrom until he or they shall pay all costs. And all such purchases are hereby declared null and void, and all articles so purchased shall be forfeited to him who shall prosecute therefor to effect, and shall upon proof before two justices of peace, who are hereby authorized to take cognizance thereof, be delivered over to such prosecutor for his benefit. And if any person belonging to this State shall sell or convey any embargoed provisions to any person whom he shall know at the time of such sale or conveyance usually dwelleth between said lines, without licence first obtained as aforesaid, such person so selling shall forfeit and pay to him who shall prosecute therefor to effect, double the value of such provisions so sold, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information.

Resolved by this Assembly, That eighteen hundred able-bodied effective men be forthwith raised by voluntary enlistment, to compleat the numbers recommended by Congress as the proportion of the continental army for this State. That as an encouragement to such able-bodied and effective men to enlist during the present war, in addition to the continental bounties and encouragements there be allowed and paid by this State to each such recruit at the time of his enlistment three hundred dollars, and also the sum of forty shillings monthly wages and pay during the time such recruit shall continue in service as heretofore engaged to soldiers in the continental army raised by this State to be made good to such recruit, agreeable to the resolves of this Assembly heretofore passed to fix and ascertain the wages and pay of the officers and soldiers in the Connecticut Line in said army. And such recruit shall further be entituled to the same encouragement, supplies and emoluments, and for like purposes, as are allowed to soldiers in the Connecticut Line aforesaid.

And it is further resolved, That the Treasurer do deliver as soon as may be the sum of sixty thousand pounds in continental bills unto Colo. John Chandler, taking his receipt therefor; and the said Colo. Chandler is hereby appointed and directed, with all convenient dispatch, to repair to the army, consult with the officers of the Connecticut Line, and thereupon, in conjunction with them, to use his utmost address and endeavour to recruit the Connecticut battalions

by engaging and re-inlisting such of the soldiers now in service who are not already inlisted during the war, or any others, and to pay to each recruit he may so engage the sum of three hundred dollars in addition to the sum allowed by Congress as a bounty, taking his receipt for the same; and he is further directed to make return of the number of men he may so engage, with the towns to which they respectively belong, to his Excellency the Governor by the first day of April next, and render an account to this Assembly in May next of his doings and of the sums he may so lay out or expend as aforesaid.

And it is further resolved, That the Treasurer, from time to time as the Governor and Council of Safety may direct the Committee of Pay-Table, do deliver to the several recruiting officers in this State, upon order drawn upon him for that purpose by said committee such sums as may be necessary for the inlisting recruits to fill up said battalions, to be charged to such recruiting officers and for which they shall account.

And it is further resolved, That the several recruiting officers herein mentioned be and they are hereby severally directed to make returns to his Excellency the Governor of all such persons whom they shall have inlisted with their names and the towns and companies to which they respectively belong by the first day of April next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That an act and resolve of laying an embargo on certain articles of provision and other things therein mentioned, passed by this Assembly in May, 1778, be forthwith printed, published and distributed, for the information and use of the inhabitants of this State, in like manner as the laws of the said State usually are.

Whereas this Assembly have resolved to raise eighteen hundred men for the recruiting the several battalions of this State in the continental army, and for the encouragement to such who shall inlist in said service during the war have granted such encouragement as they have thought just and reasonable, and have ordered returns to be made to the Governor of all such persons who shall inlist with the names and places of their abode by the first day of April next: but notwithstanding the encouragements aforesaid, it may so happen that there may be a considerable deficiency in the number requisite to fill up said battalions, therefore,

Resolved, That the Governor with his Council of Safety be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to order such deficiency to be made up and completed by peremptory detachment after said first day of April next: such persons so detached to serve for a term not exceeding nine months, wherein respect shall be had as near as may be to the numbers that shall have been furnished by each town for continental service during the war to the number that may be estimated their true and just proportion. Such detachments to be

apportioned and ordered accordingly, and that all such persons who may be detached for the service aforesaid, and who shall actually in consequence thereof go into the service, shall be entitled to the same wages, refreshments and allowances, and in having the same made good in equity during their continuance in service as aforesaid, as are allowed to the continental soldiers enlisted from this State. And the Governor and Council of Safety are hereby further authorized, if necessity requires to fill up the number recommended by Congress, to allow such bounty as they shall judge reasonable to such as shall voluntarily enlist to fill up said battalions for the said term of nine months.

Whereas the General Assembly of this State, at their sessions in May last, ordered that eight hundred of the militia of this State should be raised by inlistment or detachment, to join the continental army and serve under continental officers in the Connecticut Line in said army till the 15th day of January then next, and that said recruits so inlisted or detached should be allowed the same pay, refreshments and family support during the term of their service as those are entitled to who belonged to the continental army and the term of their service is now expired.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. John Chandler be and he is hereby appointed and directed, to repair to the continental army and there procure copies of the pay-rolls by which said militia recruits receive their pay out of the continental chest, and from such rolls to make out a general pay-abstract for the whole of said recruits, taking for a rule of discount the difference of the value of money which the committee of this Assembly for settling with the army have or may adopt between the time of the inlistment of the continental army and the first of January instant, having first made application to the Committee of Pay-Table for accounts of all supplies furnished the families of said recruits during their said service, and also to the committee of this State now making a settlement with the army committee for a rule by which the said detached men shall be charged with the amount of refreshments supplied to them by this State while in the service, and in making up said pay-abstract to deduct such supplies, refreshments and continental wages so received from their respective wages, particularly noticing in said pay-abstract the town to which said recruits severally belong, and the same when completed to lodge with the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall draw therefor in favour of the colonel of the regiment of foot or major of the regiment of horse to which said recruits belong when at home, taking his receipt therefor, who shall pay over the same to said recruits according to said pay-abstract and take their receipts therefor and lodge them with the Committee of Pay-Table. Said Colo. Chandler making up said pay-abstract shall allow to the cavalry one fourth part more than the wages of the infantry; and the Committee of Pay-Table on their

receiving said pay-abstract shall give notice thereof in the several newspapers in this state.

Upon the memorial of the committee appointed by the army to endeavour completing a settlement of arrears due the army, shewing to this Assembly that the Assembly's committee appointed to make said settlement think themselves not authorized to take into consideration every claim to justice the army think themselves entitled to make, naming in said memorial sundry particulars which they pray this Assembly to take into consideration; as per memorial on file.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the depreciation of the paper bills in the two last quarters only of the year 1777 ought to be taken into consideration to find a mean rate of depreciation for that year, and that the Assembly's committee take into consideration every possible claim to justice the gentlemen from the army might suppose themselves entitled to make, especially any consequential damages accruing to the army by reason of their expending their monies in the neighbouring States, where articles of refreshment have at times been at a higher price than in this State.

And whereas the settlement of the arrears due to the army is like to take up much more time than was at first expected, and the gentlemen of the army committee are at great expence over and above the rations and forage they draw from the publick,

Therefore resolved, That the reasonable expence they are at over and above the value of the rations and forage they draw for* have right to receive shall be paid out of the treasury of this State, and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby ordered and directed to examine and adjust said accounts of expences of the gentlemen of the army committee while sitting on said business, and draw on the said Treasurer of this State for what they shall find just and reasonable above the value of the rations as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table on application to them made by Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey, Purchasing Clothier for this State, be directed to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred thousand pounds continental currency, in favour of the said Whittlesey, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same as soon as may be, taking his receipt, who is to account therefor when thereto required. And the said clothier is hereby authorized and directed, on receipt thereof, to purchase for the officers of the Connecticut Line of the continental army, respectively, suits of cloathing suitable to their rank and station, agreeable to the resolve of Congress for that purpose, and from time to time as shall be necessary; and as such cloathing may be procured to deliver the same to said officers, taking their receipts; and that the said cloathier transmit to the Pay-Table office from time to time accurate accounts

* " Or " in original bill. *Rev. War,* xv, 804.

of such purchases and issues, specifying the sterling cost of the several articles of cloathing as aforesaid, the prices given, and to whom delivered; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to charge the amount of such purchases to the account of the United States. And the officers to whom such cloathing, or any part thereof, shall be delivered as aforesaid, shall be charged for the same in the settlement of their pay at 300 *per cent.* computed from the sterling cost of such articles of cloathing respectively.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the guards of Colo. Levi Wells's regiment, except the two companies stationed at New London, be forthwith discharged from the service in said regiment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be forthwith detached out of the militia in the towns of Stamford and Norwalk two companies, each company to consist of fifty non-commissioned officers and privates, each company to be commanded by one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign: That they immediately repair to the town of Greenwich and there join the guards now there for defence of that important post till further aid shall be sent.

It is also further resolved by this Assembly, That there be forthwith drafted out of the militia in the brigade under the command of Brigadier Gen^l Silliman, and that brigade under the command of Briga. General Hart, eight companies: four companies out of each of said brigades; each of said companies to consist of fifty men, including non-commission officers and privates: each of said companies to be commanded by one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign: the whole to be commanded by one lieutenant colonel and one major. That they immediately repair to Greenwich and take post there under the command of Colo. John Mead for defence of that place, untill the first of May next, unless sooner dismissed. That they be supplied with provisions by one or more commissaries to be appointed for that purpose by his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety. That the wages and supplies of the officers and soldiers of said companies to be the same as is allowed to the other guards raised and employ'd for defence of this State.

And his Excellency the Governor is hereby desired to issue proper orders to carry the foregoing resolves into speedy and compleat execution.

Resolved by this Assembly, That forty men be raised and stationed at Greenwich as guards for the purpose of defence against the incursions of the enemy and to prevent unlawfull intercourse with them, to consist of one lieutenant, one ensign, two serjeants, and thirty-six rank and file; and also, that twenty-seven be raised and stationed at Stamford, to consist of one lieutenant, one serjeant and twenty-five rank and file, to serve as a matross company; also, that sixty-seven

men be raised over and above said matross company and stationed at Stamford aforesaid, to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, and one ensign, four serjeants and sixty rank and file ; also, that twenty-six men be raised and stationed at the town of Norwalk, to consist of one lieutenant, one serjeant and twenty-four rank and file, to serve as a matross company ; also, that sixty-seven men be raised over and above said matross company, to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, and one ensign, four serjeants, and sixty rank and file, and stationed there ; also, that twenty-six men be raised and stationed at Fairfield, to consist of one lieutenant, one serjeant, and twenty-four rank and file, to serve as a matross company ; also, that sixty-seven men over and [above] said matross company be raised and stationed at Fairfield, to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, four serjeants, and sixty rank and file ; also that sixty-seven men, to consist of one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign, four serjeants, and sixty rank and file, be raised and stationed at Stratford ; also, that thirty-eight men, to consist of one lieutenant, two serjeants, and thirty-five rank and file, be raised and stationed at Milford ; also, that ninety-four men, to consist of one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four serjeants, and eighty-six rank and file, be raised and stationed at New Haven, and to have the care and charge of the fort there ; also, that one serjeant, one corporal and twelve privates, be raised and stationed at Branford ; also, that twenty-seven men be raised and stationed at Guilford, to consist of one subaltern, two serjeants, and twenty-four rank and file ; also, that twenty-four men, to consist of one subaltern and two serjeants, and twenty-one rank and file, be raised and stationed at Killingworth ; also, that thirty-three men, to consist of one subaltern, two serjeants, and thirty rank and file, be raised and stationed at Saybrook, and to take the care and charge of the fort there ; also, that forty-five men, to consist of one lieutenant, one ensign, three serjeants, and forty rank and file, be raised and stationed between the mouth of Connecticut River and New London ; also, two companies, to consist of fifty men each, including for officers one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one lieutenant fireworker, two serjeants and two corporals, which companies are to do the duty and service of artillery men or matrosses, so far as may be necessary in their station and as the circumstances of the case may be, and when not incompatible with that service to do such other duty of soldiers as shall be reasonably required of them by their officers or commanders in the station, to be stationed at New London, Groton and Stonington, in such manner as his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall direct.

The aforesaid guards to be continued in service till the first day of January next, unless sooner dismissed.

Also, that one suitable convenient boat be provided for each respective town in this State lying on the sea-coast, excepting only that space between Connecticut River and New London being so great

that requires two boats; which boats shall be improved under the directions of the commanders of the guards posted in each respective town, to cruize in the Sound every night in the most effectual manner to prevent all intercourse with the enemy. Also, that said guards be raised by voluntary enlistment, if it may be effected by the first day of April next; but, if it cannot be effected by that time, then said guards shall be raised by detachment out of the militia of this State, in such manner as his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall direct; and his Excellency the Governor is hereby desired to issue his orders for the appointment of the officers for said guards, and to carry this act into full and compleat execution. The commanding officers of such guards to receive orders from and make their returns to the commanding field officers of the regiments of militia respectively within whose limits such guard is posted.

And also it is enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there be raised and equipped for the service aforesaid two regiments under the command of one lieutenant-colonel-commandant and one major: each regiment to consist of eight companies: each company to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and fifty-five privates, to be continued in service till the first day of January next, unless sooner dismissed. And that, for the service of the said regiments, the field officers shall appoint one adjutant, one quarter-master, one surgeon and mate, and one serjeant-major; all to be under the direction of the General Assembly of this State, or in their recess to be under the direction of the Governor and Council of Safety; and that the officers and soldiers of the aforesaid regiments and guards to be allowed such wages, pay and supplies, as the Assembly of this State shall order and direct. That said two regiments shall be raised by voluntary enlistments, if to be effected by the first day of April next, but if it cannot be effected by that time, then by detachment as this Assembly or in their recess his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall order and direct.

This Assembly do appoint Levi Wells, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of one of the regiments now ordered to be raised, to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Bezaleel Bebee, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of one of the regiments now ordered to be raised, to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Shipman, Esq^r, to be Major of one of the regiments now ordered to be raised, to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Elias Buell, Esq^r, to be Major of one of the regiments now ordered to be raised, to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Granger, Edward Payne, Israel Converse, John Lewiss, Jacob Whitmore, Jabez Fitch, Lee Lay, John Morgan, Nathan Chapman, Ezekiel Sanford, David Olmsted, Nathaniel Wales 3d, Joshua Bottom, Peter Curtiss, Gershom Hewit, and Ben-

jamin Mills, to be Captains of the two regiments of troops now ordered to be raised, to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint John Franciss, David Deming, Joseph Hull, Samuel Akins, Joseph Smith, Josiah Winter, Sanford Billings, David Spencer, Samuel Patterson, John Trowbridge, Daniel Knowlton, William Talcott, Jonathan Nichols jun^r, Abner Willson, Aaron Pinney, and Gideon Mills, to be Lieutenants in the two regiments of troops now ordered to be raised, to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Simon Fobes, Russell Bissell, Dan Hibbard, Henry Bull, Asahel Harrison, Samuel Doty, Elijah Boardman, William Brainerd, Amos Bostwick, Ezra Burch, Jesse Hoit, Daniel Foster, Hezekiah Bugbee, Solomon Tisdale, Alexander Bushnell, and Eli Smith, to be Ensigns in the two regiments of troops* now ordered to be raised, to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

Arrangement of Officers in the two Regiments now ordered to be raised for the Defence of this State are as follows:

First Regiment.

Levi Wells Lieutenant Colonel Commandant.	Elias Buell Major.
Samuel Granger, Captain.	Lee Lay, Captain,
John Franciss, Lieutenant.	Sanford Billings, Lieutenant.
Dan Hibbard, Ensign.	William Brainerd, Ensign.
Edward Payne, Captain.	John Morgan, Captain.
David Deming, Lieutenant.	David Spencer, Lieutenant.
Russell Bissell, Ensign.	Solomon Tisdale, Ensign.
Israel Convers, Captain.	Nathaniel Wales 3d, Captain.
Jonathan Nichols jun ^r , Lieutenant.	William Talcott, Lieutenant.
Simon Fobs, Ensign.	Daniel Foster, Ensign.
Jabez Fitch, Captain.	Joshua Bottom, Captain.
Josiah Winter, Lieutenant.	Daniel Knowlton, Lieutenant.
Elijah Boardman, Ensign.	Hezekiah Bugbee, Ensign.

Second Regiment.

Bezaleel Beebe Lieutenant Colonel Commandant.	Edward Shipman Major.
John Lewiss, Captain.	Benjamin Mills, Captain.
Joseph Smith, Lieutenant.	Aaron Pinney, Lieutenant.
Asahel Harrison, Ensign.	Alexander Bushnel, Ensign.
Jacob Whitmore, Captain.	Nathan Chapman, Captain.
Samuel Akins, Lieutenant.	Joseph Hull, Lieutenant.
Samuel Doty, Ensign.	Amos Bostwick, Ensign.
Peter Curtiss, Captain.	Ezekiel Sanford, Captain.
Gideon Mills, Lieutenant.	John Trowbridge, Lieutenant.
Eli Smith, Ensign.	Ezra Burch, Ensign.
Gershom Hewet, Captain.	David Olmsted, Captain.
Abner Willson, Lieutenant.	Samuel Patterson, Lieutenant.
Henry Bull, Ensign.	Jesse Hoit, Ensign.

* The towns to which these officers belonged are named in *Rev. War*, xv, 285.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the wages and subsistence of the guards to be raised for defence of the sea-coast in this State be as follows: For their subsistence till they can be supplied from the publick stores, each non-commissioned officer and private shall be allowed one shilling and three pence per day; and that each captain shall be allowed two shillings per day, each lieutenant and each ensign one shilling and six pence per day, to such as supply themselves for subsistence till they can be supplied from the publick stores, and then to be supplied with the same rations in the same manner as has been heretofore done.

And that the wages of each captain while in service shall be, £6 0 0

And for each lieutenant shall be, 4 0 0

And for each ensign shall be, 3 0 0

And for each serjeant shall be, 2 8 0

And for each corporal, drummer and fife shall be, 2 4 0

And for each private shall be, 2 0 0

per month, while they continue in service: All to be paid in bills of credit on this State ordered by this Assembly to be emitted, or in continental bills equivalent. And, for the encouragement of such as shall equip themselves and enlist into the two regiments ordered to be raised for the defence of this State, each non-commissioned officer and private shall be paid the sum of twenty shillings upon their inlistment to such as shall equip themselves as aforesaid. And that the wages of the officers and privates in the aforesaid two regiments, per month, while they continue in service shall be as follows, viz:

To each lieutenant colonel, £12 0 0

To each major, 10 0 0

To the adjutant, 4 0 0

To the quarter-master, 4 0 0

To the surgeon, 7 0 0

To the surgeon's mate, 4 0 0

To the serjeant-major, 2 14 0

To each captain, 6 0 0

To each lieutenant, 4 0 0

To each ensign, 3 0 0

To each serjeant, 2 8 0

To each corporal, drummer and fifer, 2 4 0

To each private, 2 0 0

All to be paid in bills of credit ordered by this Assembly to be emitted, or in continental bills equivalent, to be paid to such as shall equip themselves and inlist. And that the officers and soldiers of said two regiments to be raised as aforesaid shall have the same allowance for subsistence till they can be supplied from the publick stores as is allowed to the guards to be raised for defence of the sea-coast, and then to be supplied from the publick stores in the same manner as has been heretofore done.

Whereas this Assembly, at their session in May, 1779, ordered and resolved that eight hundred able-bodied recruits should be then immediately raised within this State and ordered to join the continental army, and did among other things provide and order that a premium of £20, lawful money, should be paid by this State and a uniform coat given to each effective man who should enlist to serve in any of the battalions in the continental army raised by this State until the 15th day of January then next, as by said act may appear: And whereas such uniform coat was provided in but few, if any, instances for such enlisted recruits, by reason of the scarcity of suitable cloath, and it is just that said failure should be compensated by an equivalent in money:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table, in settling the overplus wages due to such recruit or recruits as actually enlisted, joined and served in the continental army, in pursuance of said act, until the 15th January or until regularly discharged, be directed to allow to either of such recruits as aforesaid and who did not receive such uniform coats, the sum of fifty pounds in continental bills, in lieu and compensation of such coat failing to be delivered as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissaries appointed to receive and deliver out the cloathing and refreshments ordered to be supplied to the troops of this State in continental service be required to keep fair and just accounts of all such supplies of cloathing and refreshments by them respectively received for said purpose, as also particular accounts of the delivery of the same to each person receiving any part thereof; and that they make proper returns of said accounts and lodge them in the Pay-Table office of this State once in every six months, and oftner if required.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the pay and wages of the two companies of artillery commanded by Capt. Daniel Tyler and Jacob De Witt, for all services by them done since the month of May last, or when they shall hereafter be called into actual service, shall be for officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, an advance over and above the wages of the officers and soldiers of the militia one fourth part of the wages of the militia in their respective ranks.

Whereas his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety on the first day of September last appointed and ordered that a company of artillery should be raised in and about the town of Hartford, who were invited and called upon to enlist and undertake to form and exercise themselves in the management of field-pieces; that said company formed themselves accordingly and were furnished with two brass field-pieces from the park at Springfield, with the necessary apparatus to practice with; that said company proceeded to exercise, uniformly dressed and equipt themselves, and have acquired consid-

erable skill in the management of field artillery, and held themselves in readiness to march in defence of their country as occasion may require: but that said company hath never been organized, nor hath officers been appointed or commissioned:

Resolved by this Assembly, That said company shall consist of one captain, one lieutenant, two serjeants, two corporals, and thirty-six matrosses, for the purpose of exercising field-pieces when called to that service; and upon application made, the commanding officer of the first regiment of militia shall lead them to the choice of the commission officers as aforesaid and certify such choice to the General Assembly of this State at their next session, and if accepted shall be accordingly commissioned, and when formed and commissioned as aforesaid shall belong to and be under the command of the chief officer of the first regiment; and said company shall be exempted from other duty and be liable to be called into service with the militia whenever the service of the publick shall require: Provided that none are included in said company that are enlisted into or holden by draughts or otherwise for the continental army.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Hon^{ble} Samuel Huntington, Oliver Elsworth, Eliphalet Dyer, Oliver Wolcott, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Huntington, and Jesse Root, Esq^r, be and they are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this State in the Congress of the United States of America untill the first Monday of November next: two of said Delegates to represent this State in Congress, and not more than four to attend at one time on the charge of this State; any resolve of this Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding. And the said Delegates, or any two or more of them, are hereby invested with full power and authority to deliberate, counsell and resolve upon all matters that shall come before Congress agreeable to the Articles of Confederation assented to and ratified by this State, or in the manner hitherto used untill said Articles of Confederation are compleated and have full efficacy from the assent and ratification of the other States. And the Delegates aforesaid, or such of them as shall attend in Congress, are directed from time to time to transmit authentick copies of their acts and resolves to this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary of this State be and he is hereby directed to cause the nomination of Delegates to represent this State at the Congress of the United States, made by the freemen of this State and sent in to this Assembly in October last, to be forth with printed and distributed to the several towns in the following order, viz:

Oliver Elsworth, Esq^r,
 Samuel Huntington, Esq^r,
 Jesse Root, Esq^r,
 Titus Hosmer, Esq^r,

Richard Law, Esq^r,
 Andrew Adams, Esq^r,
 Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r,
 Jedidiah Strong, Esq^r,
 Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r,
 Roger Sherman, Esq^r,
 Benjamin Huntington, Esq^r,
 Pierpoint Edwards, Esq^r,

Agreeable to the votes of said freemen returned to said October Assembly.

Whereas his Excellency the Governor hath laid before this Assembly a proposal made by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Thursday, November 18th, 1779, to refer by mutual consent of parties the adjustment and decision of the claims of the two States to the territory within the charter bounds of Pennsylvania to the Hon^{ble} Congress to be adjusted and determined in the manner directed in and by the Articles of Confederation adopted by that and this State as the federal union of the thirteen free States of North America; such determination to have effect and be binding on the parties as if the said Articles were fully established: And whereas the territory referred to is within the charter bounds of Connecticut, granted long before that to Pennsylvania, and the aboriginal title of the Indians purchased and obtained by the inhabitants of this State with the approbation of this Assembly, and the dispute concerning said territory between these two States was expected to have been heard and determined in England, antecedent to the present contest with the King and Parliament of Great Britain, and many original papers and documents carried and lodged in Great Britain with council learned in the law to be used in such hearing before the commencement of the present war and before the declaration of the independence of these United States, and no time hath offered since to recover them, which papers are material to be had at the hearing and decision of the case between the two States: Also the Articles of Confederation are not fully established and the great contest between Great Britain and these States not terminated or settled:

Therefore, resolved, That this State do not at present agree to the proposal made by the State of Pennsylvania for the adjustment and decision of the claims of the two States to the territory referred to, but will readily comply to a decision of the cause agreeable to the Articles of Confederation at some reasonable and convenient time hereafter to be agreed upon or fixed.

On application of the Committee of Pay-Table for directions in the rule to be by them adopted in settling the pay &c. of the militia who were called out by virtue of an act of Assembly in October last to cooperate with Count De Estaing,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table allow to the field and commission officers designated for that service from the time they received orders for inlisting, and the non-commissioned officers and soldiers from the time of inlistment or detachment until discharged half pay, and whilst on their march or in actual service full pay and subsistence as allowed to the militia of this State, and charge the same to the United States.

Whereas there is in this State a number of refugees from Long Island, who have been drove out from their peaceable habitations merely for their attachment to the American cause, some of which have left their families, others their goods and effects, and are greatly straitned for a subsistence here for want of them, and by the bonds of humanity are in some way and manner to be relieved,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That in the recess of the Assembly his Excellency the Governor by and with the advice of the Council of Safety are hereby authorized and impowered to hear the application of any person or persons of the aforesaid character, and to grant permission to such person or persons as they may judge proper, to go to Long Island and to bring their families and effects, under such regulations and restrictions as they may judge proper: Always provided they never give permission to carry on any kind of provision except stores for the voyage, nor to bring off any British goods or merchandize, nor to any persons but such as shall be well recommended by the civil authority in and selectmen of the towns in which such refugees reside.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby fully authorized and impowered to make such order and provision as shall be needfull to the complying with and carrying into execution the several recommendations and resolutions of Congress of the 13th of January instant, respecting the receiving, holding, removing or exchanging of all prisoners of war that are or may be brought into this State, in such way and manner as that the cost or expences attending the same may be made a charge to the United States, untill this Assembly shall otherwise order or provide.

¶ *Ordered and directed,* That the Treasurer of this State pay and advance out of the publick treasury to the Hon^{ble} Samuel Huntington, Esq^r, or his order, one of the Delegates of this State, the sum of two thousand dollars, for which he is to be accountable, and charge the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the indigo belonging to this State, now in the possession of Capt. Jabez Perkins, shall be sold at publick auction, not exceeding the quantity contained in one cask at any one

lot, as soon as may be. And Capt. Jabez Perkins is hereby appointed to dispose of the same as aforesaid, or any part thereof as he shall find expedient, and is hereby directed to advertize in the publick newspapers the time and place appointed for sale; and when the sale shall be closed immediately to transmit the avails thereof to the Treasurer of this State, taking his receipt therefor.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the money arising from the sale of the indigo ordered to be disposed of by this Assembly by Capt. Jabez Perkins, who is to lodge the same in the publick treasury of this State, be appropriated to the purpose of recruiting the continental army; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out the same for such purpose only as he may receive order therefor.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Charles Webb, Capt. Silvanus Knapp, and Samuel Cook Silliman, Esq^r, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to repair to the town of Greenwich and examine the state and condition of the inhabitants thereof and particular report make to this Assembly in May next, who of the said inhabitants thereof [are] proper subjects of abatement, in whole or in part, of their State taxes on account of the frontier situation of the said town and of the inhabitants being drove off from their farms and prevented from the improvement of their lands by the inroads of the enemy, at the expence of said town.

Whereas a sum of money has been lately collected in the county of Hartford by virtue of a brief granted by the Governor and Council of this State in August last for the relief of the inhabitants of New Haven, Fairfield and Norwalk, on account of their sufferings by the plunder and burning of the enemy, and lodged in the hands of George Wyllys, Esq^r, treasurer of said county, who has given his receipts therefor to the several societies within said county: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said George Wyllys, Esq^r, pay over all the said moneys in his hands to Colo. Abraham Davenport, taking his receipt, who is hereby directed to carry and deliver the same to Jonathan Sturges, Esq^r, of Fairfield, to be by him disposed of for the benefit of the sufferers aforesaid according to the orders of the Governor and Council of Safety in that behalf. And the said Colo. Wyllys is discharged from any demand or challenge on account of his receipts given to the societies or others as aforesaid.

On application of John Lawrence, Esq^r, Treasurer of this State, to this Assembly, requesting directions with respect to the payment of such warrants as are or may be presented to him drawn on him by the President of Congress &c., as also with respect to 1,367,500 dollars of the emission of May 20th, 1777, and April 11th, 1778, which was received for taxes: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be

and he is hereby directed to pay out on such orders as are or may be drawn on him by the President of Congress for taxes already granted and to be granted so far as he is enabled to do. And that the consideration of the other part of his request be referred to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That General Erastus Wolcott, Colo. Elisha Williams, and Capt. Elisha Pitkin, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors to audit and liquidate the publick accounts with the Treasurer of this State, as also to examine the expenditures, debts and credits of this State as far as it may be obtained, and report make in the premises to this Assembly in May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw orders on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the committee appointed to settle with the Connecticut Line of the continental army, for a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds in continental bills to each, taking their receipts for the same, for which the said committee are respectively to be accountable.

Whereas by divers memorials exhibited to this Assembly it is represented that it hath been proposed and agreed to by the Commander-in-Chief and the Commissary-General of Prisoners in New York in the British service, that the following exchange of prisoners might take place with the consent and agreement of the Legislature of this State first had and obtained, *viz*: Brigadier Gen^l Silliman for Judge Jones, William Silliman, Brigade-Major, for Mr. Willett captured with Judge Jones, and John Picket said to be in Hartford goal; William Peck, Darling Whelpley, Solomon Ferriss, Elias Glover, in lieu of Ephraim Palmer, Nathaniel Palmer, Bethiel Ferriss, and Abraham Wright, captain of a whale-boat, David Washburn in lieu of Solomon Dunham jun^r: the said General Silliman, Brigade Major Silliman, Ephraim Palmer, Nathaniel Palmer, Bethiel Ferriss, Abraham Wright and Solomon Dunham jun^r being now holden in New York and upon Long Island as prisoners of war, and the said Judge Jones, Mr. Willett, John Pickett, William Peck, Darling Whelpley, Solomon Ferriss, Elias Glover and David Washburn, now holden as prisoners in this State; and this Assembly, desirous of extending humanity as far as is consistent with the public safety, do thereupon resolve and order, that said proposed exchange of prisoners take effect in such way and manner as his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall order and appoint.

Upon the memorial of Capt. John Mead of Greenwich, shewing to this Assembly that he hath been driven from his estate by the enemy, and great part of his time for three years past been taken up in military command for which he has had no allowance, to the neglect and

great injury of his private affairs, whereby he is much reduced, praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Colo. John Mead receive out of the publick treasury of this State the sum of four hundred pounds, money, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same to him accordingly.

The Sums Total of the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estates of the several Towns hereafter mentioned, as returned to this Assembly in October, 1779, and now accepted are as follow, viz:

	£	7s.	3d.		£	18s.	3d.
Hartford,	45836			Fairfield,	46324	18s.	3d.
Weathersfield,	32027	4	7	Stratford,	49482	18	4
Midletown,	39306	19	6	Norwalk,	39518	13	3
Windsor,	24164	1	1	Stanford,	30035	2	8½
East Windsor,	31152	19	2	Greenwich,	17074	13	2
Farmington,	71866	16	4	Ridgefield,	16634	0	11
Bolton,	11511	0	8	Reading,	14534	2	3
Chatham,	23879	5	1	Danbury,	27519	7	5
Haddam,	15783	13	3	Newtown,	22985	5	9½
Glastonbury,	18810	11	6½	New Fairfield,	15316	11	3
Somers,	9610	11	7	Windham,	30784	17	0
Willington,	10018	11	2	Lebanon,	40097	7	5
Tolland,	15368	14	6	Canterbury,	21958	12	7
Symsbury,	39502	3	2	Plainfield,	14767	17	4½
Colchester,	33138	4	8	Voluntown,	15316	10	10
Enfield,	12755	18	6	Killingley,	24037	2	8
East Haddam,	25796	18	4	Woodstock,	23006	14	6
Suffield,	20505	11	0	Coventry,	21449	12	2
Stafford,	13703	18	3	Mansfield,	23738	0	2
Hebron,	23251	10	3	Ashford,	20708	15	0
New Haven,	63286	4	7½	Pomfrett,	28068	12	8
Milford,	28606	2	3½	Union,	5952	8	8
Derby,	20442	4	2	Litchfield,	29086	10	0
Waterbury,	42499	6	6	Woodbury,	53127	11	11
Wallingford,	51200	17	3	New Milford,	26741	7	5
Branford,	22005	12	6	Kent,	16405	3	0
Guilford,	33834	9	9	Sharon,	17095	15	0
Durham,	12447	5	4	Salisbury,	17476	5	6
New London,	27039	14	2	Washington,	15211	14	3
Norwich,	65923	19	1	Goshen,	14771	0	9
Saybrook,	26047	0	0	New Hartford,	11673	6	0
Killingworth,	20856	6	2	Cornwall,	11498	5	2
Lyme,	27157	15	3	Norfolk,	10660	19	11
Groton,	23194	13	5	Torrington,	11687	1	9
Stonington,	35264	13	7	Hartland,	7075	15	3
Preston,	22545	8	11	Canaan,	16708	5	3
				Harwington,	11134	15	0

Whereas this Assembly are informed that Colo. William Worthington, commander of the State guards at Saybrook, did, contrary to his duty, sometime since the 17th day of May last, permit Richard Seaman, a refugee from Long Island, to import and land at Saybrook a considerable quantity of British goods, which the said Colo. Worthington then knew were illegally imported and landed as aforesaid, and that they were voluntarily brought by the said Seaman from the possession of the enemy to said Saybrook, and that they were afterwards disposed of by him in this State; that the said Colo. Worthington being fully acquainted, as aforesaid, with the said illegal conduct of the said Seaman, and having it entirely in his power to have seized said goods, totally failed in performing his duty therein; and that he did not inform the Governor of this State of the said illegal conduct of the said Seaman, although he well knew that said Seaman pretended to have imported said goods by virtue of an authority derived from his Excellency the Governor, which pretensions of the said Seaman the said Colo. Worthington knew were false: Resolved by this Assembly, that Brigadier General Ward, Colo. Dyer Throop, and Lt. Colo. Marshfield Parsons repair to Saybrook and, having notified the said Colo. Worthington to attend, that they proceed fully to investigate what truth there may be in said information by bringing any witnesses before them which can testify anything concerning the premises, and report what they shall find, upon the result of their enquiry, to the General Assembly to be held in May next.

Upon the information of Charles Bishop of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that Lieut. Evelin Pierpoint, commander of the guard at East Haven, suffered the guard-boat to go to Long Island on a trading voyage; that he was present when the accounts of said voyage were settled, and that some of his under-officers and soldiers frequently practiced going over to Long Island, to the neglect of their duty &c., as per complaint may more fully appear: Whereupon, resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Bishop, Andrew Ward, and Edward Russell, Esq^r, be and they are hereby appointed a committee and directed to examine into the matters aforesaid, to call the said Evelin Pierpoint before them at such convenient time and place as they shall appoint, and to investigate the matters aforesaid by examination of witnesses and other legal methods, and report make of what they shall find thereon to this or the next session of this Assembly.

Whereas complaint hath been now made to this Assembly that William Orcutt of Stafford, a captain in the 22d regiment of militia, served as a lieutenant in the expedition against Rhode Island in the year 1778; that the said William in the time of battle left his post and contemptuously neglected to return to the same, although expressly ordered thereto by his superior officer &c.; as per complaint &c.:

Resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary do by proper warrant cause the said Captain Orcutt to be notified forthwith to appear before this Assembly and answer in the premises. And Colo. Thomas Seymour is hereby appointed to prepare and exhibit such proofs as may be proper, in order to a full enquiry in the matters alledged.

Upon the complaint of Colo. Samuel Chapman of the 22d regiment of militia, shewing that one William Orcutt of Stafford, a captain in said regiment, was hired to accept of the place of a lieutenant, as a substitute on a tour of duty against Rhode Island in the year 1778; that while in such service he disobeyed the positive orders of his superior officer and quit his post in time of action &c.; and a committee having been appointed to enquire of the matters charged against the said William, who have reported that he is guilty &c., which report is accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said William Orcutt be and he is hereby cashiered and rendered incapable of sustaining the said office of captain, or any other in the militia or this State; and the commanding officer of said regiment is directed to give order for the choice of a captain in his stead, and any others that may be necessary; and that the said Orcutt pay the cost of this prosecution, and the Secretary is directed to issue execution therefor accordingly. *Cost taxed by committee four pounds eighteen shillings and six pence, lawful money.*

Whereas complaint is now made to this Assembly that in the month of July last one Abraham Smith of Glastonbury, a private soldier of the sixth regiment, was duly detached and ordered upon a tour of duty for the defence of this State; that he avoided his said duty and fled to the house of one Isaac Smith of said Glastonbury, an ensign in the same regiment; that said Ensign Smith, who was privy to said detachment, mutinously and openly protected said soldier in his said house, and would not suffer him to be taken by his officer or proceed in said service, but opposed and rescued him therefrom; as by said complaint &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary do issue a notification to the said Isaac Smith, requiring him forthwith to appear before this Assembly to answer in the premises. And Colo. Thomas Seymour is hereby appointed and directed to prepare the necessary proofs, in order to a thorough investigation of the several matters alledged as aforesaid.

Upon the complaint of Lieut. Stephen Goodrich of Glastonbury exhibited to this Assembly, shewing that one Isaac Smith of said town, an ensign in the sixth regiment, had mutinously and openly protected a soldier of the same regiment and rescued him from his officer when under a detachment for a tour of duty &c.; whereupon a committee hath been appointed to enquire and make report in

the premises, and said committee having reported that the said ensign ought to be cashiered for his conduct aforesaid, which report is now accepted and approved &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Isaac Smith be and he is hereby cashiered from the office of an ensign in the company to which he belongs in said regiment and reduced to the ranks therein and rendered unfit and incapable of holding any military commission in future in said regiment, and that he pay the cost of this enquiry as the same shall be taxed, and the Secretary is hereby directed to issue execution therefor accordingly ; and the commanding officer of said regiment is also hereby directed to issue orders for the choice of an ensign for said company, in the place of the said Smith.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Bishop of New Haven, representing that he was appointed to sign about 25,000 of the small bills emitted by the Assembly ; that he signed about 15,000 ; that Mr. Edwards was appointed to sign the remainder, who declined to sign any of said bills ; that when the enemy entered the town of New Haven he had near 10,000 of said bills ; that he carried 5,000 out of the town, the remainder being in the power of the enemy who took part of them ; praying a committee might be appointed to examine the facts in said memorial, David Austin and Eneas Munson, Esq^r, being appointed a committee who reported that they found in the hands of the memorialist 7993 of said bills, and that by the best evidence they could obtain the enemy had taken from him 160 sheets of said bills, and gave their opinion that the memorialist ought to be allowed to pay said bills into the treasury and be allowed for the same on his note, and also be allowed for said 160 sheets lost as aforesaid, which report of the committee being accepted : Thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to pay said bills into the treasury, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to receive the sums and give him credit on his note therefor, and also give him the credit for said 160 sheets taken by the enemy as aforesaid, and that the Secretary charge his fees herein to this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the actions, causes and matters depending in the superior court to be held at New Haven on the last Tuesday of February, 1780, be and the same are hereby continued to the superior court to be held at New Haven on the last Tuesday of August next, to be then and there tried and determined according to law ; and all parties concerned are to take notice thereof and attend accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the actions, causes and matters depending to be tried at the superior court to be holden at Litchfield in and for the county of Litchfield on the last Tuesday save two of February instant be and the same are hereby continued to the superior

court to be held at Litchfield on the last Tuesday save two of August next to be then and there tryed and determined according to law; and that all parties concerned take notice and attend accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the actions, causes and matters depending in the superior court to be holden at Fairfield in and for the county of Fairfield on the last Tuesday save one in February instant be and the same are hereby ordered to be continued to the superior court to be held at Fairfield on the last Tuesday save one of August next to be then and there tryed and determined according to law; and all persons concerned are to take notice thereof and attend accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all actions, causes and matters depending before the adjourned county court to be holden at Windham on the third Tuesday of February next be and the same are hereby continued to the county court to be holden at Windham on the 4th Tuesday of June next; and all persons concerned are to take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint Phineas Sheldon to be a Justice of Peace for the county of Hartford untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Amos Mead and Benjamin Mead jun^r, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Fairfield untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Harriss, Esq^r, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county of New London untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Howell Woodbridge, Esq^r, to be Colonel of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Thomas Belding resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Major John Belding to be Lieutenant Colonel of the sixth regiment of militia in the room of Howell Woodbridge, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Chester Wells to be Major of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of John Belding, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Adams, Esq^r, to be Colonel of the seventeenth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Epaphras Sheldon, Esq^r, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Bezaleel Bebee, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Andrew Adams, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint John Strong, Esq^r, to be Major of the seventeenth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Bezaleel Bebee, Esq^r, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint William Ledyard, Esq^r, Lieutenant Colonel of the 8th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Hewit, Esq^r, Major of the eighth regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Phineas Porter, Esq^r, to be Colonel of the 28th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Richards, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 28th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Jesse Curtiss, Esq^r, to be Major of the 28th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Gallop, Esq^r, Colonel of the twenty-seventh regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Jeremiah Halsey, Esq^r, Lieutenant Colonel of the twenty-seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Tyler, Esq^r, Major of the twenty-seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint James Arnold, Esq^r, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 10th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Cook jun^r, Esq^r, to be Major of the 10th regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonah Newton to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Botsford to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Moses to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Wilcox to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Mitchell to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Walker Mallery to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Waterbury jun^r to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zachariah Clark to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Buckingham to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Humphry to be Captain of the first alarm list company in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Buell to be Lieutenant of the first alarm list company in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Roger Case to be Ensign of the first alarm list company in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Morgan to be Ensign of the third alarm list company in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Bennett to be Captain of the 12th company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Silliman to be Lieutenant of the 12th company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Hall to be Ensign of the 12th company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Goffs to be Lieutenant of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Salmon Agard to be Ensign of the 5th company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Peck to be Captain of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Everit to be Lieutenant of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Bruster to be Ensign of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Mumford to be Lieutenant of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jehiel Sherwood to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Castle to be Lieutenant of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peleg Sturdevant to be Captain of the ninth company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Carter to be Lieutenant of the ninth company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Brunson to be Ensign of the ninth company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Gregory to be Captain of a troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thaddeus Heusted to be Cornet of a troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thaddeus Sterlin to be Quarter-Master of a troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Alexander Catling to be Captain of the second company of alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Catling to be Lieutenant of the second company of alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

Whereas the Hon^{ble} the Continental Congress in their Address of the 26th of May last call on the people of these States for their vigilant attention to the conduct of inferior officers employed in the publick service with respect to misbehaviour proceeding either from ignorance, negligence or fraud, and by their resolution of the 9th of July last have requested the Legislatures in each State to make strict inquiry into the conduct of persons employed in either the Quarter-Master-

General's or Purchasing or Issuing Commissary-General's departments, and to remove or suspend every such person in case of misbehaviour or strong suspicion thereof, and to discharge such as on due enquiry shall appear unnecessary: And as suspicions have arisen that there hath been misconduct in these departments, which are probably but too well founded,

It is, therefore, resolved by this Assembly, That Messrs. John Treadwell, Ebenezer Plummer, John Chester, Street Hall, David Austin, William Hillhouse, Marshfield Parsons, George Burr, Thomas Nash, Elias Buell, Charles Church Chandler, Reuben Smith, Sherman Bordman, and William Heron, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, and are authorized and directed to meet as soon as may be after the rising of this Assembly, to make the strictest enquiry into the conduct [of] all the aforesaid officers in this State; and for this purpose the said committee be empowered to call before them, by subpena or warrant signed by the chairman or any two of said committee, any person or persons in this State to give evidence and make answer on oath, which any one of said committee are hereby authorized to administer, to all such questions as the said committee shall think proper to ask respecting the conduct of any person in this State employed in either of the staff departments aforesaid; and also in like manner to call before them and examine any or all of said officers, and particularly to inspect and examine all their books and charges against the publick, and to put such questions relative to their respective departments as they shall think proper; and report to this Assembly in May next.

That in the Quarter-Master-General's department the said committee enquire

1. Who is now or hath been at the head of that department in this State?
2. When and by whom appointed?
3. With what pay and perquisites?
4. How many persons act as assistants under him?
5. How many persons have been and now are constantly employed by him and his assistants at the publick expence?
6. What are their names, offices, monthly wages and perquisites?
7. Whether all his assistants have been duely appointed?
8. What sums of publick money he hath received in consequence of his appointment in this department?
9. Of whom hath the same been received, and when?
10. What security hath been given therefor, and to whom?
11. How many persons has he made payments to since his appointment, what are their names, and what is the sum paid to each?
12. Whether his accounts have been regularly transmitted to the Board of War, agreeable to the resolves of Congress, and at any time settled or only received on file?

13. Whether monthly returns have been made to the Board of War, to the Commander-in-Chief, and to the Quarter-Master-General, of all articles in or at any of the forts, encampments, magazines, and any other places in this department under his care, noting what is good, what is repairable, and what is unfit for use, in separate columns, agreeable to the resolve of Congress of May 14th, 1777?

14. Whether proper care hath been taken of the camp equipage and utensils, to prevent the same from being squandered away, embezzled and lost?

15. What quantity of intrenching tools have been purchased or received in the department on account of the publick, and what quantity is now on hand fit for use?

16. Whether all persons employed in the Quarter-Master-General's department in this State are furnished, agreeable to the requisitions of Congress, with printed blank forms of returns, to be filled up as occasion requires, that their accounts may be methodical and uniform?

It is further resolved, That said committee enquire and report, who now is and hath been the Commissary of Forage for this department? Who have been and now are Forage-Masters? Who have been and now are Waggon-Masters? And make the same queries respecting those officers as before directed in the first twelve articles of enquiry in the Quarter-Master's department. And also enquire,

1. Whether the Commissaries of Forage have made monthly returns to the Deputy Quarter-Master-General of all forage by them purchased, specifying the quantity, quality, price, and where delivered?

2. What quantities of forage have been purchased in this department by the present Commissary, and where?

3. Whether regular accounts are kept and vouchers can be produced for the expenditures, agreeable to the resolves of Congress?

4. Whether monthly returns of the expenditures and quantity on hand are duely made?

5. What is the number of horses and cattle allowed to be kept at the publick expence within this department, and whether any greater number hath been or now is kept there?

6. Whether a particular account is kept of forage delivered to teams or horses employed in publick service and not belonging to the continent, agreeable to the 7th article of the resolve of Congress of May 14th, 1777?

7. How many persons are employed to purchase forage, and who, and what are their instructions, and from whom?

8. Whether the Assistant Quarter-Masters and Commissaries of Forage, the Waggon-Masters and Forage-Masters, make the monthly returns of all the stores, horses, cattle, forage, and other things belonging to the United States, agreeable to the resolves of Congress?

And it is further resolved, That said committee make the same queries in the Purchasing and Issuing Commissaries departments

before directed in the first twelve articles of enquiry in the Quarter-Master's department; and moreover enquire,

1. Whether the Purchasing Commissary or any of his assistants after having received the publick monies have purchased articles wanted by the army on their own account and afterwards have sold the same or delivered them for the use of the army charged to the publick at an advanced price?

2. Whether any of the Assistant Purchasing Commissarys after receiving publick monies have employed the same in their own private business in purchasing the very articles wanted for the army, and afterwards returned the money without having done any business for the publick?

3. Whether the Deputy Commissary-General of Purchases and his assistants are furnished with books ruled into ten columns, where their doings are regularly entered, as directed in the ninth article of the resolves of Congress for regulating the commissary department, passed June 10, 1777?

4. Whether the Deputy Commissary-General of Issues and his assistants are furnished with similar books, and whether their accounts are entered therein as directed by said resolves of Congress?

5. Whether the said Assistant Purchasing Commissarys have at the end of every month footed and transferred their said entries to a general account, specifying the quantity, amount, and average cost, of each article, and transmitted the same to the Deputy Commissary-General of Purchases, [and whether the Commissary of Purchases] has made therefrom the regular returns with a copy of each purchaser's account to the Board of War and Commissary-General, as directed in said resolves?

6. Whether invoices of all the cattle purchased for the army &c. are duely made out from the books and receipts taken thereon when delivered for the use of the Issuing Commissarys department and the entries made in the books after the cattle are killed, as required by the 13th and 14th articles of said resolves?

7. Whether the accounts of the Issuing Commissarys are properly kept and vouched as directed in the 21st, 22d, and 23d articles of said regulations?

8. Whether any provisions or stores have been issued otherwise than is directed by the 24th article of said resolves?

9. Whether the Assistant Commissarys of Issues have regularly made the returns required by the 31st article of said resolves?

10. Whether the Deputy Commissary-General of Issues hath made the monthly returns, specifying the expenditure of provisions, what provisions and stores have been received by him from time to time, from whom received and when delivered, as required by the 32d article of said resolves?

11. Whether the Deputy Commissary-General of Purchases and the Deputy Commissary-General of Issues have constantly furnished each of the officers under them with printed forms of the books, invoices, receipts and returns, to be used by them respectively, agreeable to the resolves of Congress regulating this department?

12. What quantities of provision have been purchased by the Purchasing Commissary and delivered to the Issuing Commissary in this State, and whether the account supported by proper vouchers of the expenditure of provisions and stores with what are now on hand is equal to the quantity delivered by the Purchasing Commissary?

And it is also resolved, That said committee make the same queries in the departments of the Commissary of Military Stores, of the Commissary of Hides and Tallow, and in the Medical and Clothiers departments, as before directed in the first twelve articles of inquiry in the Quarter-Master's department; that they also enquire, whether the said officers have taken the oaths of fidelity to the States and faithfulness to their trust, as required by a resolve of Congress of February the 3d, 1778, and report the names of all such as shall not have taken said oaths; that they enquire, whether any of the publick stores have been sold by any persons employed in either of said departments, and, if any, to whom and to what amount; that they enquire what guards have been kept, and how long, and for what purpose, in either of said departments, and by whom said guards were appointed, commanded, and how paid and supported; that said committee collect together all the resolves of Congress for all the staff departments of the army, carefully examine each article and paragraph thereof not particularly before mentioned, and strictly enquire whether the same have been complied with and duely observed by all persons employed in said departments in this State.

And it is further enacted and resolved by the authority aforesaid, That any two or more of said committee be and they are hereby fully authorized and impowered to call and examine any person or persons before them, and in all things to exercise the powers and authorities by this act given or designed to be given to said committee, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as said committee may or might jointly do by virtue of this act, and transmit the result of such seperate enquiry &c. to said joint committee to be reported. And all the citizens and inhabitants of this State, as they value their own and the rights of the community, who have any knowledge of any misbehaviour or misconduct in either of the persons in this act before mentioned, whether proceeding from ignorance, neglect or fraud, are earnestly called upon to give immediate information thereof to said committee.

An Act for ascertaining and declaring the Value of the Debts to certain particular Creditors of this State, and for supplying the State Treasury with such Sums as shall be necessary for the Exigences of this Government, and to answer certain Requisitions of the United States, and for the Establishment of Publick Credit.

Whereas it behoves every government to render justice as far as possible to every member belonging thereto, and in a most especial manner to those who have placed a particular confidence in their equity: This government considering that in the progress of the present most cruel and oppressive war the bills of publick credit have by

unavoidable accident become much depreciated, from which circumstance some doubts may possibly arise in the minds of the publick creditors of this State that they may hereafter be obliged to receive their pay according to the depreciated value of the present currency: To prevent all misapprehensions of this nature,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the notes executed and issued by the Treasurer of this State by virtue of an act of this Assembly passed in December, 1776, and the bills of publick credit which have been loaned to this State in consequence of an act of the General Assembly passed May, 1777, and in consequence of another act passed in February, 1778, and also the bills of publick credit which have been loaned as aforesaid in consequence of an act passed by the General Assembly in May, 1778, shall be paid for, together with the interest, to the respective lenders, in gold or silver, or in bills of publick credit of this State according to the full value of the said bills or notes when they were loaned or issued as aforesaid.

And, to provide for the special exigences of this State and other necessary uses,

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall forthwith be emitted, upon the faith and credit of this State, forty thousand pounds, lawfull money, in bills of publick credit, computing every six shillings of such bills to be equal to one Spanish milled dollar and to other coins in that proportion; which bills shall be redeemable by the first day of March, 1784, and shall bear an interest to the possessor thereof of five pounds *per centum per annum* from the first day of March, 1780, untill the said time of their redemption. That a tax be and hereby is granted upon the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State on the list which shall be given in to the General Assembly in the year 1782, of sixpence on the pound, to be paid in said bills or in gold or silver, computing Spanish milled dollars and other coins as aforesaid, by the first day of January, 1784. And that the Treasurer of this State be, and he hereby is, directed to issue his warrants for collecting said [tax] and shall discharge said bills according to this act.

Be it further enacted, That a tax be and hereby is granted on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State, payable in bills emitted by the Congress of the United States, of twelve shillings, lawfull money, on the pound, to be paid by the first day of April next; and also that another tax be and hereby is granted on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State, payable in said bills emitted by Congress, of twelve shillings on the pound, payable by the first day of June next, both of which last mentioned taxes shall be collected and paid on the list given in to this Assembly *anno Dom.* 1778. That a further tax of twelve shillings on the pound, payable in said bills emitted by Congress, by the first day of November next, be and hereby is granted on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State as the same is or shall be given in on the list, 1779. And that the Treasurer of this State be and he is

hereby directed to issue his warrants to collect said three last mentioned taxes according to this act. Provided nevertheless, that any person charged with the payment of any of the three last mentioned taxes shall have liberty and power to discharge the same upon paying one thirtieth part of the sum wherewith he shall be so charged in such taxes, either in bills of publick credit which are or shall be ordered to be emitted by this or any future General Assembly, or in coin according to the computation thereof as aforesaid.

That the aforesaid tax payable the first day of November next shall not re-issue from the treasury except by the special order of the General Assembly; and that the taxes granted by this act payable the first day of April next, and the tax payable the first day of June next, shall be applied to defray the expences of this State and to answer the requisitions of Congress towards our quota of the expences of the United States.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be borrowed, on the faith and credit of this State, the sum of one million pounds, on bills of the common currency of the United States which have already issued by Congress, upon the following terms: That every person who shall deposit for the use of the State in the hands of the Treasurer of this State any sum in said bills of the United States not less than one hundred and eighty pounds, lawfull money, according to the nominal value thereof, shall receive therefor from this State to the amount of one thirtieth part of the sum so deposited, in silver or gold, computing Spanish milled dollars and other coins as aforesaid, within six years after such sum shall be deposited as aforesaid; and shall receive annually, on any sum or sums he shall deposit according to this act, an interest of six pounds *per centum per annum*, either in gold or silver coin computed as aforesaid or in bills of publick credit of this State not bearing an interest of less than four pounds *per centum per annum* and regulated by the aforesaid computation and redeemable within seven years after the same shall be emitted by an act of this or any future General Assembly of this State. That all bills of the common currency as aforesaid, which shall be deposited or loaned to this State agreeable to this act, shall be exempted from any kind of tax untill the monies therefor shall be refunded and paid. That the faith of this State be and the same is hereby plighted to fulfill the aforesaid engagement; and that seasonable provisions shall be made to discharge the same.

And whereas the bills of publick credit which are ordered to be emitted by virtue of this act are founded upon the most indubitable principles of publick credit and ought to be regarded accordingly,

Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all bills of publick credit which shall be emitted by this act shall be received in payment of all salaries, fees and rewards for services within this State, as the same was established by law in the year 1774; and that no quarter-master, commissary, or other person employed to purchase any articles for the army, navy, or troops of this State, or

to hire any service on a publick account, shall give in said bills ordered to be emitted by this act more therefor than the same could be purchased, hired, or engaged for, were the same paid for in gold or silver as aforesaid. And if any quarter-master, commissary, or other person employed as aforesaid, shall knowingly give more for any purchase, hire or service, than the same might have been obtained for in gold or silver coin, according to the aforesaid computation, he shall forfeit to the amount of the sums which he shall expend in violation of this act, and shall also forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds in bills of publick credit which shall be issued by this act, or the like sum in gold or silver as aforesaid: to be recovered by bill, plaint or information.

And whereas it is apprehended that there may be some lurking villains and traitors in this State, who under the mask of friendship are by a dark, insidious and detestable conduct, endeavouring to defeat every publick measure, however just and necessary for the establishment of the liberties of the country; incited by those vile motives they may endeavour by offering exorbitant prices in gold or silver, or in bills ordered by this act to be emitted, for articles and services wanted for the publick, so as to occasion in a very unnecessary manner the prices of things to rise, with a view to distress the publick,

Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person within this State shall so conduct, either by offering or giving excessive and unnecessary prices for any article or service, either in gold or silver or in bills ordered to be emitted by this act, or in any other manner, as shall afford a reasonable proof to that court who shall have cognizance of his offence that his design and intention was to defeat in any degree the benefit which this State ought and has a right to expect for the use of their publick credit as aforesaid, every such offender shall upon conviction before that court who shall have legal cognizance and tryal of his offence, be sentenced to pay such fine as they shall judge reasonable, and he shall also be imprisoned for a term not more than three years.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Jabez Hamlin, George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, John Chester, and Benjamin Payne, Esq^r, be a committee to cause said bills ordered to be emitted by this act to be imprinted, and that any two of them sign the same; which bills shall consist of various denominations from nine pence to forty shillings, according to the discretion of said committee. Which bills as fast as they are signed shall be by said committee delivered to the Treasurer of this State, who shall give his receipts therefor, and shall from time to time deliver out the same as he shall be ordered according to law.

And the said committee are also hereby directed to prepare a sufficient number of suitable bank notes, properly indented, and deliver the same to the State Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; which bank notes shall be regularly filled up by the Treasurer and

signed by him, and shall issue and be delivered to such persons as shall deposit or loan bills of the common currency agreeably to this act. And when payment of said bank notes shall be made according to this act, such payments shall be made to the possessors of such bank notes. And the Treasurer of this State is hereby directed to make fair entries of the sums and persons from whom such bills are borrowed, and not dispose thereof but as he shall be especially directed by the General Assembly of this State.

And it is further enacted, That for the relief of the indigent who are unable to pay their proportion of any of the three last mentioned taxes granted and laid by this act, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate, either in whole or in part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in greatest need of such abatements, to the amount of one twentieth part of such town's proportion of such tax or taxes, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town-clerk of such towns, respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collectors of such tax or taxes; and the said collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatements in their settlement with the Treasurer.

An Act to enable the Subjects of his Most Christian Majesty to transfer and settle such of their Estates and Property as is or shall happen to fall within this State.

Whereas the Congress of the United States of America on the 14th of January, 1780, did resolve, that it be recommended to the Legislatures of the aforesaid United States, to make provision, where not already made, for conferring on the aforesaid subjects of his Most Christian Majesty the privilege of disposing and settling their estates agreeable to the form and spirit of the thirteenth article of the treaty of amity and commerce between his Most Christian Majesty and the United States of America:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the subjects of his Most Christian Majesty shall be, and they are hereby, empowered to transfer and dispose of such of their estates and property as shall happen to be within the limits of this State; and that the estate and property of such of said subjects as are or may be deceased, being within the State aforesaid, shall descend to and become the estate of the heirs and legal representatives of such deceased person according to the laws, usage and custom of the Kingdom of France relative thereto, without being obliged to obtain letters of naturalization; and that the aforesaid subjects of his Most Christian Majesty shall have, hold and enjoy on their part within this State the privileges and immunities mentioned in said articles of treaty, according to the form and spirit thereof.

An Act for repealing an Act entitled An Act for supporting the Credit and Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted and made current by the Congress of the United States of America and the Bills of publick Credit of this State and for the Furtherance and Promoting Commutative Justice.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act, entitled as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the bills of credit heretofore emitted by the authority of Congress or of the General Assembly of this State shall be a legal tender as money in all payments within this State, according to their current value, having regard as well to the time of making all contracts as to the time of rendering judgment; to which all courts within this State, in their respective jurisdictions, are to conform themselves. Provided nevertheless, that the bills of credit heretofore emitted by the United States shall remain a legal tender at the nominal value, to answer all debts due from the inhabitants of this State to their creditors in other States, untill such time as the State or States to which such creditors belong shall make similar laws to promote equal justice.

An Act for repealing an Act of this Assembly passed at their Sessions in May. A. D. 1779, entitled An Act for stating Fees, Fines and Penalties, for a limited Time.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the aforesaid act, entitled as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

An Act for directing the Payment of Cost in Prosecutions for Delinquency &c.

Whereas in many cases in prosecutions for delinquency in the several courts within this jurisdiction, wherein the delinquent shall be acquitted or not found guilty, it may appear just and reasonable that such prosecuted delinquent should also be acquitted from cost,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That in all criminal prosecutions wherein a bill of indictment shall be preferred to the grand-jury duely impannelled, who shall take cognizance of the same and on such bill shall endorse *Ignoramus*, and so return the same to the court, no cost shall be awarded against the delinquent thereon, but the cost arising on such prosecution shall by the court before whom such prosecution lies be ordered, if before the superior court, out of the State treasury; and in all other prosecutions for delinquency by the publick or informing officers of this State, whereon the delinquent shall be acquitted or found not guilty, cost shall be or not be awarded against such delinquent as such court before whom such prosecution or tryal be had shall judge on the circumstances of the case to be just and reasonable; and whenever such delinquent shall be excused paying cost, the same shall be ordered by the court

before whom such tryal is had, to be paid out of such treasury as by law is provided in case the delinquent shall not be able to pay the same; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to continue in Force an Act or Law of the General Assembly, passed in October, 1778, entitled An Act further to prevent Monopolizing and Engrossing and to provide for obtaining Supplies for the Continental Army, Navy, and Militia of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act shall remain and continue in force untill the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

An Act in further Addition to the Law of this State entitled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the military companies in the town of Waterbury, including that part of Farmington which was taken out of Waterbury, shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted, a distinct and entire regiment, and shall be called and known by the name of the Twenty-eighth Regiment, and shall have and enjoy all the privileges and be under the same regulations the other regiments in this State by law have and are subject to, and shall belong to the second brigade.

An Act in further Addition to the Law of this State entitled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the military companies in the town of Preston, the north society in Groton, and that part of Stonington that lies north of an east line from the south-east corner bound of the town of Preston, shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted, a distinct and entire regiment, and shall be called and known by the name of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, and shall have and enjoy all the privileges and be under the same regulations as the other regiments in this State by law have and are subject to, and shall belong to the third brigade.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the form and tenor of the bills of credit ordered by this Assembly to be emitted shall be as follows:—
Twenty Shillings.

The Possessor of this Bill shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut twenty shillings in Spanish milled Dollars at six Shillings each or other Coins equivalent with Interest at five p^r cent. p^r annum by the first Day of March AD 1784. By order of Assembly. Dated at Hartford the first Day of March A.Dom 1780.

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} Committee.

And so *mutatis mutandis* for bills of a greater or lesser denomination.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary of this State do, without delay, prepare and send to the printer of the Governor and Company copies of the acts and laws passed by the Assembly in their present sessions, with a copy of this resolve; and said printer is ordered immediately to strike off the usual number of copies and distribute part of the same to the towns, societies and courts, as customary, and as speedily as is consistent and practicable.

Upon the memorial of Comfort Benedict, late of Danbury, shewing to this Assembly that, in the year 1777, he went over to Long Island and there continued for some time within the lines and protection of the British army, and voluntarily returned to this State, and was apprehended and tryed by the superior court in Fairfield county in April, 1778, and there condemned to suffer three years imprisonment and pay a fine of five pounds and all costs of prosecution; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benedict shall be enlarged from his imprisonment upon his paying the costs of prosecution and the fine aforesaid together with the cost arisen for his subsistence during his imprisonment, and suffered to labour for his subsistence anywhere within the county of Hartford under the direction and oversight of the sheriff of Hartford county; and, provided said Benedict can obtain liberty of the inhabitants of the town of Danbury to return to and dwell in that town, he is hereby permitted to return thither and be under the care of the civil authority and selectmen of said Danbury.

Upon the memorial of Mrs. Grace Chew of New London, shewing to this Assembly that her husband, Mr. Joseph Chew, is in New York; praying liberty to go in a flag to said New York with her children and two servants, *viz.*: a negro boy and girl &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Mrs. Grace Chew have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted her, to proceed to New York in a flag and carry with her her family and two negroes, together with necessary cloathing, bedding and furniture for her said family.

Upon the memorial of Frederick Bassett, shewing to this Assembly that he fled from New York to avoid the British army when they took possession of it, and is now residing in Hartford; that by loss of his trade and sickness in his family, and other misfortunes, he is much reduced; praying for an exemption from taxes &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Frederick be and he is hereby exempted and excused from paying any rates or taxes that hath or may arise on the polls included in the lists, respectively, already given in.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Parmely, administratrix on the estate of Jeremiah Parmely, late of New Haven, dec^d, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of the estate the sum of £147 4 6; praying for liberty to sell part of the estate sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £147 4 6, together with the incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of John Mix of New Haven, representing that he with a number of other persons was taken prisoner by the British troops when they entered the town of New Haven on the fifth day of July last; that they were carried to New York and confined about two months; that their friends procured a flag of truce and sent thirteen prisoners, by which means they were redeemed; that the cost of said flag &c. amounted to the sum of two hundred and nine pounds six shillings; praying that his account might be examined by the Committee of Pay-Table and such sum as they shall find justly due that they should draw an order on the Treasurer for the payment thereof, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table examine said account and draw an order on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find justly due.

Upon the memorial of Jesse Ford of New Haven, representing that he was a collector of the country rate in said New Haven; that he directed Aaron Gilbert to leave his rate with Samuel Bishop, which was eleven pounds two shillings; that said Gilbert left said sum with said Bishop a few days before the enemy entered the town of New Haven; that the enemy took said money from said Bishop; praying that he might be allowed said sum out of the treasury, as per memorial on file: Resolved, that the Treasurer of this State pay said sum of £11 2 0 out of the treasury unto said Ford.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Bishop and Eneas Munson, agents for the town of New Haven in New Haven county, shewing to this Assembly that Samuel Humiston, the collector of the country rate for said town the year past, is disabled by sickness &c. from collecting the six shillings tax laid by this Assembly in October last past, and that John Lathrop, the present collector, is willing and desirous of collecting said tax; praying this Assembly to empower said Lathrop to collect said tax, as per memorial on file, dated Jan^y 20th, 1780: Resolved by this Assembly, that John Lathrop be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to collect said tax of six shillings upon the pound laid by this Assembly in October last past, at the

risque of said town, to be paid in January instant; and a proper warrant is hereby directed to be issued to him therefor: said town to be answerable for said Lathrop, as in other cases.

Upon the memorial of John Goodrich and Eunice his wife, representing that in the fall of the year 1778, the small-pox broke out in the neighbourhood of the memorialist; that application was made to the civil authority and selectmen of New Haven for liberty to the family of Michael Baldwin together with one other person, which made six in number, for receiving the infection by inoculation; which being granted to said six persons, but as one of the number to whom the liberty was granted declined to go into inoculation, said Eunice was informed there was a door open for her to be inoculated, and that she could take the benefit of the liberty granted [and] was inoculated as she supposed she had full liberty; that the grand-jurors made complaint of her for being inoculated; that she was bound to answer the complaint before the county court in New Haven; praying that upon her paying the cost she might be released from the fine provided by law, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist, upon paying the cost which hath arisen, shall be released and discharged from any further prosecution on said complaint.

Upon the memorial of John Anderson, a refugee from New York now resident in Greenwich, shewing to this Assembly that in his escape from New York the greatest part of his estate fell into the hands of the enemy, and that he retired to the said town of Greenwich for safety, where he has resided since September, 1776, and that the listers in said town have annually ever since entered his poll and personal estate in the lists of said town, and that he is so reduced in his estate that he is unable to pay the State taxes levied thereon; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the State taxes on the poll and personal estate of the said John Anderson be and the same is hereby abated, and the poll and personal estate of the said John Anderson is in future exempted from taxes during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Hartford, praying this Assembly by a special resolve to grant liberty to the several societies and districts in said town to mend and repair the highways within each of said societies and districts by a rate or tax, and enable them to tax themselves from time to time, as occasion may require, for that purpose, &c., as per memorial on file,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said town of Hartford have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the several societies in said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate by law taxable within said societies, and to raise such sum or sums of money as

shall be necessary and sufficient to repair the publick highways in said societies, respectively.

And whereas the first and second societies in said town lye together within the same local bounds,

Therefore resolved, That said societies be divided for the purpose aforesaid by a line to run with the little or mill river from the mouth thereof westward untill it comes to where the two little rivulets which form said Mill River unite ; and from thence a due west line untill it comes to the line dividing between said societies and that of the West Division. And that part of said societies which lieth north of said line shall be called the North District, and that part which lyeth south of said line shall be called the South District, for the purpose of mending and repairing the highways in said districts. And the inhabitants of said districts shall have the same power and authority as is herein before granted to the other societies in said town relative to mending and repairing their highways by a tax. And all taxes arising upon land belonging to non-residents lying within said districts shall be equally divided between said districts, so far as respects the mending and repairing their said highways ; and each of the said several districts and societies shall have power, and they are hereby enabled, to appoint collectors to collect said rates or taxes, who shall have the same power and be entituled to the same fees as other collectors of taxes by law have ; and any one assistant or justice of the peace are hereby authorized to grant warrants to such collectors to enable them to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts ; in the same manner and form as other society rates are collected, and to be accountable for the same. And said monies shall be delivered to the surveyor or surveyors of highways who shall be appropriated by the town to said office in the said several societies or districts, who shall lay out the same, if needed, for the repairing the highways within the same, and shall keep true and exact accounts of all his or their expenditures for the purpose aforesaid ; and every such surveyor shall render a true account of the moneys by him so expended or laid out to the select men of said town or committee which may be appointed in said several districts or societies for that purpose, when they shall be thereto required ; and such surveyor shall be liable for any neglect of his duty, as by law they now are ; and all surplus of the monies raised as aforesaid, which shall remain in the hands of any of said surveyors after the said highways are well and sufficiently repaired, shall at end of each year be paid into the hands of the respective treasurers of said societys or districts wherein said highways have been mended and repaired, and be by them or their successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the said several districts in which the same was raised, respectively, unless any or either of such districts shall otherwise order, which they are hereby enabled to do.

And it is further resolved, That this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Hartford during the pleasure of this Assembly: Provided nevertheless, that if said districts or societies, or any or either of them, shall neglect to mend and keep in repair the highways within the same in manner aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the surveyor or surveyors within such district so neglecting to cause the same to be repaired, as by law is already provided; anything in this resolve contained notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Asa Burnham of Susquehannah, shewing that while he was serving as a soldier in the army of the United States, the enemy destroyed his estate and drove his family from that part of the country in distressing circumstances; praying for some assistance to remove them from their present residence in Litchfield to their former settlement: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of Litchfield advance and furnish to the said Asa, in such articles or service as they shall judge necessary for the family and most conducive to their removal to said Susquehannah, not exceeding the amount of fifteen pounds estimated at the rate of prices affixed in and by a certain act or law of this State made and passed by the General Assembly at their session in November, 1776, entitled An act to prevent monopolies and oppression by excessive and unreasonable prices for many of the necessaries and conveniences of life, taking his receipt therefor as so much advanced to him in necessaries towards what may be owing or due to him as wages for his services in the Connecticut Line, and transmit the same to the committee appointed to adjust the accounts and claims of the army, or to the Committee of the Pay-Table, that the same may be charged against him accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Ruth Taylor of Simsbury, administratrix on the estate of William Taylor, late of said Symsbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the estate of said deceas'd has become intermixed with the estate of Nathaniel Higgins of said Symsbury in said deceas'd's lifetime &c., on which a committee has been appointed, who have reported the truth of the facts stated in said memorial, and also that said Higgins's proportion of the same amounts to one equal tenth part of said Taylor's estate and given it as their opinion that said tenth part be distributed to said Nathaniel, and also that a certain note of hand given by said Taylor to said Higgins on account of said estate, dated the 4th day of June, 1774, for the sum of £22 10 0, L. money, payable by the first day of November then next, be thereupon cancelled &c., as per memorial and report on file, which report has been accepted: Resolved by this Assembly, that the court of probate in and for the district of Symsbury be and hereby is directed to order one tenth part of said deceas'd's estate to be distributed and set off to the said Nathaniel Higgins, in full satisfaction and dis-

charge of said note, and that upon the same being done and established the said note is hereby declared to be null and void.

Upon the memorial of Roger Enos of Windsor, late colonel of a regiment in the service of this State, in behalf of himself and the officers and soldiers who served in said regiment in the year 1778, shewing to this Assembly that said regiment was raised while the late Stating Act, so called, was in force and under full expectation and assurances that it would have continued so, and was raised on the same wages as allowed in 1777, as to the officers, with an allowance of 75 *per cent.* only as to the soldiers, and to be on half pay only when not in actual service, and that the stating act soon after was repealed, which rendered their wages of much less value than when they engaged in said service, and they did not receive their wages in full untill the month of May last, when the necessaries of life were exceedingly advanced since they entered service; that said regiment never received from the State the sauce and refreshments promised when they engaged; praying that a reasonable reward may be granted them for their services in addition to what has already been granted them; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the officers and soldiers of said regiment be allowed at the rate of six for one for their wages, computing the wages of a private at 40*s.* per month, and the officers in the same proportion deducting what they have already received, which shall be in lieu of all wages or refreshments due to them while in said service; and the Committee of the Pay-Table is hereby ordered and directed to adjust and settle the wages of said regiment in manner aforesaid and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as shall be found due to them according to the rule aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Norton and Azariah Tuthill, both of Long Island, shewing to this Assembly that they have been drove from their peaceable habitations by the enemy and come with their families into this State to seek an asylum, and settled in the town of Guilford; that the said Norton sustains the office of a captain, and the said Tuthill that of an ensign, in the army of the United States; that on their return to said Guilford to their surprize they found that their families in their absence had been under the disagreeable necessity of going on to Long Island; that the memorialists are very destitute of cloathing, and have little or no interest in this State whereby they might be supplied therewith, and are exceedingly desirous to visit their families, and praying for liberty to go over to said island with a boat and sufficient crew to manage the same, for the purpose aforesaid, under such restrictions and regulations as shall be thought necessary; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted unto them, to cross the Sound from Saybrook to the east end

of Long Island in a boat, to visit their respective families and to bring off with them on their return such cloathing as are now their own property. And the memorialists are to go and return under the inspection of John Shipman jun^r, Esq^r, captain of the fort at Saybrook, who is hereby impowered and directed to order some proper person to take the command of said boat, and to permit no greater number of hands to go in said boat than is needfull for the purpose of crossing the Sound, and to take care that all the hands are friendly to the United States, honest men, and worthy to be trusted in such an employment; and the said captain is to examine and strictly inspect the said boat at the time of her departure, and see that no kind of provisions or goods are carried off in said boat, excepting only such provisions as are needfull for the support of their crew during their voyage; and the said Capt. Shipman is to direct the said commander where to land on his return; and on the arrival of said boat the commander is to inform the captain, that a strict inspection may be made on board of said boat, and to seize every article of goods that may be brought in said boat not allowed by this permit; and the commander of said boat is forbid to suffer any article that may be brought in said boat to be unladed before inspection is made as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Samuel McClellan, of Woodstock in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that he raised a regiment for the defence of this State in the year 1778, while the regulating act was in force; that said act was soon repealed and their wages thereby reduced to not more than one tenth part of the value of their wages when they entered into service, and that they have had an allowance made by the General Assembly, in part satisfaction for their service, of £5 10 0 per month to the soldiers while in actual service, and one third advance on the wages of the officers; praying for a further allowance to be made to the memorialists and the officers and soldiers who have served in said regiment, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the officers and soldiers of said regiment be allowed at the rate of six for one for their wages, computing the wages of a private at 40s. per month, and the officers in the same proportion, deducting what they have already received, which shall be in lieu of all wages or refreshment due to them while in said service. And the Committee of the Pay-Table is hereby ordered and directed to adjust and settle the wages of said regiment under the command of the memorialist in manner aforesaid, and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as shall be found due to them according to the rule aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Nehemiah Park and Lucretia Park, both of Plainfield in the county of Windham, which Lucretia is the widow and relict of Elias Park of said Plainfield, deceas'd, shewing to this

Assembly that the said Elias in his life time and the said Nehemiah agreed to purchase jointly two pieces of land lying in said Plainfield of Seers Harriss and Thomas Gallop, for which land said Nehemiah paid to said Elias the sum of £11 5 0, being one half of the purchase money for said two pieces of land, and said Elias took deeds of said lands to himself and was by agreement to make and execute to said Nehemiah a deed of one moiety or half of said two tracts of land; which lands are bounded as followeth, *viz*: The land of Seers Harriss contains about thirteen acres, begins at the northwest corner of William Dixon's Greenwich Plain Farnums land to land lately belonging to Elias Park, thence southerly, abutting west on land lately belonging to said Elias, to land formerly belonging to Nathan Fellows, thence eastwardly, abutting on said Fellows's land, and south on a publick road to Nathaniel Harriss's land, thence north, abutting east on said Harriss's land to land of William Dixon, thence westwardly, abutting north on said Dixon's land to the first mentioned bounds. The other piece of said lands is bounded as followeth, *viz*: Lying at the west end of a plain called Greenwich Plain and east of land of Solomon Payne, and south on land of Joseph Farnum, and north of a road that goes to Bull's Bridge, and west of land lately owned by Seers Harriss and on land lately belonging to the heirs of Nathan Fellows. And the said Elias and Nehemiah lived together in good harmony and confidence in each other and improved said lands in partnership, untill some time in October last past, when said Elias died intestate, without giving any deed to said Nehemiah of his moiety or half of said lands; and praying this Assembly to empower some meet person to make and execute a deed of one half of said lands that shall convey the title thereof to said Nehemiah, his heirs and assigns, in the same manner as was intended to be done by said Elias: Resolved by this Assembly, that Doct. Elisha Perkins be and is hereby appointed and empowered to make and execute a deed of one half of said lands to said Nehemiah, his heirs and assigns, which shall convey to him or them the title thereof in the same manner as was intended to be done by said Elias in his life time.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Guilford, shewing to this Assembly that twenty-nine prisoners of war, captured by the militia guards in said town, were sent by the civil authority in said town under proper guards to New London, to the care of Nathaniel Shaw, Esq^r, then commissary of navy prisoners; that the selectmen of said Guilford advanced £198 7 6, money, for the purpose of defraying the expences of transporting them; that neither said Shaw nor Ezekiel Williams, Esq^r, [Deputy Commissary] of prisoners, nor the Committee of Pay-Table, to whom they have applied, think themselves authorized to repay said expences, and praying the same may be granted them out of the publick treasury of this State, &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of

Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of the memorialists, on application therefor, for the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight pounds seven shillings and sixpence, and charge the same to the account of the United States.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Way of New London, shewing to this Assembly that whereas he is a poor man with a numerous family, having only a few acres of land on which he has by industry obtained a comfortable subsistence, and that a fortification has lately been erected on said land by order of this State, for the defence of the port of New London; praying he may be allowed an annual rent or sum for the use of said land, so long as the same shall be appropriated to that use; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have and receive out of the publick treasury of this State the year past eighty pounds, lawfull money, and the Treasurer of this State is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Bulkley, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that in July last past he was taken prisoner by the British troops, and by them transported to New York and held prisoner untill within a short time when he was released upon parole of honor; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jonathan Bulkley be and he is hereby permitted to return home, there to remain under the care and direction of the civil authority and selectmen of the town of Fairfield: Provided that the liberty hereby granted shall not be construed to affect the obligations he is under by virtue of his parole to the enemy given while in their power.

Upon the memorial of John Elliott jun^r of Middletown, shewing to this Assembly that he hath ever been friendly to the liberties and independence of the United States, but by means of a most trying scene of disgrace and disappointment he had met with, he rashly and unadvisedly went into New York and put himself in the power of the British army, by whom he was treated with the utmost severity, being imprisoned near three months in the provost guard and then permitted to come out with a flag within the American lines; that he hath the most feeling sense of his offence, and with the deepest remorse and penitence confesses his error in taking such a rash and unadvised step, and humbly praying the forgiveness of this Hon^{ble} Assembly, and that he might be exempted from any further prosecution for his misconduct aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby pardoned and forgiven his aforesaid offence in going into the city of New York and putting himself under the power of the enemy, in consideration of the state of his mind at that time and his present free and penitent confession of his said offence; and that upon his paying the cost of the prosecution

instituted against him for his said offence, he be exempted from any further process or proceedings against him for his said offence.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Torrington, shewing that great uneasiness and difficulty hath arisen and long subsisted in the first trainband in said town respecting the choice of their commission officers, which occasions heats, divisions and animosities, to the obstruction of peace and order as well as the publick safety; praying for a committee to examine and report &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Charles Burrell, Colo. Seth Smith and Colo. Noadiah Hooker, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power, to repair to said town of Torrington and make full enquiry of the several matters and things set forth in said memorial, and every thing relating thereto, and hear the parties concerned therein, and make report thereof with their opinion thereon to the next General Assembly: All at the cost of the said memorialists.

Upon the memorial of Noah North, in behalf of the town of Torrington, praying that said town may have liberty to mend and repair their highways or publick roads for the future by a rate raised and taxed by said Torrington, during the pleasure of said town, as per memorial on file: Resolved, therefore, by this Assembly, that liberty is hereby granted to said town for the future, to mend and repair their highways by a rate raised and levied by said town for that purpose, during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Smith, of Brookhaven on Long Island, now resident in Derby in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly, that in July last he, being discovered in attempting to assist some of the friends of the United States of America, became thereby obnoxious to British favourites and was apprehended for his conduct in favour of America, but while he was under guard on his way to New York in order for tryal he made his escape in the night and came over to this State, where he has ever since remained separated from his family, and that it is dangerous to his life to return and remain on Long Island &c., and praying for liberty to go to said Long Island and from thence to bring to this State his wife and family and such part of his personal estate and necessaries as may be in his power &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby permitted, to go to Long Island and fetch off his wife and family and such part of his personal estate and necessaries, exclusive of British goods and merchandize, as may be in his power: he carrying nothing with him but what is necessary for his passage; and to go under the inspection of Capt. Bradley, commander of the fort and guards at New Haven, who is to permit no more men to go in the boat that carries said Smith than is convenient for the purpose of crossing the Sound, and to take special care that

no person goes as a hand in said boat that is unfit to be trusted in such an employment; and the said Capt. Bradley is to take care that said [boat] be strictly inspected at the time of her departure, to prevent any provision being carried off in said boat except what is necessary for the support of the crew during their voyage, and also again to inspect said boat before any article is unladed on the return thereof, and if any British goods or merchandizes are brought therein to seize the same.

Upon the memorial of Joel Jones of Hebron, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the State taxes for said town for the year 1778, and in making his collections of the taxes aforesaid he inadvertently received one hundred and two pounds in counterfeit bills, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby directed, to credit to the memorialist the aforesaid sum of one hundred and two pounds in the settlement of his rate bills.

Upon the memorial of Henry Work of Willington, administrator on the estate of Joseph Farnam late of Enfield dec^d, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Hartford against said deceas'd's estate, together with the sum of seventeen pounds and four pence, lawfull money, in moveables set out to the widow of said deceas'd, surmounts the personal inventory of said deceas'd's estate the sum of sixty pounds three shillings and eleven pence, lawfull money, for the payment of which sum no provision hath been made, and that there is due from the estate of the said Joseph, deceas'd, to the widow Kezia Farnam, mother of the said deceas'd, certain necessaries and conveniencies of life annually during the natural life of the said widow Kezia; and that the whole of said deceas'd's estate is only about fifty acres of mountainous unimproved land, lying in the township of Ashford in the county of Windham; praying for liberty to sell the whole of said land and pay and satisfy said sum of sixty-nine pounds three shillings and eleven pence with incident charges of sale, and the overplus, if any, improve for the benefit of the said widow Kezia and the heirs of the said Joseph, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell the whole of the real estate of the said Joseph Farnam, deceas'd, and pay and satisfy said sum of sixty-nine pounds three shillings and eleven pence, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, and the overplus, if any, improve for the support of said widow Kezia Farnam, as her due from said estate, and the benefit of the heirs of the said Joseph; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Mary Lyman of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of July last, at the time the British army invaded said town of New Haven, she kept one hundred and forty-one horses belonging to the militia of this State, who were ordered for the relief of said town, for the space of twenty-four hours; and praying for a reasonable allowance and compensation therefor: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be allowed and paid for forty-eight hundred of hay the sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds four shillings, money; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same in favour of the memorialist, and charge the same to the account of the United States.

Upon the memorial of Anna Lockwood of Fairfield, administratrix on the estate of Ephraim Lockwood late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate, together with the necessary allowance for the widow of said deceas'd as allowed by the court of probates for the district of said Fairfield, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of one thousand six hundred and seventy-four pounds eleven shillings, lawfull money, and that the said administratrix hath nothing in her hands to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate as will be sufficient to pay the aboves^d sum of £1674, 11 0, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said administratrix, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd Ephraim Lockwood as will raise the above sum of £1674 11 0, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the advice of the court of probates for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Hubbel of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that one Joseph Hanford of said Fairfield had gone over to Long Island and had put himself under the protection of the enemy of the United States of America, and that the county court for the county of Fairfield have given judgment against both the real and personal estate of the said Joseph Hanford to be confiscated and forfeit to this State, and that the memorialist was appointed to be administrator on said estate; also that said administrator has apprized all the moveable estate that he could find belonging to said Joseph Hanford, which did not amount to a sum sufficient to pay the said Hanford's debts: the court of probates did thereupon appoint commissioners to adjust the debts against said estate, in the settlement of which they find said estate indebted about two hundred and twenty pounds more than said moveables sold for, which obliges said administrator to sell so much of the real estate that would pay the aforesaid sum of £220, among which was a new grist-mill, which was erected

by said Hanford and Capt. Phineas Chapman of said Fairfield. Said mill is set on said Hanford's land, but was not completed when said Hanford went over to the enemy, and said Chapman since by sickness and old age is rendered entirely incapable of settling the accounts of said mill; that said Hanford, who kept the greatest part of said account, carried them off with him; whereupon the memorialist made proper enquiry into the circumstances of building said mill and found that, by a verbal agreement between said Hanford and Chapman, there was to be a highway through said Hanford's land to come at said mill, which was to be charged in said Hanford's account towards his part of building said mill, and which does not in the least discommode the rest of said land, and that the memorialist vendued said land and said proposed highway, which sold to the children of said Chapman for five hundred pounds, a sum much larger than to pay said Hanford's debts; but, as the law is, the memorialist is not authorized to give a deed for no more of said Hanford's real estate than will be sufficient to pay his debts, thereupon praying that this Assembly would empower him to make a sufficient deed of sale unto the said sons of said Capt. Phineas Chapman for all the right, title and interest that said Hanford had in or unto the said mill and said highway of three quarters of an acre of land, and to return the overplus into the treasury of this State, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the abovesaid Hezekiah Hubbell, the said administrator, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to the said Hezekiah Hubbell, to sell all the right and title that the said Joseph Hanford had or hath to the abovesaid mill and three quarters of an acre of land for a highway, and give a proper deed for the same; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Fenn, one of the selectmen of the town of Waterbury, in behalf of himself and the rest of the selectmen of said Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that William Nichols of said Waterbury did, about two years since, voluntarily go over to Long Island and there join the enemies of this and the rest of the United American States and hath ever since continued to hold and screen himself under their protection, and that on legal process before the county court for the county of New Haven the estate of the said Nichols hath been adjudged forfeited to and for the use of this State; that the said Nichols before his said absconding and going over to the enemy did procure Thomas Hickox jun^r, of said Waterbury, to give his security to sundry merchants in the State of New York for debts to them due from the said Nichols, and in consideration thereof the said Nichols by bill of sale conveyed to the said Hickox all his, said Nichol's, personal estate to a large amount, far exceeding the sums so as aforesaid by said Hickox secured, and that afterwards the said Nichols by other means satisfied and secured said debts, and that said Hickox, his said securities notwithstanding, hath never paid

nor is he now liable to pay said sums, or any part thereof, by him secured as aforesaid, and that the said Hickox hath converted the whole of said personal estate, to him made over by the said Nichols as aforesaid, to his own use; praying that a committee may be appointed to enquire into the matters aforesaid and report make, &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Increase Mosely and Joseph Hopkins and Ezra Brownson, Esq^r., be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the matter aforesaid, with full power and authority to call before them the said Hickox and all other persons concerned, and them examine in the premises, and make their report of what they shall find in the said premises with their opinion thereon to this Assembly in May next.

Upon the memorial of the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection of the town of Reading, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776, in obedience to the requisitions of the committee of the General Assembly specially appointed to examine persons in said Reading &c., inimical to the State &c., large accounts of cost and expenditure arose in apprehending and guarding such inimical persons &c., to the amount of £159 9 5, L. money; praying for allowance and payment thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sum of £159 9 5, L. money, be allowed and paid to the memorialists in satisfaction of the said costs and charges; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Perkins of Norwich, executor of the last will and testament of Jacob Perkins, Esq^r, late of Norwich, decess'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said dec^d surmount the inventoried personal estate of said decess'd the sum of £263 17 5, L. money, and that said decess'd in his last will and testament ordered his executor to pay several legacies in money out of said estate, to the amount of £69 0 0, L. money, which together with the sum last mentioned amount to £323 17 5, L. money, which cannot be paid out of said estate without the sale of lands, for which there is no provision made in said will; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said decess'd as to raise said sum of £323 17 5 &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and authority, and the same is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said decess'd as to pay said sum of £323 17 5, L. money, debt and legacies aforesaid, together with the charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all petitions and memorials now lying undetermined before this Assembly, and all matters relating

thereto, be and the same are hereby continued to the General Assembly in May next, and the power of any committee appointed upon any such petition or memorial are also hereby continued and in force until the rising of said Assembly in May next.

This Assembly do grant the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, money, to his Excellency the Governor, for the last half of his salary for the current year; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly in bills of credit ordered by this Assembly to be emitted.

This Assembly do grant to his Excellency the Governor the sum of one hundred pounds, for his extraordinary services for the first half of the year 1779; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly in bills of credit ordered to be emitted by this Assembly.

This Assembly do grant his Honor the Deputy Governor the sum of fifty pounds in bills of credit ordered to be emitted by this Assembly, for the last half of his salary for the current year; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AT HARTFORD,
TUESDAY 25 JANUARY, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Deputy Governor Griswold.

Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Elip ^t Dyer,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Pitkin,	N. Wales,	
Ab ^m Davenport,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Jed. Strong,		

On a petition of Peter Vandervoort jun^r, of Hartford, granted him liberty of a flag to go into New York on parole to visit his father and wife, &c., who he had not seen in about two years &c.

AT A MEETING OF SAID GOVERNOR &C., TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, A.D.
1780, AT HARTFORD.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

D. Governor Griswold.

Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Ab ^m Davenport,	Jed. Strong,	

On the application of the town of N. Hartford that they have never received the proportion of salt belonging to them, being 16½ bushels: Resolved, that the town of N. Hartford be intitled to receive 16½ bushels of

salt, being the proportion heretofore assigned to them, from the store-keeper of the salt belonging to this State, either in Hartford or Middletown.

Order given 4 Feb. D^a Cap. Gillet.

On application by Col. Ethan Allen, in behalf of the State of Vermont, (so called :) Granted that he may receive and purchase a quantity of powder, not exceeding half a ton, belonging to this State, from the powder-mill in Hartford or , at the rate of 20 dollars per pound.

Allowed an account of Col. Hez. Wyllys of £150, for his service 4 months, directing and superintending the artillery company and exercises in Hartford for 4 months past, and that the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the treasury for the same.

Allowed an account of Maj^r Isaac Cook of Wallingford of £150, for the same services for the same term, at Wallingford, and the Committee of Pay-Table to draw accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD,
THURSDAY, 3D FEBRUARY, A.D. 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
D. Governor Griswold.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Natha ^l Wales,	} Esq ^m .
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Benja. Payne,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Williams,	Jed ^b Strong,	

Allowed an account of Col. Joseph Trumbull, dec^d, for his service in procuring a quantity of cloathing at Boston in December, 1777, for the use of the Connecticut Line in the continental army by order of the Governor and Council of Safety, and also for negotiating 10,000 for this State with Rose & Torrance at Charles Town in South Carolina, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to carry the amount of said account, being £837 10, to the credit of said Col. Trumbull's account with this State in the settlement thereof with his administrator.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT
HARTFORD ON TUESDAY* THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Will ^m Hilhouse,	} Esq ^m .
Abr ^m Davenport,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
William Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Jed. Strong,	
Benja. Payne,		

Upon the request of the Board of War, of the 18th December, 1779, for two tuns of powder to supply the two frigates, the *Trumbull* and *Burbon*, now lying at the port of New London: The same being considered is by this Board granted, and Messrs. Elderkin and Wales are directed to deliver unto John Deshon, one of the Commissioners of the Navy in the

*So in the record ; but Feb. 3, 1780, was Thursday.

Eastern Department, two tuns of cannon-powder belonging to this State in their care, taking his duplicate receipts for the same, and shall lodge one of them with the Committee of Pay-Table, to be by them charged the United States.

Resolved, That Messrs. Elderkin and Wales be and they are ordered and directed to cause three tuns of powder be, as soon as may be, to be removed to Lebanon and placed in the store there, at the expence of the State.

Resolved, That Lieut. John Shipman jun^r of Saybrook, commander of the fort and guard at that place, be allowed and receive the same pay as a captain is allowed upon the last establishment for the militia made in May last, in consideration of his command being augmented from the 5th March last and his doing the duty of a quarter-master &c, untill this time; that his pay be increased during said time as aforesaid and that to be in lieu of all other considerations for his services during said time; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to settle his pay-roll and draw on the Treasurer accordingly.

Ordered, That Lieut. John Shipman jun^r, commander of the guard at Saybrook, do immediately dismiss all of his company, and that he enlist or engage six men to serve as guards until further orders at said post.

Copy given.

FRIDAY MORNING, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1780. GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY MET IN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present: The Governor.

D. Governor Griswold.

E. Dyer,	Abr ^m Davenport,	} Esq ^m .
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	
	Wm. Hilhouse,	

Voted, That Messrs. Elderkin and Wales deliver Nath^l Skinner of Hartford half a ton of pistol-powder in their custody belonging to this State, designed for Gen. Ethan Allen of Vermont: he, said Skinner, to bring it forward to Hartford, and to be accountable till further orders concerning the same.

Order given.

Resolved, That Capt. Shipman of Saybrook be authorized and directed to lay his accounts of supplys, as an acting quarter-master for the garrison at Saybrook, before Mr. Hubbard, D. Quarter [-master] General, and that he settle and discharge the same.

On a petition and representation of Louis Baral residing in Norwich, shewing that he is a subject of the Duke of Wortenburg, and being in the dominions of the Prince of Hesse Cassel about 18 months since was forced into his service and sent to New York, and going from thence in a transport to Halifax was taken by the *Revenge* privateer and bro't into , and now works with Mr. Russell at the stocking-weaver's trade in Norwich, and wishes to live under the dominion of the United States and never return to the service of the Prince of Hesse or the tyranny of Great Britain, and praying to be allowed to take the oath of allegiance to the United States &c.: The same is referred to Benj. Huntington and Jz. Perkins, Esq^m, and if they find him a man of probity, integrity and virtue, and like to be a good and useful subject and inhabitant of these States, he be allowed to take the oath of fidelity and allegiance to this and the United States, and that they cause the same to be administered and registered accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^r .
Abr ^m Davenport,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
Gen ^l Huntington,	William Hillhouse,	
William Williams,	Jesse Root,	
Benja. Payne,		

Resolved, That Mr. Eliphaz Spencer deliver to Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey, commissary for this State, twelve hundred and sixty pounds of good well-tann'd leather of the same he received at Roxbury in raw hides, belonging to this State, including what he has already delivered him, taking his receipt, which shall be his, said Spencer's, discharge from the contract made by Mr. David Trumbull with him in and about said raw hides.

On report of committee, *viz:* B. Payne and Jesse Root, Esq^r, yesterday desired by the Board to examine into the cases of sundry suspected inimical persons, *viz:* Jabez Sherwood jun^r, Hez^a Hobby, Solomon Merrit jun^r, Silas Knap, Wm. Marshall, Joseph Galpin and Jotham Mead, of Greenwich, a few days since sent to the order of the Governor &c. by the authority, selectmen and committee of Greenwich and now in goal; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the sheriff of this county be directed to suffer the said Sherwood, Hobby, Merrit, Knap, Marshall, Galpin and Mead, to go at large in this or any town in the county of Hartford, to labour or procure their own subsistence with any of the people in said towns friendly to the cause of the country, as he may think proper, not to depart the town where they shall be plac'd or find a residence without licence, on pain of being recommitted to prison: they first paying the cost of their commitment and support in prison. And if they, or any of them, shall obtain the consent of the said authority of Greenwich to return to said town, the said sheriff is authorized to permit them such return without application to the Governor or other authority.

On application by Gen^l Ethan Allen in behalf of the State of Vermont, (so called,) representing that said State have credible information that the enemy of these States from Canada are forming an expedition against said State of Vermont under the command of Col. Butler, and that said State are destitute of powder and other military stores for their defence, and moving to purchase a quantity of powder belonging to this State and to make payment partly in continental loan-office certificates &c.

Resolved, That the said Allen be allowed to purchase and receive half a ton of pistol-powder manufactured by Messrs. Elderkin and Wales for this State, at the rate of twenty dollars per pound, and that he may deliver to the Treasurer of this State in part payment therefor such continental loan-office certificates as [he] may chuse, which said Treasurer is to receive properly indorsed computing the same with the interest due thereon, to their amount in payment for said powder, and for the remainder said Treasurer may take said Allen's own personal security, payable in a short time, in continental currency to be equal when paid to its present value. And if said certificates shall avail this State more than their present nominal amount and value the same shall be equitably considered in favor of said State of

Vermont. And the said Treasurer's indorsement, that he has received pay and security accordingly, shall intitle the said Allen to receive the powder aforesaid, for which an order is already this day given in favor of Nathl Skinner for said powder to be bro't to Hartford.

Resolved, That Jacob Greene and company, belonging to Warwick in the State of Rhode Island, have liberty to exchange a quantity of rock-salt for produce in this State, except flour, and to receive and transport to said Warwick the following articles, viz: 12 bb. of pork, 15 bbls. beef, 50 bushells of indian corn, 30 bushells of rye, 10 bushells of wheat, 100 bushells of oats, 500 lb. flax, 250 lb. hogs lard, 500 lb. cheese, and 100 lb. of tallow; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to give a permit therefor accordingly.

Permit d^a to William Green, one of said company, this 4 February, 1780.

AT MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON MONDAY THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^r .
Jz. Huntington,	Samuel Bishop,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	William Hillhouse,	
William Williams,	Jed. Strong,	
Benja. Payne,		

Whereas this Board by their resolve of the 22nd of October, 1779, permitted Mr. Isaac Doolittle of New Haven to receive one tun of saltpetre belonging to this State in the care of Messrs. Elderkin and Wales to be manufactured into powder for the use of the State; which resolve, on further consideration, is reconsidered and made null and void.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Will ^m Hillhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Jz. Huntington,	Sam ^l Bishop,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Jed. Strong,	
William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Daniel Sherman,	

Council met twice this day, except Mr. Sherman, who attended in the evening only.

Consulted on sundry important matters relative to sending a flag of truce to New York to procuring an exchange of prisoners.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Samuel Bishop,	} Esquires.
Jz. Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	William Hillhouse,	
William Williams,	Jed. Strong,	
Nath ^l Wales,	Benj. Payne,	

Granted a permit to Capt. Ezekiel Hayes of New Haven to export 24 barrells pork from this State to the State of New Jerseys and there to exchange 18 bbls. thereof with Jno. Jacob Faish, Esq^r, for 2 tons of nail-rods, the other 6 bbls. to be exchang'd with Mr. David Edminister for one tun of scythe iron, for the purpose of bringing the same into this State and manufacturing said nail-rods and iron. *Permit given to said Hayes this day.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON SATURDAY THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.DOM. 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Deputy Governor Griswold.

Elip ^t Dyer,	William Williams,	} Esquires.
Jabez Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	

Whereas the General Assembly of this State in their present session by a special resolve ordered and directed that the following prisoners of war captured from the enemy and now in this State should be exchanged agreeable to the proposal of the Commander-in-Chief of the British army at New York, which proposal is agreed to, *viz:* Judge Jones for Brigadier Silliman, now a prisoner with the enemy; Isaac Willet, captured with Judge Jones, and John Picket, a prisoner lately enlarged from his confinement in Hartford goal, provided he can be found, both for William Silliman, major of brigade and who is come out on parole; William Peck, Darling Whelpley, and Solomon Ferris now confin'd in Litchfield goal, for Ephraim Palmer, Nath^l Palmer and Bethel Ferris; and Captain Elias Glover for Capt. Abraham Wright, and David Washburn now a prisoner in Hartford goal for Solomon Dunham jun^r; and referred the management and conduct thereof to this Board: Whereupon, resolved, that Captain Samuel Torrance of Woodbury be and he is appointed to take charge of the said prisoners, except Judge Jones who is unable to go forward with them by means of lameness, and is to be sent in when able. Ebenezer Talman of said Woodbury is hereby appointed as an assistant to the said Torrance and directed to proceed with him; and said Torrance and Talman are directed to proceed immediately on said business. And further they are directed to endeavour to bring out with them the aforesaid prisoners belonging to this State, and also the crew of Capt. Charles Pond, now prisoners at New York, William Ledyard, Esq^r, commissary of prisoners for this State, having sent in to said New York marine prisoners belonging to the British to exchange for them. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to furnish said Torrance and Talman with the needfull commission and instructions, to enable them to perform said business, and to give orders to the sheriff of the county of Litchfield to deliver to said Torrance and Talman the said Elias Glover,

William Peck, Darling Whelpley, Solomon Ferris, and also to the sheriff of the county of Hartford to deliver the said David Washburn to said flag. And his Excellency is further desired to write to the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces at said New York and inform him that the exchange is consented to and made according to his [pro]posal sent out, and to assure him that Judge Jones shall be sent in as soon as he shall be so far recovered from his lameness as he can bear the journey, and also request him to send out Brig^d Gen^l Silliman and the said Capt. Pond's crew.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON MONDAY THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ANNO DOM. 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.		} Esq ^r .
Eliph ^t Dyer,	Daniel Sherman,	
Jabez Huntington,	Nathaniel Wales,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	William Hilhouse,	
William Williams,	Benja. Payne,	

Whereas this Board at their meeting at Windham on the 20th day of September last, taking into consideration the scarcity of the article of Salt in this State, and to enable the inhabitants to obtain a sufficient quantity of that useful and necessary article for their own consumption without the expense of a particular application of the people to this Board, did by a special resolve authorize and impower any one assistant or justice of peace with the assistance of two or more of the selectmen of the same town, on application made by any of the inhabitants of such town, under the regulations and restrictions in said resolve contained, to grant permits to such inhabitants so applying to export any of their produce or manufactures into any of the neighbouring States, (except sheeps wool and cloathing of every kind,) for the sole purpose of procuring such quantities of salt as shall be necessary for their respective use: And whereas it is now represented to this Board that many impositions and abuses have, under pretext of said resolve, been committed, and the same found inconvenient and unnecessary to be longer continued: Therefore, resolved, that the said resolve be revoked, and the same is hereby revoked and made null and void in every part and paragraph thereof; and all permits granted by virtue of the aforesaid resolve, not yet executed, or that shall hereafter be granted, are declared null and void; and all persons are to take notice hereof and conform themselves accordingly. And that none may plead ignorance thereof, it is further ordered, that the several printers in this State insert this resolve in their respective newspapers as soon as may be.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. DOM. 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.		} Esq ^r .
Eliph ^t Dyer,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Jabez Huntington,	Nath ^l Wales,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Daniel Sherman,	
William Williams,	Jed. Strong,	
Benja. Payne,		

Consulted on sundry matters, but nothing concluded.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON WEDNESDAY THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1780.

ANTE MERIDIEM.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,	Daniel Sherman,	} Esq ^r .
Jabez Huntington,	Nath ^l Wales,	
Abr ^m Davenport,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
William Williams,	Jed. Strong,	
Benja. Payne,		

Took into consideration what is advisable to be done with a quantity of Indigo belonging to this State, purchased by Capt. Timothy Parker in the year _____, in order to be exported to France for the purpose of purchasing clothing for the use of the soldiers belonging to this State in the continental army; and said ship putting into New London by stress of weather, said indigo was unladed and stored with Capt. Jabez Perkins at Norwich, being about thirty tierces, where it now lies. Deferred for further consideration.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON WEDNESDAY THE 16TH FEBRUARY, 1780, P.M.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	William Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Jabez Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	
Abraham Davenport,	Samuel Bishop,	
Benja. Payne,		

Peter Hepburn, lieutenant and late commandant of the fort at Milford, exhibited his account of disbursements to this Board, and the same is referred to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are directed to examine and adjust said account and draw on the Treasurer for what shall be found justly due thereon.

Resolved, That Lieut. Peter Hepburn continue in his command of the fort at Milford, and that he engage and retain twelve men to serve under him in said business as a guard untill further orders. And said Hepburn is specially directed during the time he shall continue in said service, to be vigilant and use his utmost efforts to prevent the exportation of provisions and other supplies to the enemy, and to detect all that he shall find employed in that execrable and pernicious business, that they might be brought to justice.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON FRYDAY THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.DOM. 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph ^t Dyer,	Daniel Sherman,
William Pitkin,	Nath ^l Wales,
Abr ^m Davenport,	Samuel Bishop,
William Williams,	Benja. Payne,
	Jed. Strong.

Whereas the late Joseph Trumbull Esq^r, was employed in December, 1777, by the Governor and Council of Safety to procure cloathing and

blankets for the troops of this State, for which purpose he was furnished with ten thousand pounds from the treasury of this State, with which sum he now stands charged:

This may certify, that said sum of £10,000 was by order of said Governor and Council vested by said Trumbull in a set of bills of exchange on Messrs. Rose & Torrence, merchants in Charlestown, South Carolina; that said bills were sent in the late ship *Oliver Cromwell*, commanded by Captain Parker, with orders to receive the same in indico with which he was to proceed to France in said ship, with a view to procure cloathing; that said Parker did receive in indico and disbursements on said ship to the amount of said bills; that he proceeded with said indico on board his ship on his intended voyage, but by misfortune of a heavy storm at sea he was disappointed and drove into N. London; that the indico on board his ship was by orders from the Governor and Council unladed and delivered into the care of Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich as the property of this State, where it now lies, and for the delivery of which said Perkins is now accountable. From which circumstances it appears, that said Trumbull has fulfilled his trust and fully accounted for said ten thousand pounds charged to him as aforesaid.

Whereupon resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to credit said Trumbull accordingly for the sum of £10,000.

Allowed an account in favour of Seth Crocker of Willington, incurr'd to take up and secure one Daniel Rice, a deserter from the continental army, he being an inlisted soldier in Colo. Meigs' regiment, Gen^l Parsons' brigade, by virtue of a warrant signed by lawfull authority, amounting to the sum of £41 18, lawfull money; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same and charge said expence to the United States.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN HARTFORD THE 23D DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Dan ⁿ Sherman,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Abr ^m Davenport,	Sam ⁿ Bishop,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Nath ⁿ Wallis,	
Wm. Williams,	Jed ^b Strong,	
Ja ^s Wadsworth,		

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Nathⁿ Patten three pounds, the ballance of his account for binding the Journals of Congress.

Some other matters moved and considered but not concluded upon.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD, THURSDAY 2D MARCH, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

D. Governor Griswold.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Nath ⁿ Wales,	
Ab ^m Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	

A list of officers lodg'd with the Governor by Gen^l Parsons, who as is alledged by him do and ought in course and according to the rules of the

army to succeed to vacancies that have happened in the Connecticut Line of the continental army, was laid in and considered, and they are, respectively, appointed by this Board to succeed to the offices to which they are so nominated; and the Governor is desired to recommend and offer them to the Hon. Board of War, to be commissioned accordingly; reference to said list being had &c.

Officers for the Guards order'd by this last Assembly to be stationed at N. Haven, viz: a company of matrosses and guards.

This Board do appoint Phineas Bradley jun^r Captain,
 Danⁿ Bishop jun^r First Lieutenant,
 Left vacant. Second Lieutenant,
 Asael Kimberly, Ensign. } of said company.

Guards at Lyme.

This Board appoint John Griswold Lieutenant of said guard at Lyme.

This Board appoint Jno. Shipman jun^r Captain of the Fort at Saybrook and Commander of one of the boats ordered to be kept there; and (Jos.) Higgins Commander of the other boat ordered to be at Saybrook under the oversight and care of said Capt. Shipman.

Guards at Stamford.

Colo. Ab^m Davenport is authorized to nominate the officers to command them, and to direct about the raising them, and is intrusted with blank commissions &c.

Greenwich Guards.

This Board appoint Timo. Lockwood Lieutenant of the guard there.

This Board do appoint Lt. Col. Wm. Ledyard Commander of the Forts at New London and Groton.

An account of Drs. Jepson and Butler, for bandage and lint put up last summer by order of this Board, to which they have added medicine, is refer'd to the Committee of Pay-Table to be adjusted and settled.

Ordered, That the selectmen of Greenwich may receive three hundred pounds of lead in the care of Capt. Jz. Perkins of Norwich, for the use of their militia and for defence.

And dismissed &c.

1780, March 13th. Order to Mr. Blackman, Ripton in Stratford, to deliver the selectmen of Fairfield six barrels of musquet-powder belonging to this State in his care.

March 17th. Order to Mr. David Trumbull to deliver Mr. Lemuel Benedict half box bullets — say half c.— and 300 flints, for the town of Danbury.— He is one of the selectmen.

March 24th. Order to Mr. Isaac Doolittle of N. Haven, to deliver the selectmen of town of Stratford four casks of powder for the use of said town.

*Order given per Jno. Brooks, Esq^r.**

* The last three paragraphs are in Gov. Trumbull's hand.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY SPECIALLY CALLED &c., LEBANON, THURSDAY, 16 MARCH, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Wm. Williams, }
Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq^{rs}.
David Mumford, }

Discours'd on sundry important matters &c., but not a quorum to act or pass any votes.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH, LEBANON.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Wm. Williams, }
Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq^{rs}.
David Mumford, }

Col. Ledyard and numbers of persons waiting on various business. Heard and consulted sundry things, but the gentlemen expected of the Council not coming in, after 12 o'clock adjourn'd to Monday next.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, MONDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Also, Sam^l Mott, Esq^r, came
in afternoon.
Also Col. Pitkin.

Eli^p Dyer, }
Wm. Williams, }
Nath^l Wales, } Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Hilhouse, }
Jesse Root, }
David Mumford, }

On representation and application by James Martin, of Providence in the State of Rhode Island, recommended &c. by D. Governor Bowen: Granted permission for said Martin to collect and transport to Providence 60 bushels of rye at and about Farmington, belonging to Cap. Updike, and said Martin to purchase 200 bushels rye for the use of the people of said Providence, and also ten bushels of rye for the use of Governor Bowen.

Granted also permission to Gershom Drew of Barnstable, to carry out of this State to said Barnstable, viz: 1800 lb. weight of flour purchased and exchanged by him for salt last autumn, also two barrels of pork and 200 bushels of rye, for the necessary consumption of the people there who have put in and sent by him small quantities of salt, wool, sugar &c., for that purpose.

Granted a permit also to Sylvanus Crowell of Barnstable, to exchange salt, lamp-black and molasses for 200 bushels of rye in this State and carry to said Barnstable.

On application by the following persons, refugees from Long Island and well recommended by the civil authority and selectmen of East Haddam, where they are residing, permission is granted to Messrs. Gamaliel Bailey, Stephen Howell, Uriah Rogers, Theo^s. Halsey, Maltby Geltson, John Geltson, David Sayre, David Peirson, John Hurlbutt, Jona. Havens, Nathan Fordham, Zebedee Osborn, Ezekiel Howell and Elias Parshall, and also to the Rev^d John Storrs of South-hold, now residing in Windham, recommended

by the authority of Windham, to go on to Long Island, in a small vessell or boat from East Haddam, with no other person on board but such as are included in this permit, for the purpose only of bringing off to this State grain, provisions, wool, flax and other produce of the island and their own lands, for the use and consumption of their own families; and the said Mr. Storrs is permitted to bring off a small quantity of salt of his own property there for his own use: Provided that they, nor either of them, be suffered to carry on any kind of provisions except stores for the voyage or passage, nor bring off any kind of British goods or merchandize. Provided also, that they pass and return by and under the inspection of the commander of the fort at Saybrook.

On application by Mr. Jno. Winthrop of N. London, representing that he is and has long been in a very weak and low state of health, has applied to many physicians but obtained little or no relief, save in one instance from a Dr. Middleton, who is now in New York; that he is advised by physicians to make a long journey to the southern States for the recovery of his health, with which advice he is desirous to comply, and is about to take a journey accordingly, and praying for a passport and for liberty in his way to pass thro' New York, to consult the said Dr. Middleton with respect to his health: Resolved, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to grant said Winthrop a passport accordingly, he having taken the oath of fidelity to this State, and that he recommend his request respecting his passing thro' N. York in order to see the said doctor to the commander in chief of the confederate army, or any proper commander on the post where he may pass, that if he judges it prudent and safe, he suffer him, the said Winthrop, to pass thro' N. York for the purpose aforesaid, and under such restrictions as he may think proper.

Permission granted 11th April, 1780.

On application of Mr. Jno. Winthrop of N. London, representing that he is proprietor of Fishers Island; that the buildings thereon are all burned and destroyed by the enemy &c., the island desolate, and the wood plundered &c., praying that he may be permitted for the preservation of his property to build a small brick house and put a family there for protection of the estate, and some small stock &c.: Resolved, that he be permitted to erect such small building and by and with the consent of the authority and selectmen of the town of N. London he may be permitted to put on to said island for the purpose aforesaid, such person as they shall approve, being a friend to the United States and one who has taken the oath of fidelity, and with his family, and also two pair of oxen and three cows and such necessaries only, to be by them allowed, as may enable such tenant to live comfortably for the present.

Whereas there are lying at N. London a number of 12-pound cannon weighing about 1800 pounds each, procured from Salisbury furnace for the ship *Trumbull*, but too light for her use; and whereas Capt. Landolph, a captain of a French ship lying at N. London, proposes to purchase 16 of them at the price of £1800 each, currency, and also wishes to purchase 1500 pounds of cannon powder: Voted and resolved, that Maj. Hilhouse be impowered and directed to repair to N. London, sell and dispose said 16 cannon to said Cap. Landolph at the price aforesaid, and also sell to him 1500 pounds of cannon-powder at the price of twenty-five dollars per pound, agreeable to the proposal of said Cap. Landolph, in continental currency, and receive and

lodge the money with the Treasurer, taking receipts and lodging one with the Secretary.

Voted, That Col. Wm. Ledyard be authoriz'd to exchange a number, about , short 9-pound cannon at N. London, unsuitable for the forts, for long 12 and 6-pound cannon, belonging to particular persons there, to exchange in equal and just manner by his best discretion.

AT A MEETING &C. AT LEBANON THE NEXT DAY, TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1780.

Present as yesterday : His Excellency the Governor.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Wm. Hilhouse,	} Esq ^r .
Wm. Pitkin,	Jesse Root,	
Wm. Williams,	Sam ^l Mott,	
Nath ^l Wales,	David Mumford,	

Took into further consideration the affair of executing the acts of Assembly respecting the filling our quota of the confederate army, in what manner to promote it; also filling up the two regiments ordered to be raised &c. &c. &c. And regulations and orders consulted and prepared for those purposes.

Various applications for permits to carry out on special occasions some provisions &c.

Granted permit to George Irish to return into the State of R. Island with family effects and some stock of cattle.

Granted permit to John Brown and company of Providence to carry out to Providence a quantity of damaged sugars &c. for manufacturing into loaf.

On recommendation and request, granted a permit to Doct^r. Henry White and family to return to east part of Long Island.

Granted permit to Colo. Nightingale to carry out 700 weight of cheese for his own use to Providence.

On application [and] recommendation, permission was granted to Capt. Samuel Pierce, a refugee from Prudence Island in the State of R. Island, to return with his family and effects.

On application and recommendation, permission was granted to Capt. George Allen, a refugee from Prudence Island in the State of R. Island, to return with his family and effects.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL &C., LEBANON, 26 MARCH. 1780. WEDNESDAY.

Present : His Excellency the Governor.

Wm. Williams,	} Esq ^r .
Nath ^l Wales,	
Wm. Hilhouse,	
Sam ^l Mott,	
David Mumford,	

Application from Jno. Deshon, Esq., of the Navy Board, representing the embarrassment and distress he is thrown into by the seizure of a vessel &c. at the westward bringing bread &c. for the ship *Trumbull* &c. &c. Letter wrote him in answer &c.

And variety of matters considered, and applications &c.

On application by a number of the authority, selectmen and other gentlemen of Fairfield and Norwalk, representing their distresses by being

burnt out by the enemy and their desire to do something at rebuilding their houses &c., and the difficulty of obtaining boards, glass &c. &c., and praying liberty to transport to the eastward country sufficient quantities of grain, pork &c. for the purpose of procuring those necessary articles &c., which they cant otherwise obtain, and recommending Cap. Stephen Throp, the bearer, as a suitable person to be employed in the business &c.

Whereupon voted, That said Cap. Peter Thorp be and he is permitted, in behalf of said towns of Fairfield and Norwalk, to procure in this State and export to the eastward, *viz* : 25 barrels pork, 30 bbs. flour, 500 bushels of indian corn, 1000 pounds of flax, and 200 bushels of rye, in such vessell or vessells as may be proper, for the sole purpose of procuring the articles of boards, glass, and other necessarys to enable them to build houses &c., to be under the proper regulations at the naval offices, and the direction of the authority and selectmen, or such persons as may be appointed by the concerned; and also, that he may carry for the vessell's stores, *viz* : 3 bbs. pork, 3 do. beef, 3 do. flour, and 300 *lb.* bread.

On petition of Eb^r Baley of Nantuckett, representing the very distress'd condition of the inhabitants there for want of bread, the deposition of Jon^a Seymour of Norwalk confirming said account of their situation, aided by a recommendation [of the] authority and selectmen of Norwalk, representing their want of the articles said Baley has got, and their opinion the grain &c. may be well spared, in exchange &c. : Granted said Baily liberty to barter and exchange at Fairfield or Norwalk *viz* : 28 bus. salt, two casks of oil, one and half barrels rum, two do. molasses, two barrels sugar, one and half quintals fish, and two barrels pickled codfish, for rye and indian corn, and such other articles as he may be permitted by the authority and selectmen of the towns where he shall trade, and also to purchase one barrel pork for his, said Baley's, own use.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON,
MONDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1780.

Present : His Excellency the Governor.
Hono. M. Griswold.

Elip ^d Dyer,	Nath ^l Wales,	} Esq ^{rs} .
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Jesse Root,	
David Mumford,		

Consulted sundry matters &c.

On motion by Cap. Asa Waterman, that he has purchased a farm in the State of Rhode Island &c., for liberty to drive four cows from this State to put upon said farm, and on consideration is granted. *Copy given.*

On motion by the selectmen of N. Haven, praying liberty for Mary Roberts with her three children, now in necessitous circumstances and a burden on the town &c. &c., to go in a flag to her husband at N. York &c., and is granted that she may go with her said children and a small quantity of furniture under the direction of the selectmen of said town, and that his Excellency be desired to grant such permission and flag.

Permitted Josiah Spalding of Canterbury to drive a cow and calf to his farm in the Massachusetts. Also Stephen Spalding of said Canterbury to send half a bb. pork and 30 *lb.* flax into Massachusetts to pay for the value in sheep he has bo't there.

Voted and resolved, That Capt. James Watson, D. Commissary of Purchases, be ordered to supply the garrisons at and from N. London to Horse-neck with necessary flour and bread.

Voted, That Col. W. Ledyard be impowr'd to call upon Cap. Jno. Deshon for 20 barrels of flour lent to him the last year by this State, and deliver it over to the purchasing commissary of the United States, he paying the reasonable price, and lodge the money with the Treasurer, taking his receipts and lodging one with the Secretary.

Permitted Cons^r Eddy of Groton, to drive out into Swansy in Massachusetts a yoke of oxen, for the use of his son, on a farm he owns there.

Permission is granted to John Wells and Timo. Welles his son in law residing at Preston, refugees from Long Island, to pass over to Long Island to see after and take of their considerable effects left there about 3 years since and of which they have not heard : to go under the care and inspection of Col. Wm. Ledyard at going out and returning, to see that nothing illicit is done ; they being well recommended by the authority and selectmen of Preston.

Voted, That Col. Ledyard be impowered to purchase at the Stafford furnace, if to be had, a necessary quantity of grape-shot for the forts at N. London and Groton; or at the eastward furnaces if not to be had at Stafford.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

AT A MEETING &C. TUESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. M. Griswold.

Elip^t Dyer,

Nathⁿ Wales,

Wm. Pitkin,

Wm. Hilhouse,

Wm. Williams,

Jesse Root,

David Mumford,

} Esq^{rs}.

This Board reappointed the same officers of the matross companys at New London and Groton, and Stonington, as were appointed and served the last year, *viz* :

[The names are not given here on the record.]

Excepting that Simon Forbs to be Lieutenant instead of Lt. Bill disabled by sickness.

That Col. Ledyard be impowered to repair the bridge leading over the cove to Mamacock, and to use plank purchased by Maj. Hilhouse.

Voted, That Lt. Col. Ledyard, the commander of the forts &c., be impowered to examine and search, if he judges proper and necessary, all vessells coming in and going out of the harbour of N. London, in order to detect and prevent any illegal and clandestine trade.

Resolved, That Col. Ledyard be directed to keep proper accounts of and for providing, building and preparing guard boats at N. London, according to act of Assembly in January last, and lay them before the Committee of Pay-Table, to be adjusted and paid.

Voted and ordered, That there be four serjeants and four corporals for each of the matross companys at N. London and Groton, instead of two as mentioned in the act of Assembly, supposed by accident as the number had been usually four and appear to be necessary.

On application and request from the following persons, all refugees from Long Island, for liberty to go onto the island, to take care of, secure and bring off some of their effects for their necessary support &c., and being all well recommended by authority and selectmen of Middletown and towns where they belong, as friendly, faithfull and trusty persons, &c., and their cases being considered: Voted, that they, viz: Sylvester Deering, Isaac Overton, Alibea Guildersleeves and child, Aaron Isaacs, Benja. Hunting, David Seers, Jona. Conklin, Sarah Morehouse with two children to be left with their grandfather, Nath^l King, Dan^l Tuthill, Obediah Jones, Thos. Toppan and Gershom Culver, be permitted to go onto Long Island in a small vessell or boat, navigated by such persons as may be appointed by the commander of the fort at Saybrook, to bring off to this State grain, wool, flax and other produce of the island, for the use and consumption of their own familys: to carry on no provisions except for stores, nor bring off any kind of British goods or merchandize: to pass and return under the inspection of the commander of the fort at Saybrook.

Appointed Higgins to be Ensign of the guards at Lyme.

Voted, To lend Maj. Hez. Huntington $\frac{1}{2}$ a ton of iron belonging to this State in the care of Cap. Jz. Perkins, to be returned in April next.

The case [of] a certain negro, calling himself James Cromwell, who fled from his master, Maj. Hudson, a tory enemy at Long Island, now with Mr. Daniel Horsford, praying for protection and his liberty: It is the opinion of this Board, that he may and ought to be protected untill the pleasure of the Assembly may be known in the case

On application by Mr. Wm. Whiting of Salisbury, again to hire and improve the furnace in said town late belonging to Richard Smith:

Resolved, That the said Wm. Whiting may, and he is authorized and permitted to enter upon and take possession of said furnace with its appurtenances, appendages, tools and implements, together with the lands in Salisbury late belonging to said Smith, and to use and improve the same for the term of one year, on the terms, conditions and rent following, viz: That he yield, render and pay for the use of the Governor and Company at the rate of two tons of good pig iron cast at said furnace, per month, for every month and part of a month he shall continue said furnace in blast during said term, and also account for all the tools and implements he shall have and use and deliver them and all the buildings, works and appurtenances, lands and fences, in as good repair as he shall receive them.

And Samuel Forbes, Esq^r, is appointed and directed to repair immediately to said Salisbury, view the state and circumstances of said furnace, buildings, tools, utensils, lands and appurtenances, and make the best estimate of their present situation, state and condition, in order to a due comparison with the state the same may be in at the end of the term, that right and justice may be done at the settlement in and concerning the premises.

N. B. *The application was by a Mr. Prime in behalf of said Whiting, and two cyps given: one for Whiting, and one sealed and directed to said Forbes.*

Voted, That Cap. Deshon be desired to purchase for this State at Boston, two tons of lead on the best terms he shall be able, to be paid for out of the money due for cannon by Cap Landolph, the French captain at New London; and the Governor is desired to write said Cap. Deshon accordingly and request advice concerning such purchase as soon as possible.

And wrote.

Geo. Burt, of Norton in Massachusetts, is permitted to carry out of this State 53 bushels of corn and rye, purchased in this State with salt bro't in last fall, and 22 bus. do. for nails for Jacob Hall, and 2 *lb.* weight of flour, 20 *lb.* butter, 100 *lb.* cheese and 10 bus. corn, and 5 do. rye, for Thos. Danforth.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, and the whole body to be sent to, to attend.*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD (BY SPECIAL ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR), ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, A. DOM. 1780.†

Present :

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r, *Governor.*

The Honorable Matthew Griswold, Esq^r, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r,

Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r,

William Pitkin, Esq^r,

Joseph Spencer, Esq^r,

Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r,

Richard Law, Esq^r,

William Williams, Esq^r,

Titus Hosmer, Esq^r,

} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the Several Towns are as follow, viz. :

Colo. Thomas Seymour, Colo. Jonathan Wells, for Hartford.

Mr. Ichabod Warner, Mr. Samuel Carver, for Bolton.

Mr. Ebenezer White, Capt. Joseph Kellogg, for Chatham.

Colo. Henry Champion, Maj^r Elias Worthington, for Colchester.

Gen^l Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Frederick Elsworth, for E. Windsor.

Mr. Eliph^t Terry, Capt. Daniel Perkins, for Enfield.

Mr. John Treadwell, Gen^l Selah Hart, for Farmington.

Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, Mr. Elizur Hale, for Glastonbury.

Capt. Joseph Brooks, Capt. James Hazleton, for Haddam.

Capt. Daniel Ingram, Colo. Joel Jones, for Hebron.

Mr. John Dickinson, Mr. Ebenezer Bacon, for Middletown.

Capt. Thomas Pitkin, Maj^r Abiel Pease, for Somers.

Colo. Stephen Moulton, Mr. Isaac Foot, for Stafford.

Major Elihu Kent, Mr. Phineas Sheldon, for Suffield.

* There is no record of a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety between this date (March 28) and April 22, 1780.

† The session adjourned on Saturday afternoon, April 22d, 1780. *Journal, L. H.*

Capt. Amasa Mills, Mr. Benja. Ferman,* for Symsbury.
 Capt. Elijah Robinson, Mr. Samuel Cobb, for Tolland.
 Mr. Stephen M. Mitchell, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
 Mr. Seth Crocker, Capt. Ebenezer Heath, for Willington.
 Mr. Eliakim Marshall, Mr. Alexander Wolcott, for Windsor.
 Colo. Jabez Chapman, Capt. Israel Spencer, for E. Haddam.
 Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Eneas Munson, for New Haven.
 Colo. Edward Russell, Mr. Jonah Clark, for Branford.
 Capt. Thomas Clark, Capt. James Beard, for Derby.
 Gen' James Wadsworth, Mr. Phineas Spelman, for Durham.
 Mr. John Burgess, Mr. Nath^l Stone, for Guilford.
 Mr. Isaac Miles, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, for Milford.
 Colo. Street Hall, Maj' Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
 Capt. Thomas Fenn, Capt. Jotham Curtiss, for Waterbury.
 Maj' William Hilhouse, Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, for New London.
 Mr. Benja. Huntington, Capt. Jabez Perkins, for Norwich.
 Mr. Ebenezer Ledyard, Mr. William Avery, for Groton.
 Mr. Hez^b Lane, Capt. Samuel Crane, for Killingworth.
 Capt. Richard Wait jun', Mr. Ezra Sheldon,† for Lyme.
 Colo. Jeremiah Halsey, Capt. Asa Keeney, for Preston.
 Colo. William Worthington, Maj'. Edward Shipman, for Saybrook.
 Capt. Phineas Stanton, Capt. Benja. Clark, for Stonington.
 Capt. Samuel Squire, Capt. Samuel Wakeman, for Fairfield.
 Capt. Noble Benedict, Capt. James Clark, for Danbury.
 Colo. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
 Capt. Dan Towner, Mr. Stephen Barns, for New Fairfield.
 Major Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
 Capt. Clap Raymond, Capt. James Pritchard, for Norwalk.
 Mr. William Hawley, Mr. William Herron, for Reading.
 Mr. Nathan Olmsted, Mr. John Benedict, for Ridgfield.
 Colo. Charles Webb, Capt. Daniel Boughton, for Stamford.
 Mr. Elisha Mills, Capt. Samuel Blackman, for Stratford.
 Mr. Nath^l Wales, Colo. Jedediah Elderkin, for Windham.
 Maj' John Keyes, Capt. Simeon Smith, for Ashford.
 Mr. John Felch, Mr. Asa Witter, for Canterbury.
 Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Ephraim Root, for Coventry.
 Capt. Simon Learned, Mr. Amasa Learned, for Killingley.
 Mr. Elkanah Tisdale, Colo. Jonathan Trumbull, for Lebanon.
 Colo. Experience Storrs, Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
 Maj' Andrew Backus, Mr. Isaac Knight, for Plainfield.
 Capt. Samuel Craft, Colo. Joseph Abbott, for Pomfret.
 Colo. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
 Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, Mr. Jedediah Morse, for Woodstock.
 Mr. Jedediah Strong, Colo. Andrew Adams, for Litchfield.
 Capt. Samuel Forbes, Colo. Charles Burrall, for Canaan.
 Capt. Edward Rogers, Mr. Andrew Young, for Cornwall.

* For Ferman read Farnam.

† For Sheldon read Selden.

Capt. Asaph Hall, Mr. Giles Griswold, for Goshen.
 Capt. Uriel Holmes, Mr. Elizur Ensign, for Hartland.
 Capt. Josiah Phelps, Mr. Joseph Cook, for Harwington.
 Capt. Joseph Pratt, Maj' Elias * Curtiss, for Kent.
 Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Noah Kellogg, for New Hartford.
 Capt. Sherman Bordman, Mr. Abel Hine, for N. Milford.
 Mr. Dudley Humphry, Capt. Michael Mills, for Norfolk.
 Capt. Timothy Chittendon, Mr. Hezekiah Fitch, for Salisbury.
 Mr. John Canfield, Maj' Ebenezer Gay, for Sharon.
 Colo. Eliphaz † Sheldon, Mr. Noah North, for Torrington.
 Capt. William Cogswell, Capt. Ebenezer Clark, for Washington.
 Mr. Daniel Sherman, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
 Andrew Adams, Esq', Speaker, } of the House of Representatives.
 Jedidiah Strong, Esq', Clerk }

An Act for the Establishment of Public Credit, and to Provide for the Exigencies of this State.

Whereas his Excellency the Governor has communicated to this General Assembly an act or resolution of the Honorable Congress of the United States, passed the 18th day of March, 1780, in the words following, that is to say :

IN CONGRESS, March 18th, 1780.

These United States having been driven into this just and necessary war at a time when no regular civil governments were established of sufficient energy to enforce the collection of taxes, or to provide funds for the redemption of such bills of credit as their necessities obliged them to issue, and before the powers of Europe were sufficiently convinced of the justice of their cause, or of the probable event of the controversy, to afford them aid or credit: In consequence of which their bills increasing in quantity beyond the sum necessary for the purpose of a circulating medium, and wanting at the same time specific funds to rest on for their redemption, they have seen them daily sink in value, notwithstanding every effort that has been made to support the same; insomuch that they are now passed by common consent in most parts of these United States, at least thirty-nine fortieths below their nominal value, and still remain in a state of depreciation, whereby the community suffers great injustice, the public finances are deranged and the necessary dispositions for defence of the country are much impeded and perplexed. And as effectually to remedy these evils, for which purpose the United States are now become competent, their independence being well assured, their civil government established and vigorous, and the spirit of their citizens ardent for exertion; it is necessary speedily to reduce the quantity of the paper medium in circulation, and to establish and appropriate funds that shall insure the punctual redemption of the bills: Therefore resolved, that the several States continue to bring into the continental treasury by taxes or otherwise their full quotas of fifteen millions dollars annually, as assigned them by the resolution of the seventh of October, 1779, a clause in the resolve of the 23d of February last for relinquishing two-thirds of the said quotas to the contrary notwithstanding; and that the States be further called on to make provision for continuing to

* For Elias read Eleazer.

† For Eliphaz read Epaphras.

bring into the said treasury their like quotas monthly, to the month of April, 1781, inclusive. That silver and gold be receivable in payment of the said quotas at the rate of one Spanish milled dollar in lieu of forty dollars of the bills now in circulation. That the said bills as paid in, except for the months of January and February past which may be necessary for the discharge of past contracts, be not reissued but destroyed. That as fast as the said bills shall be brought in to be destroyed and funds shall be established, as hereafter mentioned for other bills, other bills be issued, not to exceed on any account, one twentieth part of the nominal sum of the bills brought in to be destroyed. That the bills which shall be issued be redeemable in specie within six years after the present, and bear an interest at the rate of five *per centum per annum*, to be paid also in specie, at the redemption of the bills, or at the election of the holder annually, at the respective continental loan-offices, in sterling bills of exchange drawn by the United States on their Commissioners in Europe at four shillings and six pence sterling per dollar. That the said new bills issue on the funds of individual States, for that purpose established, and be signed by persons appointed by them, and that the faith of the United States be also pledged for the payment of the said bills, in case any State on whose funds they shall be emitted should by the events of war be rendered incapable to redeem them; which undertaking of the United States, and that of drawing bills of exchange for payment of interest as aforesaid shall be indorsed on the bills to be emitted and signed by a Commissioner to be appointed by Congress for that purpose. That the face of the bills to be emitted read as follows, *viz: The Possessor of this Bill shall be paid . . . Spanish milled Dollars by the thirty-first Day of December, 1786, with an Interest in like Money at the Rate of five per [cent.] per annum, by the State of . . . according to an Act of the Legislature of the said State of the . . . Day of . . . 1780.* And the endorsement shall be as follows, *viz: The United States ensure the Payment of the within Bill, and will draw Bills of Exchange for the Interest annually if demanded, according to a Resolution of Congress of the 18th Day of March, 1780.* That the said new bills shall be struck under the direction of the Board of Treasury in due proportion for each State according to their said monthly quotas, and lodged in the continental loan-offices in their respective States, where the Commissioners to be appointed by Congress in conjunction with such persons as the respective States appoint, shall attend the signing of the said bills, which shall be completed no faster than in the aforesaid proportion of one to twenty of the other bills brought in to be destroyed and which shall be lodged for that purpose in the said loan-offices. That as the said new bills are signed and completed, the States respectively on whose funds they issue receive six-tenths of them, and that the remainder be subject to the orders of the United States and credited to the States on whose funds they are issued, the accounts whereof shall be adjusted agreeably to the resolution of the sixth of October, 1779. That the said new bills be receivable in payment of the said monthly quotas at the same rate as aforesaid of specie; the interest thereon to be computed to the respective States to the day payment becomes due. That the respective States be charged with such parts of the interest on their said bills as shall be paid by the United States in bills of exchange, and the accounts thereof shall be adjusted agreeably to the resolution aforesaid of the sixth of October, 1779. That whenever interest on the bills to be emitted shall be paid prior to their redemption, such bills shall be thereupon exchanged for others of the like tenor, to

bear date from the expiration of the year for which such interest is paid. That the several States be called on to provide funds for their quotas of the said new bills, to be so productive as to sink or redeem one-sixth part of them annually after the first day of January next. That nothing in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to ascertain the proportions of the expence incurred by the war, which each State on a final adjustment ought to be charged with, or to exclude the claims of any State to have the prices at which different States have furnished supplies for the army hereafter taken into consideration and equitably adjusted. That the foregoing resolutions with a letter from the President be dispatched to the executive of the several States, and that they be requested to call their Assemblies, if not already convened, as speedily as possible, to take them into immediate consideration, to establish ample and certain funds for the purposes therein mentioned, and to take every other measure necessary to carry the same into full and vigorous effect, and that they transmit their acts for that purpose to Congress without delay.

And whereas although this Assembly at their session in January last did not then apprehend, as appears by their public act, that the bills of the common currency of the United States had depreciated more than twenty-nine thirtieths below the nominal value in this State, yet as in the judgment of Congress the mean discount of the said currency within the United States was not on the 18th day of March last less than thirty-nine fortieths below the nominal value of said bills: This Assembly do therefore approve of Congress having ascertained the discount of said bills upon the general principles mentioned in their said act.

And whereas this Assembly are fully convinced of the expediency of having the said bills called in and destroyed, and also of the necessity of having the public credit established upon just and permanent principles, which this Assembly are confident will be fully effected in case the measures recommended by Congress to the several States shall be adopted by them: This Assembly, confiding in the justice of the United States, that the said bills of public credit, recommended by Congress in their act of the 18th of March last to be funded upon the faith of this State, and redeemable according to said act; and also that the bills of the common currency which Congress by their said act of the 18th of March referring to their act of the 7th of October, 1779, have recommended to this State to call in and cancel, which regulations of Congress do in these instances constitute an over-proportion of the common debt belonging to this State, but which Congress in present circumstances have judged it necessary to make; but as this Assembly are fully perswaded, that whatever greater share than a just proportion of public burthen in these instances shall be born by this State will hereafter be equitably considered by Congress, do, therefore, declare, that they will, as fast as the circumstances of this State will admit, call in and deliver to be destroyed so many of the bills of the common currency of the United States as Congress by their said act of the 18th of March have requested this State to call in and cancel; and that this Assembly

will establish and appropriate certain and sufficient funds to redeem the bills of public credit, which Congress by their said act of the 18th of March have requested might be issued upon the faith and under the authority of this State: Therefore,

Be it enacted, and it is enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That to redeem the bills of public credit in specie, according to the terms of said act of Congress of the 18th of March last, which bills this Assembly hereby order to issue upon the faith of this State, the following funds be and they hereby are established and appropriated for the sole purpose of redeeming said bills according to the true intent and meaning of said act of Congress. And, therefore, this Assembly grant that a tax be and the same is hereby granted on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State on the list which shall be brought in to the General Assembly in the year 1780, of seven pence, lawfull money, on the pound, payable to the Treasurer of this State on the 31st day of December which will be in the year of our Lord 1781. And that five other taxes be and the same are hereby granted on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State of seven pence, lawfull money, on the pound on each respective list which shall be brought in to the General Assembly of this State in and from the year 1781 to the year 1785, inclusive; each of which five last mentioned taxes shall be paid yearly to the Treasurer of this State on the 31st day of December in every year, in and from the year 1782, to the year 1786 inclusive; which respective taxes shall be paid in any of the bills of public credit which shall and by this act are ordered to be issued upon the faith of this State, or in bills which shall issue upon the faith and under the authority of any of the United States agreeable to said act of Congress of the 18th of March last, or in Spanish milled dollars, computing each dollar at six shillings lawfull money, or in other lawfull current coins of gold and silver in that proportion. And that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed seasonably to issue his warrants to collect each of the aforesaid taxes agreeable to this act. That as fast as any of the said bills which shall issue upon the faith of this State shall be collected by any of said taxes and brought into the treasury, they shall be destroyed by such persons as the General Assembly of this State shall appoint for that purpose, and that if any bills of public credit shall be collected into the hands of the Treasurer which have issued upon the faith of any of the United States agreeable to said act of Congress, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to exchange them for such bills of this State as aforesaid which shall be in possession of any public Treasurer of any of the United States; and he shall also observe any other mode of exchange for the bills of this State, as aforesaid, as he shall hereafter be directed by the General Assembly of this State. That all the specie, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, which shall be collected and paid to the Treasurer in any of said taxes, be and the same is hereby appropriated to re-

deem the said bills issued upon the credit of this State as aforesaid, which shall not otherwise be collected into the hands of the Treasurer and destroyed as aforesaid; and that the Treasurer of this State be and he hereby is directed to pay the specie which shall be so collected to the possessors of such bills as shall have issued, as aforesaid, upon the credit of this State, whenever they shall make application therefor after the 31st day of December which will be in the year of our Lord 1786. That William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Benjamin Payne, Esquires, and Mr. William Lawrence, be a committee to sign said bills in behalf of this State, and that none of said bills be signed by more than two of said committee. That it shall be the duty of said committee, as fast as said bills shall be signed and compleated according to said act of Congress, to deposit six tenths of them in the hands of the Treasurer of this State for the use of this State, and to leave on deposit four tenths of said bills in the hands of the Loan Officer of the United States in this State, to be subject and liable to the draughts and order of Congress. And said committee are hereby directed, that in transacting said business they do not at any time leave, have or deposit, more of said bills compleated as aforesaid than according to the above proportion, either in the hands of said Treasurer or Loan Officer as aforesaid; and that said committee take proper receipts of said Treasurer and Loan Officer for all such bills as shall be so compleated and left and deposited with them and lodge the same with the Secretary; and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deliver and pay out such bills as shall be so compleated and deposited with him according to law.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a tax be and hereby is granted on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State of twelve shillings on the pound in bills of the common currency of the United States on the list, 1779, payable to the Treasurer of this State on the first day of September next, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrant to collect said tax accordingly; which bills when collected and paid into the hands of the Treasurer shall not re-issue but shall be destroyed.

Provided nevertheless, That any person charged in any taxes for bills of the common currency of the United States shall have liberty to discharge the same by paying one fortieth part thereof in gold or silver coin as aforesaid, or in bills of public credit which have or shall issue upon the faith of this or any of the United States agreeably to said act of Congress of the 18th of March last, or in any bills of public credit issued by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of this State passed the sixth day of January last; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby further provided, That if any person possessed of any of the bills of public credit ordered to be emitted by the General Assembly at their sessions in January last will apply to the Treasurer of this State to have such bills exchanged for bills of public credit, which by this act are ordered to issue upon the faith of this

State, agreeable to said act of Congress of the 18th of March, such person so applying shall have such bills exchanged, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to exchange the same accordingly when he shall be furnished with said bills. And the Treasurer is also hereby further directed, that whenever he shall receive by exchange, taxes, or in any payment, any of said bills ordered to be emitted by said act of Assembly of the 6th of January last, that he do not in any case reissue the same but retain them in his hands to be destroyed.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of an act of the General Assembly of this State passed at their session in January last, proposing to borrow on the credit of this State one million pounds of the bills of the common currency of the United States, be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

An Act for providing Supplies of certain Articles of Provision and Refreshment for the Use of the Army of the United States of America, and for regulating the Purchases of the Same.

Whereas the Honorable Congress of the United States did by their act or resolve of the 25th day of February last call upon this State to procure certain quantities of beef, salt, rum, and hay,* for the supply of the army of the United States the ensuing campaign,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Assembly convened, and by the authority of the same, That the requisitions of Congress in said act or resolve contained, so far as it respects this State, be granted and complied with.

And for that purpose, be it enacted, That a Commissary be appointed to purchase the rum and hay therein mentioned, and to deposit the same in such magazines or stores within this State as the Commander-in-Chief of the army of the United States shall direct. That the Commissary aforesaid keep true and exact accounts of the quantities of each article he shall purchase, of the time when, the place where, and the person or persons of whom he shall purchase the same, and of the price agreed upon and given; and that he do and shall at the end of every month after he shall enter upon his said office write out a true copy of his accounts, of all purchases by him made within said month and subscribe the same with his name, and make oath to the truth thereof before an assistant or justice of the peace, and transmit the same without delay with a certificate of the authority who shall administer such oath thereto annexed, to the Committee of Pay-Table of this State, who shall receive and keep the same in their office and debit his account with this State with the amount thereof. That the aforesaid Commissary, immediately after the purchase of any of the articles aforesaid, do and shall, at the expense of this State, cause the same, as soon as may be, to be transported to some magazine or store appointed by the Commander-in-

* The quantities called for from Connecticut were: 78,400 hundred weight of beef, 1,011 bushels of salt, 68,558 gallons of rum, 500 tons of hay.

Chief as aforesaid, and there deliver the same to the overseer or keeper of such magazine or store to be therein deposited and kept, taking duplicate receipts for the same, subscribed by such overseer or keeper with his name, therein expressing the time and place of such delivery, the quantity and quality of the several articles delivered, and their amount in value, at the prices affixed and stipulated in and by said act of Congress: one of which receipts the said Commissary shall forthwith, or as soon as may be, deposit with the Committee of Pay-Table, and the other he may retain as his voucher upon passing his account. That the Committee of Pay-Table shall keep such receipts on file in their office, and shall debit the account of the United States with this State and credit the said Commissary's account with the articles, therein expressing as of the day when such receipts, respectively, bear date. That the Committee of Pay-Table do and shall make out monthly copies of the said Commissary's account of purchases, deposited in their office, and of their account of articles deposited in said magazines or stores, and transmit the same to the Board of War of the United States. That the said Commissary shall from time to time advise with his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety and receive their instructions touching the purchases he shall make, and shall be allowed and receive, in lieu of all rewards for his own time and expences, one pound upon every hundred pounds his purchase shall amount to, at the rates or prices affixed to the same by the act or resolve of Congress aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a Commissary be appointed by the General Assembly, to superintend the purchasing of beef-cattle, to make up the quantity of beef to be furnished by this State in compliance with the act or resolve of Congress aforesaid. That it shall be the duty of the said superintending commissary, to receive the requisitions of the Commander-in-Chief or Commissary General of the United States respecting beef-cattle to be sent on foot to the army of the United States, or cattle and swine or pork to be delivered at the magazines or stores to be salted or put up in barrels, or salted beef and pork, and to cause the same to be duly complied with; also to give orders and instructions to his assistant commissarys, when and what number of cattle, swine or other articles aforesaid, they are to purchase in their respective districts, and when and to whom to deliver the same: to assist them with his advice in the discharge of their duty; to prevent their giving exorbitant prices; to superintend their conduct; to observe the cattle they respectively purchase, inspect their accounts, observe whether their purchases are made with judgment and discretion with respect to price, weight and other circumstances; to give notice and information to the General Assembly, or in their recess to his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, of their misconduct or want of judgment and discretion; and generally, to act and do everything in his power for the benefit and advantage of this State and of the United States according to his best judgment and discretion in ordering, directing and exe-

cuting the business entrusted to his care as aforesaid. That the State be divided into districts and an Assistant Commissary of Purchases be appointed in each district by the General Assembly. That it shall be the duty of such assistant commissary, in their respective districts, faithfully to attend the orders and directions of the superintending commissary, and especially not to waste the public money intrusted to them, by laying it out in high and extravagant prices, and to take special care, as far as may be, to purchase of the persons who fatten cattle, and not of such who buy to sell again and make a profit between the feeder and consumer, and every way to conduct their business with prudence and good economy. That they keep true and exact accounts of the cattle and swine and other articles they purchase, the time when, the person or persons of whom, the place where, the price, the estimated or actual weight, and the amount; and that they render monthly accounts under oath of their purchases and all the particulars abovesaid to the superintending commissary, who shall render like monthly accounts of all purchases made by himself or his assistant commissarys to the Committee of Pay-Table.

And to ascertain the weight of the beef-cattle which shall be delivered within this State on foot to be driven to the army of the United States, be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any cattle are to be delivered to any person appointed and empowered to receive them on the behalf of the United States, two suitable and indifferent persons shall be elected: one by the superintending commissary or his assistant or some person by him authorized, and the other by the receiver for the United States; and if need be a third may be appointed by some assistant or justice of the peace; who shall under oath, according to their best judgment, estimate the true and just weight of each bullock or beeve, and make duplicate invoices of the same, which they shall subscribe: one of which shall be delivered to the receiver of such cattle for the United States, and the other with a receipt of such cattle under the hand of such receiver thereon written and subscribed, therein noting the time of such delivery, shall be delivered to the superintending commissary or his assistant, who shall lodge the same with the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall thereupon credit the amount of the same to the account of such commissary and debit the account of the United States with this State.

And be it further enacted, That the hides and tallow of the cattle which may be purchased for the purpose of salting for the United States within this State be kept safe secured and reserved for the use of this State by the superintending commissary or his assistant, who shall keep exact accounts of the same and render accounts thereof to the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall charge them with the same and also shall render an account thereof to the General Assembly, or in their recess to his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, and attend their orders respecting the same. That said superintending commissary and his assistants shall keep exact accounts of all beef and pork which they deliver at the magazines or stores of the

United States, and take duplicate receipts of the same from the keeper of said stores or magazines or other person authorized to receive the same for the United States, therein expressing the exact weight and amount, at the prices affixed and stipulated in and by said act or resolve of Congress: one of which he shall transmit forthwith to the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall keep the same on file and debit the account of the United States and credit the account of such commissary for the amount of the same. That the Committee of Pay-Table make out and transmit monthly accounts of the said superintending commissary and his assistants accounts of purchases, and also of the cattle, beef and pork delivered on foot, or at the magazines and stores as aforesaid, to the Board of War of the United States. That said superintending commissary and his assistants be allowed, in lieu of all rewards for their own time and expences, fifty shillings upon every hundred pounds their purchases shall amount to, at the rates or prices affixed by the act or resolve of Congress aforesaid, of which ten shillings shall be allowed to the superintending commissary and the residue to his assistants. That the said superintending commissary shall become bound with two sufficient sureties in the penal sum of forty thousand pounds, lawfull money, to the Treasurer of this State, conditioned that he shall faithfully execute his trust and account for all sums of money he shall receive out of the public treasury when thereto required. That said superintending commissary shall have and receive all monies necessary to make the purchases aforesaid out of the treasury, and the Committee of Pay-Table, agreeably to such orders as they shall receive from the General Assembly, or in their recess from his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, shall draw orders in his favour and charge him in account therewith accordingly. That the superintending commissary shall distribute said monies to the assistant commissarys as he shall find necessary, taking duplicate receipts for the same: one of which he may retain in his own hands, and the other he shall deliver to the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall thereupon credit the account of the superintending commissary and debit the account of the assistant commissary signing such receipt with the amount of the same. That said superintending commissary before he delivers any sum of money to any assistant commissary shall take a bond from him to the Treasurer of this State in the penal sum of ten thousand pounds, lawfull money, conditioned that he shall faithfully execute his trust and account for all sums of money he shall receive of the superintending commissary to be used in making the purchases aforesaid, which bond or bonds said superintending commissary shall deposit with the Committee of Pay-Table to be kept for the use of this State in their office. That said superintending commissary and his assistants shall, respectively, once in six months adjust and settle their accounts with the Committee of Pay-Table, and the said Committee are directed to require the same of them accordingly. That said commissary for purchasing of rum and hay before he enters upon his office shall

become bound to the Treasurer of this State with two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of twenty thousand pounds, lawfull money, conditioned that he shall faithfully execute his trust and account for all monies he shall receive out of the public treasury to be used in making his purchases when thereto required; and said Committee of Pay-Table shall draw on the Treasurer in his favour for such sums from time to time as his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall order, and shall call upon him to adjust and settle his accounts once in every six months, and oftner if need be. That the salt requested in and by said act or resolve of Congress be advanced and furnished out of the salt on hand belonging to this State.

And be it further enacted, That his Excellency be and he is hereby desired and impowered, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety in the recess of the General Assembly, to supply all vacancies that may happen by death or refusal of any commissary or commissarys appointed under this act, and that they be impowered upon complaint and information, and reasonable cause found upon due enquiry, to displace any commissary or commissaries appointed under this act and appoint and authorize one or more to act in his or their room and stead.

And whereas it may happen, either that proper magazines and stores may not timely be designated, or some unforeseen event may render it necessary suddenly to remove provisions deposited in such stores or magazines before the orders and directions of the Commander-in-Chief can be had to preserve the same from loss or destruction,

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That his Excellency the Governor be desired and impowered by and with the advice of the Council of Safety in the recess of the General Assembly, in either of the aforesaid cases of necessity, to appoint suitable stores and magazines within this State where the aforesaid articles may be lodged in safety; in which case the same ought to be and will be at the risque of the United States, in the same manner as they would have been had such stores or magazines been designated by the Commander-in-Chief of the army of the United States, agreeable to the letter of said act or resolve of Congress.

And, to prevent the execution of this act from interfering with other public services, be it enacted, That the superintending commissary and commissary of rum and hay shall from time to time, in the recess of the General Assembly, consult with his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety what sum or sums of money it may be proper to draw out of the public treasury for the purposes aforesaid, and take their advice, direction and orders respecting the same.

And be it further enacted, That the commissaries appointed by virtue of this act shall purchase the flour and pork already requested by Congress in lieu and on account of part of the supplies called for in their act of the 25th of February aforesaid, and any supplies they may hereafter request, under the regulations and for the reward before established for them respectively in this act, agreeably to such

orders and directions as they shall receive from the General Assembly, or in their recess from his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety.

And be it also enacted, That said commissaries shall purchase such supplies of provisions, and other articles as may be needed for the use of this State, as they shall be required to purchase by the General Assembly, or in their recess by the Governor and Council of Safety, under similar restrictions and for the reward established and granted to and for them as commissaries for purchasing supplies for the army of the United States by this act.

Provided always, and it is the true meaning, intent and understanding of this Assembly, That from and after the time that a drove of beeves shall be purchased and collected agreeable to the requisitions of the Commander-in-Chief or Commissary General of the United States they are to be and shall be upon the expence and at the risque of the United States only, and not of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the more effectually to carry into execution the general purpose and design of a resolve of this Assembly passed at their sessions in January last, for compleating by voluntary inlistment the Connecticut Line of the Continental Army to its full proportion, each able-bodied recruit that hath inlisted since the rising of said Assembly, or who shall hereafter inlist into the Connecticut battalions of infantry in said army, during the war, be entitled to receive from this State, in lieu of the premium granted in said resolve as an encouragement to inlist, four pounds ten shillings, lawfull money, in bills of this State, or six hundred dollars in continental currency, over and above the bounties and encouragements given by Congress; and that the sum of £4 10 in bills as aforesaid, or six hundred dollars, be granted to every such recruit who shall voluntarily inlist into the aforesaid battalions before the first day of June next, for a term to be expired on the 31st day of December, 1781, and a suit of cloaths, consisting of one shirt, one coat, one vest, one pair of breeches, one pair stockings, and one pair of shoes, to be delivered him at or before the expiration of one year, unless sooner discharged; and their polls, as well as all others inlisted in the continental battalions from this State, shall be exempted from the list for as many years as they shall be inlisted for, and continue in said service.

And it is further resolved, That the several officers ordered into this State by his Excellency General Washington for the purpose of recruiting the aforesaid battalions forthwith repair to the Committee of Pay-Table, and on giving bond respectively with sufficient surety, conditioned to account for the several sums they shall receive for the purpose aforesaid before they join the army, which bond said committee are directed to take, that they receive orders respectively on the Treasurer to the amount of thirty pounds, lawfull money, in bills of this State or in continental currency equivalent, for the purpose

of recruiting said battalions as aforesaid; and also from time to time for such further sums as shall be found necessary to complete the aforesaid battalions, and to pay to each such recruit they shall inlist for the term aforesaid the one half of the premia as granted by this resolve, at the time of their inlistment, and the other half before they march to join the army; and said recruiting officers are further directed to make return weekly, or as often as possible, of their success and progress in recruiting, to his Excellency the Governor, and regulate their conduct agreeable to such instructions they shall receive from his Excellency and Council of Safety.

And it is further resolved, That there be allowed to each recruiting officer who shall exert himself in recruiting as aforesaid, for each effective recruit he shall procure to inlist as aforesaid during the war before the first day of June next, one hundred dollars, continental currency; and for each such recruit he shall inlist, by the time aforesaid, for a term to expire on the 31st day of December, 1781, sixty dollars continental currency; or for each an equivalent in bills of credit of this State.

And it is further resolved, That all such soldiers who shall inlist, during the war into the corps of artillery or artificers, under officers commissioned by order of Congress, belonging to and estimated as part of the quota of this State in the continental army, or such as shall inlist into the continental regiment now commanded by Colonel Warner and estimated as aforesaid, and the officer enlisting shall be entitled to the same premium, encouragement, provision and benefit, which is already provided by the laws of this State for such of this State who have heretofore inlisted into the continental army for three years or during the war.

Resolved by this Assembly, That each able-bodied and effective man, who has already or shall before the 15th of May next inlist into either of the two regiments ordered by this Assembly in January last to be raised for the defence of this State, and shall furnish himself with a blanket, cloathing, arms and accoutrements, to the acceptance of his captain, shall have and receive a premium of three pounds money, in gold, silver, or in bills of credit of this State emitted by order of this Assembly in January last, or continental bills equivalent; and such as shall not provide themselves as aforesaid shall receive a premium of forty shillings, money as aforesaid. And the selectmen of the respective towns shall, on application, supply blankets and arms to such inlisted soldiers in either of said regiments, who shall be unable to supply themselves, and shall also furnish necessary tents and camp equipage.

And it is further resolved, That one waggon shall be allowed for the use of the regiment to be stationed in the county of Fairfield. That the field-officers of said regiment may appoint one quartermaster-sergeant to each of said regiments. That the retained rations of the officers and soldiers be paid for at one shilling in money

as aforesaid per ration. That the captains be paymasters to their respective companys, and be allowed one and half *per cent.* commissions on the amount of their several pay-rolls. That the pay and wages of the said two regiments be as follows per calendar month, *viz:* Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, £15; major, £12; captain, £8; lieutenant, £5 8; ensign, £4; adjutant, £5 10; quartermaster, £5 10; surgeon, £8 0; surgeon's mate, £5 10; serjeant major, £2 14; quartermaster serjeant, £2 8; serjeant, £2 8; corporal, drum and fife, £2 4; private, £2 0, while in actual service, to be paid in money as aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint Jesse Bell, Abner Smith and Abraham Bradley, to be Captains in the two regiments ordered to be raised in January last for the defence of this State, in the room of Gershom Huit, Jacob Whitmore, Ezekiel Sanford, declined.

This Assembly do appoint Jacob Bunnell, Isaac Wheeler, Amos Hubbell, Joel Higley and Giles Gaylord, to be Lieutenants in the two regiments ordered to be raised in January last for the defence of this State, in the room of Gideon Mills, Aaron Pinney, John Trowbridge, Joseph Hull and Samuel Patterson, declined.

This Assembly do appoint Salmon Agard, Joseph Bearce, Thomas Avery, Enoch Blackman and William Grennell, to be Ensigns in the two regiments ordered to be raised in January last for the defence of this State, in the room of Eli Smith, Ezra Burch, Amos Bostwick, Alex^r Bushnel, Henry Bull and Joseph Beach, declined.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to adjust and settle the accounts of the committee appointed by this State to settle the account with the Connecticut Line in the continental army, for the expences of said committee, only while on said service, and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as may be due to said committee for their expences while on said service.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this State pay into the hands of Colonel Henry Champion the sum of forty thousand pounds of the sum which was the avails of the indigo belonging to this State, lately sold by order of this Assembly, taking his receipt to account; which sum the said Champion is directed to employ in forthwith purchasing and forwarding beef-cattle for the use of the army.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the relief of the indigent who are unable to pay their proportion of the tax of twelve shillings, common currency, on the pound, granted and laid by this Assembly on the list of August, 1779, and payable on the first day of September next, the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either in whole or part of the rates of

such of their inhabitants as are least able to pay said tax, to the amount of one twentieth part of their respective towns proportion of said tax, and lodge a list of such abatement with the town-clerk of such towns respectively, and deliver a copy thereof to the collector of such taxes; and said collector shall be credited for such abatements in their settlement with the Treasurer.

Whereas in the resolve of the Assembly pass'd in the present session no directions are given to the Committee of Pay-Table to draw orders on the Treasurer in favour of the recruiting officers of the two regiments ordered to be raised for the defence of this State,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and hereby are directed to draw orders on the Treasurer in favour of the several captains or field-officers of the said two regiments raised for the defence of this State, payable in bills emitted by this State pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed at their sessions in January last or continental bills equivalent; and that such order or orders be for such sum or sums as shall be necessary to recruit or fill up the several companies in said regiments. And said committee are directed to take bond as in and by said act is ordered. Provided, that the Committee of Pay-Table do not at present draw orders in favour of such recruiting officers, respectively, for more than a sum equal to half the amount of the bounties for one company after the rate of three pounds for each non-commissioned officer and private untill further orders from the General Assembly, or in their recess from his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Goodman of Hartford to be a Purchaser to procure fresh and salted beef, pork, flour, and such other articles as shall be directed, agreeable to act of Assembly of this State passed this sessions, within the limits of the towns of Hartford on the west side of the great river, Windsor, Symsbury and Suffield, in the county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Lewiss to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of Weathersfield, Middletown, Farmington, Haddam and Southington, in said county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint Israel Champion of East Haddam a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of Colchester, East Haddam, Hebron, Chatham and Glastonbury, in said county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Wolcott of East Windsor a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of Hartford on the east side of the great river, Bolton, East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, Tolland, Stafford and Willington, in said county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Samuel Abbott of Norwich a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of Norwich, Preston, Groton and Stonington, in the county of New London.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Handly Bushnell to be a Purchaser,

as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of New London, Lyme, Saybrook and Killingworth, in the county of New London.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. John Squier jun^r to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of Stratford and Fairfield, in the county of Fairfield.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Silas Davenport to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich, in said county of Fairfield.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. James Rogers to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of Danbury, Ridgfield, Reading and Newtown, in said county of Fairfield.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Elijah Horne * to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of Lebanon, Windham, Mansfield and Coventry, in the county of Windham.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Lemuel Grosvenor to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the towns of Ashford, Union, Woodstock, Pomfret, and two north societys of the town of Killingley in said county of Windham.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Samuel Fox to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of Canterbury, Plainfield, Voluntown, and the two south societys in the town of Killingley in said county of Windham.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Shadrack Osborn to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of the town of Woodbury in the county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Stephen Barnes to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the limits of New Fairfield, N. Milford, Washington, and Kent exclusive of the parish of Greenwich, in said county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Moses Seymour to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of Litchfield, Goshen, Torrington, Harington, and the parish of Greenwich in Kent, in said county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint John Canfield, Esq^r, to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of Sharon, Salisbury, Canaan, Cornwall and Norfolk, in said county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Seth Smith to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of New Hartford, Hartland, Winchester, Colebrook and Barkhamsted, in said county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. James Robinson to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of Guilford, Branford and Durham, in the county of New Haven.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Samuel Osborn to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of New Haven, Milford and Derby, in said county of New Haven.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Ezra Brunson to be a Purchaser, as aforesaid, within the towns of Wallingford and Waterbury, in said county of New Haven.

* House, *Rev. War*, xxxv.

This Assembly do appoint Henry Champion, Esq^r, to be Commissary to superintend the purchasing of beef cattle, swine, pork, flour and other provisions in this State for the use of the army of the United States, agreeable to an act of this Assembly passed at their present session, and in all things to conform himself thereto.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. James Watson to be Commissary to purchase the rum and hay directed to be purchased by an act of this Assembly passed at the present session, for the use of the army of the United States, and in all respects to conform himself to the regulations in said act contained.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a Hospital be provided convenient to the port of New London, for the reception of such of our sick prisoners as shall from time to time be returned from captivity into said port, and that in the meantime some suitable person or persons be appointed by his Excellency the Governor and the Council of Safety to take care of and provide for those that are now brought in there in that condition. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to write to Congress, urging the expediency and necessity of providing such a hospital at the expence of the United States, and requesting them to give their advice and direction therein. That a sufficient supply of provisions be lodged in the forts at New London and Groton to enable them in case of a siege to hold out for the space of one fortnight at least. And that his Excellency the Governor be and he is desired to appoint the necessary officers for the companies belonging to said forts, and to direct the commandant to keep the said companies full by inlistment as the same shall be wanting; and that his Excellency be desired and impowered to give the commandant from time to time such directions and regulations respecting vessels passing and repassing said forts as he with the advice of the Council of Safety shall think proper and needfull. That the wages and encouragement of the officers and men belonging to said companies be the same in every respect as are provided and ordered by this Assembly for the officers and men of the two regiments ordered by the Assembly in January last to be raised for the defence of this State. Also resolved, that the command of said forts be a distinct and separate command.

Whereas on complaint of Aaron Hawley of Stratford, relative to certain abuses and injuries done to Tom and Eunice and the other Indians of Golden Hill in said Stratford, Wm. Samuel Johnson, Robert Fairchild and Daniel Judson, Esq^{rs}, were by the Assembly held at New Haven, in October, 1774, appointed a committee to examine into the subject matter of said complaint and report make, and in May, 1775, the said gentlemen were reappointed to said trust; and this Assembly now being informed that said committee have not as yet been able to compleat said enquiry and make report: Resolved by this Assembly, that James Beard, Thaddeus Burr and Elijah Abel,

Esq^r, be and they are hereby appointed for the purposes aforesaid, and are further authorized and fully impowered to hear and examine all persons and parties relative to said Indians and their affairs, to examine and liquidate the accounts of the guardian to said Indians, and report make of whatever may be necessary for a full settlement of all the affairs of said Indians.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Norton to be Captain of the 2d company of alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Stone to be Lieutenant of the second company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Weld to be Ensign of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Bruster to be Captain of the fifth company of alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Smith to be Lieutenant of the fifth company of alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Crary to be Ensign of the 5th company of alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Stocking to be Captain of the 6th company of alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Doan to be Lieutenant of the 6th company of alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Cook to be Ensign of the 6th company of alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Mumford to be Captain of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Coit to be Lieutenant of the 8th company of alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Perkins to be Ensign of the 8th company of alarm list in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Merriam to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joash Seymour to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Welton to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Edwards to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Strickland to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Scott to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Foot to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Fancher to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Curtiss to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Levi Gaylord to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Atkins jun^r, to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 28th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Shepard to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 26th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David King to be Ensign of the second company of alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Mattox to be Captain of the company of artillery in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Cowdry to be Lieutenant of the company of artillery in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Franciss to be Captain of the second company of alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Woodhouse to be Lieutenant of the second company of alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Woodhouse to be Ensign of the second company of alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

Upon the memorial of Chauncey Whittlesey, purchasing clothier in this State, dated the 18th day of April, 1780, shewing to this Assembly the great need he has of money to pursue his business in purchasing cloathing, and that a sum of twenty thousand pounds, due to the State, may be discounted so that he may have the benefit of the same; and it further appearing to this Assembly, that there is a note of hand, executed by Josiah Blakely of Hartford for the sum of £24,000, continental money, to Mons. Landolph, captain of the French ship of war now lying at New London, and by said captain delivered to William Hillhouse, Esq^r, when paid to be in part on account of cannon and powder sold the captain by order of the Governor and Council of Safety: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby directed to receive the said note and use the avails thereof, for the purpose of procuring cloathing for the army. And the said William Hilhouse is hereby directed to deliver said note to Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey, taking his receipt therefor, and deliver the same to the Committee of Pay-Table, that said Whittlesey may be charged with the sum of the note and said Hilhouse discharged thereof.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Wooster of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that there are three damaged cannon at New Haven, the property of this State, and praying liberty to purchase the same, as by memorial on file: Resolved, that said Wooster be allowed to purchase said damaged guns at the apprizement of Eneas Munson, Esq^r, and Mr. Isaac Doolittle; and that on said Wooster's paying to the

Treasurer the sum that said Munson and Doolittle shall apprise them at, he have liberty to take said guns.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Otis and Oliver Ring Warner, both of Middletown, praying for liberty to export by water to Rhode Island fifty bushels of rye and indian corn, three barrells of flour and one barrell of pork, for the use of the poor of Newport, the same being parcel of the donations of the inhabitants of this State for relief of the poor of Newport aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jonathan Otis and Oliver Ring Warner have liberty, and liberty is granted to them, to export the aforesaid quantities of rye and corn, flour and pork, by water from this State to Rhode Island aforesaid, for the use of the poor of the town of Newport, agreeable to their request aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Ethan Clark, of Hopkinton in the State of Rhode Island, shewing to this Assembly that he hath seventy-two bushels of home-made salt, and twenty-five bushels and an half of rock salt by him imported into this State to exchange for produce; praying that he may export the same out of this State to the State of Rhode Island &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Clark have liberty, and the same is hereby granted to him, to export the said seventy-two bushels of home-made salt and said twenty-five bushels and an half of rock salt, by him imported as aforesaid, out of this State into the State of Rhode Island.

Upon the memorial of Bezaleel Hilyard, Ephraim Kelsey and Samuel Spencer, of Saybrook, praying for liberty to get a carpenter from East Hampton to build a wind-mill in said Saybrook &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, or one of them, to pass to Long Island and bring over Jeremiah SHEME and his apprentice from East Hampton to build said wind-mill; and that said SHEME and his apprentice, when said mill is finished, may freely return to said East Hampton: all under the inspection of the commandant of the fort at Saybrook, both going and returning.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Seymour, shewing that in consequence of orders from Maj^r Gen^l Woolcott, he marched with a State guard from Litchfield to Danbury, to convey a number of deserters from the continental army; praying that the expences of said march might be adjusted and paid &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table adjust said account and draw order upon the Treasurer for such sum as shall be due, and charge the same to account of the United States.

Upon the memorial of Colo. Noah Phelps of Symsbury, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in January last, shewing that in

pursuance of orders from the General Assembly and the Captain-General, Isaac Enos jun^r and Elisha Griswold jun^r, both of Symsbury, were detached to perform several tours of duty, and that the said Isaac Enos jun^r and Elisha Griswold jun^r were by their parents, Isaac Enos and Elisha Griswold, prevented, secreted, and detained from performing said tours of duty, and that said Colonel Phelps was at great cost, charge and expence in searching after, pursuing and taking the said Isaac jun^r and Elisha jun^r, viz: in taking the said Isaac jun^r the sum of £303 4, and in taking the said Elisha jun^r the sum of £96 14; and that the said Isaac jun^r and Elisha jun^r are minors and have no estate whereon to levy execution: Upon which memorial a committee were appointed by and reported to this Assembly at said January session, that the said facts in said memorial contained are well supported; which report being accepted: It is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Colo. Noah Phelps recover of the said Isaac Enos the said sum of £303 4, and cost of said prosecution, taxed at £185 7 5, and of the said Elisha Griswold the said sum of £96 14, and cost of said prosecution, taxed at £185 7 5, all continental currency, and that the Secretary issue execution therefor against the said Isaac Enos and Elisha Griswold, respectively. *Execution granted in favour of Noah Phelps, vs. Isaac Enos, April 25th, 1780. Execution granted in favour of Noah Phelps vs. Elisha Griswold, April 25th, 1780.*

Upon the memorial of Jesse Brown, of Norwich in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that on the 18th day of October, A.D. 1779, he bought of Jabez Crocker, then of Norwich now dec^d, two pieces of land in said Norwich with a dwelling-house on one of them, bounded as by the deed thereof from said Crocker to said Brown, and paid the price thereof to said Crocker, who signed, sealed, and delivered to said Brown, a deed of said lands and appurtenances, bearing date the 18th day of October, 1779, but neglected to acknowledge said deed because the justice of peace who lived in the same society with him was sick and unable to take his acknowledgment thereof; that said Crocker died suddenly and never acknowledged the same before authority; praying that said deed may be confirmed &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said deed shall be received by the town-clerk of said Norwich and recorded, and the same being so recorded, or a copy of such record duly certified, shall be good evidence of a legal title in said Jesse Brown to said two pieces of land in said deed described and appurtenances, in the same manner and to the same purposes as if said deed had been in fact duly acknowledged by said Crocker in his life time.

Upon the memorial of David Weldon, a refugee from Long Island in the State of New York now resident in this State, praying that he may have liberty to return to said Long Island with his family, and that he may carry with him a small quantity of provisions and a cow

for the support of his family &c., as per memorial on file dated the 11th of April, 1780: Resolved by this Assembly, that the prayer of said memorial be granted, and that the said David Weldon have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to return to said Long Island with his family, and to carry and transport to said Long Island one cow and his family stores and household furniture, and to employ at his own expence sufficient water-carriage for the purpose aforesaid, under such regulations and restrictions as his Excellency the Governor shall order and direct.

Whereas a memorial bearing date the first day of November, 1779. addressed to the General Assembly then sitting, under the signature of James Torry, which name by mistake was inserted instead of Amos Torry the proper memorialist, praying for liberty to sell the land of James Torry late of Stafford dec^d, for the payment of debts, and a bill in form passed thereon empowering the said James Torry, as administrator, to sell real estate of the deceas'd accordingly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the name of Amos Torry be considered as being inserted in the room of James Torry in said memorial and bill in form, and that the powers in said bill contained be vested in the said Amos Torry; anything therein contained notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of John Way of Colchester, shewing to this Assembly that he was appointed conservator of the person and estate of George Way, an idiot, late of said Colchester, dec^d, and that he, the said John Way, exhibited his account to the honorable county court for the county of Hartford at November term, 1779, and was by said court allowed the sum of £52 13, money in value as in the year 1774, and that he, the said John Way, exhibited his account for debts paid and cost of administration to the court of probate for the district of East Haddam, and was allowed by said court the sum of £2 12 6, like money in value as above, making in the whole the sum of £55 5 6, money as aforesaid; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £55 5 6, money, and incident charges of sale; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and satisfy said sum of £55 5 6, reckoning and computing as in the year 1774, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of East Haddam therein.

On the memorial of John Shipman of Saybrook, preferred to this Assembly in January last, setting forth that he was lieutenant commandant of the fort at Saybrook in 1777, and at the end of said campaign, viz: January, 1778, by his Excellency's direction took the command of said fort from that time to the 26th of March following,

with two men beside himself, and that he found himself and men with provisions for which he has received nothing, as per the commissary's certificate with this memorial exhibited; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have granted to him twenty shillings, continental currency, *per diem*, for each ration retained, allowing two rations *per diem* to said lieutenant, to be adjusted and allowed by the Committee of Pay-Table and the payment to be made accordingly.

Upon the memorial of John Wells, Timothy Wells and Timothy Wells junr, shewing to this Assembly that they are refugees from Long Island, where they have a considerable estate in lands, and that they have expended the greatest part of their moveable estate for their support since their residence in this State and are now reduced to indigence and want; praying that they may have liberty to return to their farm on Long Island with their moveable estate, with a sufficient quantity of provision to support their families until wheat harvest, with one cow, one horse and two swine for each of the memorialists, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to return to their farm on Long Island with their families and moveable estate, with a sufficient quantity of provisions for their families support untill wheat harvest, with one cow, one draft-horse and two swine for each of the memorialists; all of which shall be under the inspection of an Assistant or justice of peace, and the quantity of provision to be transported to be allowed by such authority, and the whole cost to be born by the memorialists.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Humphry, conservator of Benjamin Mills of Symsbury, shewing that he hath paid out and expended in support of said Benjamin the sum of £16 14 9, in lawfull silver money, and that there is no estate but lands to reimburse him therefor, as per memorial &c.; praying liberty to sell so much of said lands as shall be sufficient to discharge said sum with charges of sale &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and the same is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Benjamin as shall amount to said sum of £16 14 9, lawfull money or bills of the common currency equivalent thereto after the rate of forty for one, with incidental charges of sale arising thereon.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Havens, a refugee from Long Island in the State of New York now resident in this State, praying that he may have liberty with his family to return to Long Island, and also that he may carry with him one horse, two cows, and about a dozen bushels of grain &c.; as per memorial on file, dated April 11th, 1780: Resolved by this Assembly, that the prayer of said memo-

rial be granted, and that the said Jonathan Havens have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to return to said Long Island with his family, consisting of himself, his wife, nine children and one negro boy, and to carry and transport to said Long Island one horse, two cows and twelve bushels of grain, for the use of his family, together with his household furniture and family stores, and to employ at his own expence sufficient water-carriage for the purpose aforesaid, under such regulations as his Excellency the Governor shall order and direct.

On the memorial of Ezekiel Williams, deputy commissary of prisoners &c., representing to this Assembly that for some time past he had been refused supplies for the prisoners of war in the usual channel, and that in consequence thereof he had been obliged to pay out his own monies, and praying that the same might be reimbursed, and that provision might be made for their future supplies &c.: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of said Williams for the sum of four hundred pounds, continental currency, to reimburse the monies advanced by him for continental prisoners &c., he to be accountable to this State. And also, that said committee draw on said Treasurer for the further sum of £400 0, like currency, on account for the support of State prisoners; and that for the future he draw supplies for State prisoners from State stores.

Upon the memorial of Silas Halsey, late of Southampton on Long Island, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776, at the time the British troops took possession of said Long Island, to escape their rage and cruelty he left his habitation where he was in full practice of physic, by which he supported his family with reputation, and came over to Killingworth in this State, with his family, household furniture, and some other moveable effects, and hath resided there ever since, and having expended the greatest part of his said effects, and in no business whereby to support his family and if he continue here any longer will likely be chargeable to the public or suffer want, and the inhabitants of said Southampton being greatly desirous of his return to practice as a physician with them, the enemy having withdrawn from that part of the island and left them in the peaceable enjoyment of their estates, and praying that he may be permitted to return with his family to said Southampton and to carry with him his household furniture and one cow and a horse and eight bushels of wheat for the use of his family, and sufficient provisions for the passage, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to remove himself and family back again to said Southampton, and to carry with him his household goods, one cow, a horse, eight bushels of wheat, and necessary provisions for the passage, in such way and manner and under such regulations as his Excellency the Governor shall order and direct.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Topping, formerly of Southampton on Long Island now resident in Weathersfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776, at the time the enemy took possession of said island, he came with his family to said Weathersfield where he hath resided ever since, that he hath expended the greatest part of the few moveable effects he brought with him and is in no business by which he can obtain a subsistence for himself and family here any longer, and praying for liberty to transport himself and family back to said Southampton and to carry with him his household furniture, one cow, two small swine, and eight bushels of wheat, to subsist his family upon, and necessary provisions for the passage, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby permitted to return back to said Southampton with his family, and to carry with him his household goods, one cow, two small swine, and eight bushels of wheat, with necessary provisions for the passage, in such way and under such regulations as his Excellency the Governor shall order and direct.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Humphry, conservator of Hannah Mills wife of Benjamin Mills of Symsbury, shewing that he hath paid out and expended in support of the said Hannah the sum of £14 3 9, in lawfull silver money, and that there is no estate but lands to reimburse him therefor, as per memorial &c.; praying liberty to sell so much of said Hannah's lands as shall be sufficient to discharge said sum with charges of sale &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Hannah as shall amount to said sum of £14 3 9, lawfull money or bills of the common currenny equivalent thereto after the rate of forty for one, with incidental charges of sale arising thereon.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Vail, Joshua Horton, Joshua Reive, Jonathan Horton and Jonathan Concklin, of Southold in the State of New York now resident in Guilford, shewing to this Assembly that at the time the enemy took possession of New York they removed with their families and effects to said Guilford; that they have been necessitated to expend the most of their property for the support of themselves and families; and praying for liberty to return to their former habitations on Long Island with their families and effects, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be permitted to return to said Long Island with their families and effects, in such way and manner and under such regulations as his Excellency the Governor shall order and direct.

Upon the memorial of the Hon^{ble} William Floyd, Esq^r, of Long Island in the State of New York, now residing in this State, shewing to this Assembly that he was in the public service at Philadelphia at the

time New York and Long Island fell into the possession of the enemy; that his farm and effects on said island were by order of Governor Tryon taken into possession of tories, who have taken away great part of his goods and chattels; praying for a permit to send on to said island and bring off such stock and other things as they may find on his estate or in his house, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said William Floyd, Esq^r, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to send some discreet person or persons on to said island and bring off from thence all such stock and other things as they shall find on the estate or in the house of the said William Floyd, Esq^r, belonging to him. And such persons are to pass over to Long Island and return under the inspection of Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r, of Middletown.

Upon the memorial of the Hon^{ble} John Sloss Hobart, Esq^r, late of Long Island, now resident in Sharon in said State, representing to this Assembly that in the month of August, 1776, he left his farm and habitation on said island upon the approach of the enemy, leaving sundry articles of estate, such as tanned leather, cloath, cattle, grain, many of which he is informed have been preserved for him or taken by the enemy, and some small consideration has been paid to some person, who is ready to deliver the same for the use of the said Hobart could he have an opportunity to receive the same; praying for leave for Capt John Concklin to go over to Long Island to receive the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. John Concklin be and he hereby is permitted to go over to Long Island and bring from thence eight sides of tanned leather, one piece of woolen cloath, which are the property of said Hobart as aforesaid, and the monies arising from the sale of any of his estate, not being articles of merchandize, for the use of said Hobart: the said Concklin to pass and return under the inspection of Colo. St. John at Norwalk.

Upon the petition of Zebulon Hallock, formerly of Southold on Long Island, now resident in Guilford, shewing to this Assembly that he with his family upward of three years ago left Long Island and came to said Guilford, where with difficulty he has obtained a subsistence till this time; that he has a father on said Long Island who is in great need of his assistance, and that he will be under better circumstances to provide for himself and family there than in this State, and praying for permission to return to said Long Island with his family and effects &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Zebulon Hallock be permitted to return to said Long Island with his family, household goods and a cow, in such way and manner and under such regulations as his Excellency the Governor shall order and direct.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all petitions and memorials between party and party, depending before this Assembly and unde-

terminated, be referred for further consideration to the next session of the General Assembly, and that all committees heretofore appointed on any of the said petitions and memorials have power and are directed to hear, examine and report to the said next sessions of this Assembly.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS *Secretary.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT
HARTFORD ON SATURDAY, THE 22D DAY OF APRIL, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Deputy Governor Griswold.

Elip ^t Dyer,	William Williams,	} Esq ^{rs} .
William Pitkin,	Jed. Strong,	
	John Canfield.	

Voted, That Colo. Champion, at this Assembly appointed superintending commissary for beef, pork, flour &c., receive an order on the Pay-Table for six thousand pounds of the last January emission of bills emitted by this State, and 40,000 pounds continental bills, to enable him to proceed on the business of purchasing &c., according to the direction of the act constituting and regulating such purchasers &c.: he giving bond &c. according to law.

Order given accordingly.

Voted, That Capt. James Watson, by the Assembly appointed purchasing commissary of rum and hay, receive an order on the Pay-Table for eight hundred pounds bills emitted by order of Assembly in January last, to enable him to pay for some flour lately purchased by him by order of the Governor and Council of Safety: he to be accountable; and also for four thousand pounds of said bills to enable him to proceed on said business, giving bond according to law.

Order given out.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD,
SABBATH DAY, 23D OF APRIL, 1780.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Deputy Governor Griswold.

Elip ^t Dyer,	Benja. Payne,
William Williams,	John Canfield,
Jos. P. Cook,	Jedidiah Strong.

On consideration of the distressed state of the town of Greenwich &c.,
Voted, That Brig^r Generals Wolcott, Ward and Silliman, be ordered forthwith to detach and send forward to said Greenwich immediately one

company of sixty-four men of the militia from each of said brigades, officers included, under proper officers, for the defence of that post and places adjacent, to remain in service one month after their arrival, unless sooner discharged : to be under the command of the commander there.

That Col. Levi Wells be ordered to send forward such men as are or shall [be] inlisted into his regiment as fast as they shall inlist and can be got ready, to the post at New London.

And that Colo. Beebe be ordered in like manner to send forward his men to the post at Horseneck.

Ozias Bissell appointed Captain in the room of Edward Payne resigned, in Col. Levi Wells regiment.

Ebenezer Root is appointed Lieutenant *vice* Jona. Nickolls, do.

Thrall, of Bolton, appointed Lieutenant *vice* David Deming, do.

Joshua Raymond jun^r, Lieutenant in room of Sandford Billings. do.

Joseph Skinner Ensign *vice* William Brainerd. do.

Bradford Ensign *vice* Eli Boardman. do.

Whiting, of Scotland, Ensign *vice* Nath^l Foster. All in room of those who have resigned as above.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer in favor of D. Qr. Master Hubbard [for] twenty thousand continental dollars, for the purpose of transporting provisions to the army ; and also for two hundred pounds in bills lately emitted by this State, for the purpose of purchasing hay for the use of Colo. Moyland's horse : all to be replaced by said Hubbard in a short time.

Voted, That William Griswold have liberty to fit out two boats to Long Island with proper hands, to endeavour [to] save what may be saved of a wreck of a prize lately wrecked near said island : to be under the inspection of the captain of Saybrook Fort at going and returning, so as that no illicit trade be carried on.

Voted, That Ramsay be allowed to export to Londonderry by land one tun of flax he hath already purchased by exchange for linen &c. at Wallingford.

Upon the motion of William Whiting of Salisbury, representing to this Board that he cannot carry on the furnace at said Salisbury which he hath rented of this State unless his workmen are exempted from drafts &c.

Resolved by this Board, That said Whiting, one clerk, one carpenter, one founder, two firemen, one blacksmith, one ore-burner, two fillers, together with all such [as] said Whiting shall employ in said service not inhabitants of this State, be and they are hereby exempted from detachments for military service either in the militia or continental army during the time they shall be actually employed in said furnace the ensuing year; and that the afore-said ten persons so exempted be struck out of the muster-roll of the respective military companies to which they belong during said time.

Upon the petition of Jacob Ogden of Colebrook, shewing to this Board that he hath employed a number of hands in the steel and iron manufacture works at said Colebrook, principally foreigners, and that it is impracticable for him to carry on said business, so necessary at this time for the public in general and of the utmost utility to the inhabitants of this State, unless he and his workmen can be exempted from drafts during the time they are employed in said service, and praying that they may be,

Resolved by this Board, That the memorialist and to the number of eleven of his said workmen, being principally foreigners, be and they are

hereby exempted from detachment to serve either in the militia or continental army while employed and actually serving in said works the year ensuing.

Resolved, That Capt. John Barlow of Stratford have liberty to fix out and set forth two armed boats, for the purpose of cruising in the Sound against the enemy, and his Excellency the Governor is hereby desired to commission them accordingly.

Granted liberty to Colo. Jeremiah Halsey to receive one tun of pig-iron at the furnace at Salisbury, to be in account therefor.

Granted to Mr. Nehemiah Huntington of Norwich liberty to receive four tons of pig-iron at the furnace at Salisbury, he to be in account with the State therefor.

Granted to his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold liberty to receive half a ton of pig-iron at the furnace at Salisbury, to be in account with the State therefor.

APPENDIX.

I.

DEPOSITIONS IN REGARD TO THE INVASION OF NEW HAVEN, FAIRFIELD, AND NORWALK, IN JULY, 1779.

From the originals in *Revolutionary War*, xv.

1.

NEW HAVEN.

I Charles Alling of New Haven of lawful age testify and say that I saw, examined, and assisted in burying Capt. John Gilbert, Asa Todd, Joseph Dorman, Sam^l Woodin, and Silas Woodin.—That Capt. Gilbert was shot thro' the knee, and then appeared to be killed with a club, as his head was very much bruised, and a club, bloody, lay upon him.—That no wound appeared upon Asa Todd except that he was pierced with a bayonet, once thro' the head, and twice thro' the body.—That Joseph Dorman had his thigh broken, just above his knee, but it appeared to me to have been done with a stone, which lay by him, bloody; and that he was pierced with bayonets once thro' the head and once thro' the body, but no other wound.—That Sam^l Woodin appeared to be shot thro' the body with a grape shot, and not otherwise wounded.—That I cannot say anything particularly as to wounds of Silas Woodin. And further saith not.

CHARLES ALLING.

New Haven July 26 1779 Personally appeared Mr. Charles Alling the above deponent and made solemn oath unto the truth of the foregoing deposition.

Before SAM^t BISHOP J^r Jus. of the Peace.

Elias Beers of lawfull age testifieth and says that he saw his father Nathan Beers late of Newhaven about 3 hours after he was wounded by the enemy on the 5th of July instant, and received from his mouth the following account of the treatment he received from the enemy, viz. That upon their entrance into town an officer mortally wounded near his fathers house was brought in and dressed there, whom his father assisted with

bandages &c. for dressing his wound besides treating them with kindness and hospitality, for which the officer on his departure returned him thanks, and said he should not be hurt but protected for his kindness. After this officer was carried away a party of soldiers came upon him as he was peacefully standing at his front door and charged him with firing out of his house, which he denied telling them he had not any arms in his house. He seeing by their motions they intended to murder him added You see I am an old infirm man. I am not able to do you any hurt, and have done nothing to oppose you, all I have is in your hands, why should you take away my life? Unmoved by this remonstrance they snapt three pieces with fixed bayonets at his breast. One of the pieces only went off, which he struck down from his breast and the ball took place in his right hip and as he fell they were about to end his life with their bayonets but he begged to be spared, telling them he was mortally wounded. This party then left him and went to plundering the house. After the loss of much blood he got to the bed, and in some measure stopt the blood. Another party came in soon after, hauled him off the bed, demanded his money kicked and otherwise abused and insulted him and set his wound bleeding again, being deaf to all intreaties. Several parties one after another plundering and destroying his furniture and substance came at him with fixed bayonets insulting threatening and abusing him. Of these wounds, he languished and died on Saturday the 10th July instant in the 61st year of his age.

ELIAS BEERS.

New Haven July 26th, 1779, Personally appeared Mr. Elias Beers and made solemn oath unto the truth of the foregoing deposition.

Before SAM^r BISHOP, J^a. Just. of the Peace.

Isaac Beers of lawfull age testifieth and saith that he agrees with what his brother Elias Beers has related in the foregoing deposition and further says that he himself. was taken a prisoner from his own house, and that while he was a prisoner he heard General Garth tell Mr. Israel Wooden who was wounded and also a prisoner, that he was sorry his men had not killed him instead of making a prisoner of him, and that he would not have his men give quarter to one militia man taken in arms.

ISAAC BEERS.

New Haven July 26th, 1779, Personally appeared Mr. Isaac Beers and made solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing deposition.

Before SAM^r BISHOP J^a Just. of the Peace.

I John Collins, formerly an officer in the continental navy but for about nine months last past, sick and unable to help myself, at the house of Capt. Thomas Wooster in New Haven, testify and say —

That on the 5th day of instant July soon after the British army took possession of s^d New Haven a number of the British soldiers entered the house and demanded of Mrs. Mary Wooster relict of the late General David Wooster her silver and plate, she replied she had none in the house. They then demanded her pockets which she refused to deliver them. One of the soldiers seized her by the shoulder, swore she had plate, and that he would kill her unless she delivered it to him. Mrs. Wooster then took a watch out of her pocket and gave them, and some other trifles which she laid on the table, and attempted to make her escape out at the door. They cried Damn her, stop her, laid violent hands upon her, and one of them levelled his gun at her breast, dam'd her, and swore if she moved a step he would shoot her dead. They then demanded her earrings, and her handkerchief from her neck. She asked them if they were not ashamed to treat a women in such a manner, one of them replied Damn you, do you think you must wear a silk handkerchief when I have none. They were about to use violence to obtain them, upon which Mrs. Wooster delivered them up.

They then turned their attention upon me and made me their prisoner, (at which time Mrs. Wooster made her escape) but finding me unable to go with them, they took from me my hat, stock and buckle, shoe and knee buckles. They then seized me by the shoulder, threw me upon the floor, presented a bayonet, then wreaking with the blood, as I suppose, of the aged Capt. English, who had just before been murdered, at my breast, and swore they would kill me if I did not immediately tell them where my money was. I told them I had none, and that I was not the owner of the house. They damned me swore I lyed and that they would run me through if I did not tell them where it was. They then searched my pockets, found a letter which they swore was my commission and swore I was a damn'd officer in the rebel service and that they would kill me instantly and further saith not.

JOHN COLLINS.

New Haven July 26th, 1779 Personally appeared Mr. John Collins the above deponent and made solemn oath unto the truth of the foregoing deposition.

Before SAM^l BISHOP J^a Just of the Peace.

Lois Cook of New Haven of lawfull age, upon oath declares that on the 5th day of inst. July one Elisha Tuttle an inhabitant of s^d New Haven (who had for a year or more been a distracted delirious person,) was brought and laid at the door of the deponent wounded and in his gore by the Brititish troops just after their entrance of the town, — and asked of s^d deponent if she knew the person there wounded, and upon washing off the gore, s^d deponent was able to declare his name and circumstances, whereupon some one of the Brititish officers seemed to manifest some considerable compassion for him

and permitted s^d deponent to take care of him at her house. Upon examination of the body of him the s^d Tuttle, there appeared many wounds upon his head and body and one upon his tongue, in consequence of which part of his tongue came off and was taken out of his mouth on the third day by s^d deponent soon after which he expired. All his wounds appear'd to have been from a bayonet. And further saith not.

Lois Cook.

New Haven July 24th 1779.

Then appeared Lois Cook the above deponent and made oath to the above deposition before me

ENEAS MUNSON Just. Peace.

An account of the cruelties and barbarities which I received from the British soldiers after I had surrendered myself a prisoner into their hands.

It is needless to relate all the leading circumstances which threw me in their way. It may suffice just to observe that on Monday morning the fifth instant the town of New Haven was justly alarmed with very threatening appearances of a speedy invasion from the enemy. Numbers went out armed to oppose them, I among the rest, took the station assigned me upon Milford Hill; but was soon directed to quit it and retire further north as the motion of the enemy required. Having gone as far as I supposed was sufficient I turned down the hill to gain a little covert of bushes which I had in my eye; but to my great surprise I saw the enemy much nearer than I expected, their advanced guard being little more than 20 rods distant, plain open ground between us. They instantly fired upon me which they continued till I had run a dozen rods discharging not less than fifteen or twenty balls at me alone: however thro' the preserving providence of God I escaped them all unhurt and gained the little covert at which I aimed, which concealed me from their view while I could plainly see them thro' the weeds and bushes advancing towards me within about 12 rods. I singled out one of them took aim and fired upon him. I loaded my musket again but determined not to discharge it any more, and as I saw I could not escape from them I determined to surrender myself a prisoner; accordingly when they came within about two rods of me I cryed out to them that I surrendered myself their prisoner. I begged for quarter and that they would spare my life. They drew near to me, I think two only in number one on my right hand and the other on my left, the fury of infernals glowing in their faces. They called me a damned old rebel and swore they would kill me instantly. They demanded, What did you fire upon us for? I replied, Because it is the exercise of war. Then one made a pass at me with his bayonet as if he designed to thrust it thro' my body. With my hand I tost it up from its direction and sprang in so near to him that he could not hurt me with his bayonet. I still continued pleading and begging for my life with the utmost

importunity, using every argument in my power to mollify them and induce them to desist from their murderous purpose. One of them gave me four gashes on my head with the edge of his bayonet to the scull bone which caused a plentiful effusion of blood. The other gave me three slight pricks with the point of his bayonet on the trunk of my body; but they were no more than skin deep. But what is a thousand times worse than all that has been related is the blows and bruises they gave me with the heavy barrels of their guns on my bowels by which I was knocked down once or more and almost deprived of life, by which bruises I have been almost confined to my bed ever since. These scenes might take up about two minutes of time. They then seemed to desist a little from their design of murder, after which they striped me of my shoe and knee buckles and also my stock buckle. Their avarice further led them to rob me of my pocket-handkerchief and a little old tobacco box. They then bade me march towards the main body, which was about twelve rods distant; where some officers soon enquired of me who I was. I gave them my name station and character and begged their protection that I might not be any more abused, or hurt by the soldiers. They promised me their protection; but I was soon robbed of my shoes and was committed to one of the most unfeeling cruel savages that ever breathed. They then drove me with the main body a hasty march of five miles or more, which I walked without shoes. During the march I was insulted in the most shocking manner by the ruffian soldiers, many of which came at me with fixed bayonets, and swore they would kill me on the spot. They damned those that took me because they spared my life. Thus amidst a thousand insults my infernal driver hastened me along faster than my strength would admit in the extreme heat of the day, weakened as I was by my wounds and the loss of blood, which at a moderate computation could not be less than a quart. And when I failed in some degree thro' faintness, he would strike me on the back with a heavy walking staff and kick me with his foot. At length by the supporting power of God I arrived at the Green in New Haven. But my life was almost spent, the world around me several times appearing as dark as midnight. I obtained leave of an officer to be carried into the widow Lyman's and laid upon a bed; where I lay the rest of the day and succeeding night in such acute and excruciating pain as I never felt before.

NAPHTALI DAGGETT.

New Haven July 26th 1779.

New Haven July 26th 1779.

Personally appeared the Rev^d Doct^r Naphtali Daggett and made oath to the foregoing account as true and genuine before me

DAVID AUSTIN Jus. of Peace.

Abigail English wife of Capt. Benjamin English of New Haven of lawful age testifies and says that on the 5th day of inst. July when the British troops came to New Haven, Mr. Benjamin English aged about seventy four years was in his house alone. She saw a number of the British troops at his well drinking water, that soon after she saw a soldier come out at the back door, s^d English came to the back door with his hand on his breast and the blood running and he crying out, He has stabb'd me he has stabb'd me. She asked him why he stab'd him he answer'd, he could not tell, for he had humour'd them as much as lay in his power, and he walked about two rods and fell down and instantly expired there appeared three wounds in his breast as if made with a bayonet, that she went into the house found blood in the great chair where he was wont to sit where she has the utmost reason to suppose he receiv'd his mortal wound, and further saith not.

New Haven July 28th 1779.

Mrs. Abigail English the above deponent made solemn oath to the above deposition.

Before me ENEAS MUNSON, Just. Pacis.

Christiana Gatter of lawful age testifies and says that she was at home in New Haven when the town was sacked and plundered by the British enemy, that a number of the enemy entered their house and much abused her husband, after which she went into the garden about 4 o'clock afternoon, when a soldier met her from a neighbours garden, presented his gun at her, bid her stand, and came up to her, told her to ly down. I told him we had better go into the house. We went in, my husband being there. He would have me go into the cellar. I told him that place was not good. He asked me to go up stairs. I pretended to comply, went into the entry and told him we had better go out the fore door into the green where I flattered him along till we came in sight of Mr. Chandler who stood out before his house, to whom I called for help and he resqued me, after which at night I went home to see after my husband and children. We fastened the house and went to bed. Some time in the night was awakened by some of them breaking into the house. My husband made his escape through the back door, and two of them laid hold of me and threw me on the bed, and swore if I made any noise or resistance they would kill me in a moment. I was obliged to submit, one of them had his will of me whilst the other kept the door, afterward the other had his will of me whilst the other kept the door. It was about this time they was called to parade and they left me.

CHRISTIANA GATTER.

New Haven July 26th, 1779.

Personally appeared Christiana Gatter signer of the foregoing deposition and made oath to the truth of the same before me.

DAN^r LYMAN Just. Peace.

Martin Gatter of lawful age testifies and says that he was detained in New Haven when the British enemy entered the town on the 5th inst., by reason of sickness, and was without arms of any kind, peaceably in his own house, when a number of the British soldiers entered his house and with great fury in their countenances called him an old damned rebel scoundrel and booger and swore they would instantly kill him, that he begged they would not abuse him saying he had not done them any harm and had no arms in his house and was peaceable about his own business, but four of them came at him with their bayonets pricked him in sundry places cut him on the head struck him on the head with a great club knocked him down and told him to go out of the house insulting him with the vilest language &c. that he got out all besmeared with blood, that they and others that came in kept plundering his house and abusing his wife, that he was much weakened by the loss of blood and other abuses, but wore out the day; and at night he fastned his house and went to bed with his wife and two small children, but about half after 2 o'clock in the morning his house was broke open by two of the enemy. The deponent further says he had suffered so much by them the day before, that he got out the back of his house and hid in a corn-field till morning, when he returned to his house and found his wife and children alive but his wife had been most horribly abused.

MARTIN GATTER.

New Haven July 26th, 1779

Personally appeared Martin Gatter signer of the foregoing deposition and made oath to the truth of the same

Before me DAN^l LYMAN Just. Peace.

I Rose Luke of New Haven of lawful age testifies and says that on Monday the 5th of July inst. I was down in town when the enemy came into it. I attempted to get home but one of them stoped me and searched my pockets and took away everything he could find. After they had got into full possession of the town I again set out for home with my husband. When I got home I found four of them in the house, in the first room I went into. I then thought I would go into the next room supposing there were none of them there, but as soon as I opened the door one of the regulars laid fast hold of me. I struggled till we both fell to the floor when I escaped from him as far as to the door, where he again laid hold of me. I clenched my hands in the place where the door latched and held as fast as I could but the soldier used great violence to get me loose till my husband came in and risked me from his hands. A col: then came into the house and tarried a while but as soon as he was gone they came into the house and about the house and did all possible damage. One came into the house to me and told me there was a harness in the next house and I must go and

get it. I told him I did not know that there was any there, and I could not get it if there was. He said I should go. I told him I would not. He damed me said I should and took a cane and drove me over to the next house, where there was an old negro woman. He then told me I must go up into the chamber I told him I should not. He said I should or he would kill me instantly. I then begged the other woman to go up with me, but he swore he would kill her if she offered to come. He then drove me up two stairs and then laid fast hold of me and carryed me up in his arms into the chamber and there was attempting to do violence to my chastity but I made all possible resistance by my struggles and cries untill another person came up and saved me from his brutal fury. I then made my escape of to a neighbouring house where there were some officers but met with many other abuses and insults. I asked them if they were not ashamed to treat an old woman who had had ten children in such a manner, and they said So much the better — And further saith not.

ROSE LUKE.

New Haven July 27th, 1779

Personally appeared Rose Luke the above deponent a person of veracity and to be depended upon and made solem oath to the truth of the foregoing deposition

Before SAM^r BISHOP JR. Just. of the peace.

Sarah Townsend, wife of Jeremiah Townsend jun^r of New Haven, testifies as follows, *viz*. When the British forces entered this town, about noon on the 5th instant, a party of them soon came to our house, and in a very furious manner and with horrid execrations seized Mr. Townsend, my husband, striped him instantly of his buckles, and his shoes, and then drove him away, with the point of the bayonett, down to the wharf, on board a vessell, leaving me, with a number of little children and an aged aunt, in the utmost distress. From time to time afterwards other parties of them came into the house, whom I endeavoured to oblige and mollify, as far as I possibly could, by giving victuals and drink, as they desired, or would accept. Yet they plundered, took away, or spoiled the goods of the house, and threatened my life, with the most shocking execrations, till, thro' my own fears, and the cries of my children, I was ready to sink and quite give out.

Late in the afternoon, understanding that S^r George Collier was in the next house, I resolved to make application to him for some protection or relief from such perpetual abuses; hoping that an officer of such distinction, as I understood he was, would, at least, act the gentleman, and take pity on me. I set out, mett him in the street, and made application to him, in the most complaisant manner I was able; having a child hanging on each side of me, and a babe in my arms. He heard my mournfull story, but answered

me roughly, saying, he supposed my husband was a rebell &c. I told him, my husband was quiet in his own house, when taken, had not been in arms that day &c. At length looking on my babe he says, "*You have got a pretty child there; is it yours?*" I told him, it was. He then said to me, "*Are you willing that it should be cutt up and made a pye of? The Congress, they say, eat such pies, and they are very good.*" To this I made no direct reply: but felt so, as I am quite unable to express. But still importuned for some relief, some protection.

He at last told me "You may tell them, Sr George Collier says, they must not hurt you," and went off. I complied with his direction, but to very little effect.

This is a just, tho' a very imperfect representation of the abuse, the cruel treatment I received.

SARAH TOWNSEND.

New Haven July 26, 1779, Personally appeared Mrs. Sarah Townsend the above deponant and made solemn oath unto the truth of the foregoing deposition.

Before SAM^r BISHOP J^r. Just. of the peace.

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FAIRFIELD.

The testimony of Mary Beers wife to Reuben Beers of Fairfield of lawful age is as follows *viz.*

That about one of the clock succeeding the 7th inst. a picket of Hessians in Gen^l Gaths division broke into our house and thereupon I came out of the cellar with two small children and a negro child, and on opening the cellar door, they cried out, Kill her, kill her, and came at me with a number of fixed bayonets: I begged and intreated, implored and prayed, to spare my life and run back down cellar and opened the out cellar door and went into the door yard, with the afores^d three children, and I found there a number of enemy with an officer: I expostulated with them, I told the officer that my husband was sick, and had not been out for two days then past that he was a sick man and in bed, when they came to the house, that he was not in arms, and begged his life and property whereupon the capt. said he was not killed but was a prisoner: whereupon I applied to the gen^l as I supposed, who was a Hessian called: I asked protection for myself, children, and property, and release of my husband. Said Hessian general and a colonel said my husband should be used well, that my person, children, house and property should be safe, but said he (the gen^l laying his hand on the head of

my little babe) Poor child I pity you, I cannot spare your house it must be burnt: thereupon up came the officer of those who first broke into the house, and he said, Go woman in haste you may perhaps put the fire out of your house: and I went protected by a guard who behaved decently, and I found my house effectually plundered of linnen by them, and great destruction of moveables in the house, and I extinguish'd the fire. Whereupon I went to the house of David Beers who to my knowledge was in peace at home with his wife and family, and they enter'd the s^d house with violence, and took Mr. Beers prisoner and plunder'd his house, and pretended that he had fired out of his house but it was groundless; and in the morning, without distinction, they burnt his house and shop, and all moveables left in them. Their behaviour was like distracted or mad men, and pretended many of them not to speak English. And further saith not.

MARY BEERS.

Fairfield July 24th 1779, Personally appeared Mary Beers above named and made oath to the truth of the above

Before me ANDREW ROWLAND Jus. P.

Reuben Beers above named personally appear'd and made oath that he agrees with the above named Mary Beers, his wife, in all the parts of her narrative so far as he is knowing and adds that by the intreat and request of David Beers aforesaid on application to Gen^l Tryon, and his own request and information that he had a large family of small children and wife, that he supposed his house and property was destroyed, the gen^l at the place of embarkation released him.

Sworn before me ANDREW ROWLAND Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Abigail Bulkley, wife of Josiah Bulkley of lawful age is as follows viz.

That the enemy on their coming to the west end of the town, on the night of the 7th inst. they enquired after my husband. I told them that he was out of the town and was not under arms, however they plundered my house of almost all the moveables in it. I with Mrs. Beardsley who was supposed to be in travel and the officers there behaved decently to me, and by the aid and assistance of one of them, I saved my house, and some trifle of furniture from flames. It appeared to me that there was a number of Hessians at liberty to act without restraint, and further saith not.

ABIGAIL $\begin{matrix} \text{her} \\ \times \\ \text{mark} \end{matrix}$ BULKLEY JUN^r.

ss. Fairfield July 23d 1779.

Personally appeared Abigail Bulkley abovenamed and made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me ANDREW ROWLAND Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Jane Bulkley wife to Andrew Bulkley of lawful age is as follows *viz.*

That when the enemy entered the town of Fairfield that part of the army under the command of General Gath were stationed in the westerly part of the town and a number of officers and men came to my house, and received such refreshment as they required, and said that persons who staid in their houses, should be safe in person and property, and at their request I went and milked my cow and gave them the milk, whereupon the cow was led away by them and killed; my house was fir'd five times and I extinguish'd it. The men were at full liberty and behaved with great licentiousness. I heard a number of under officers at my door, say, that before morning every house would be laid in ashes, that we should not fare so well as New Haven: they plundered my house, stripped my buckles out of my shoes, and abused me with insulting language. Their officers had not or did not exercise command over them, so as in the least to restrain them. They continued burning houses and barns the whole night. I had a protection from General Gath by word and he ordered a guard for me but it served only to save my property 'till daylight, and then my house was plundered and attempted to be burnt. The latter part of the night the soldiers appear'd to be in drink, they plunder'd a plenty of spirituous liquors. And further saith not.

Fairfield July 24th 1779.

JANE BULKLEY

Fairfield July 24th 1779

Personally appeared Jane Bulkley and made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me ANDREW ROWLAND, Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Eunice Burr wife of Thaddeus Burr Esq' respecting the proceedings of the enemy at Fairfield on the 7th and 8th days of July 1779 is as followeth *viz.*

On Wednesday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock the 7th July some friends came in and told me that they believed that the enemies shipping were standing in, and that it was their opinion, that the enemy wo'd land; being formerly well acquainted with a number of the British officers, and ever finding them of a polite humane disposition, and observing the good order they kept up among their soldiers, I was induced, once, to act against all the entreaties of my friends, and risque my life and all that is dear to

me, in hopes to save an ancient pleasant mansion house, with its valuable furniture and stores. This I was the more willing to undertake, as I had been told, "that if people would stay in their own houses, they, the enemy, would not molest nor disturb them, and their property would be safe."

By the time that the main body of the enemy had got up to the court house, instead of the once humane and polite Britons, a pack of the most barbarous ruffians came rushing into the house, and repeatedly accosted me with you *Dam Rebel* where is your husband, he is a selectman — at the same time stripping me of my buckles, taring down the curtains of my bed, breaking the frame of my dressing glass, pulling out the draws of my table and desk; and after taking what they could find, they then went up stairs and proceeded much in the same manner. At this juncture there came in an officer, who, I suppose was a capt. and demanded the arms; those which I knew of were produced, and he immediately ordered them out of the house, — and upon my representation of the conduct of the ruffians towards me, he ordered them out of the house. No sooner were one set out, but another came in, calling for syder, breaking down the china, stone and glass ware in the closets and where ever they found it. In the midst of this confused state General Tryon came into the house. He behaved with politeness. He demanded the papers. I told him there were none but of very old dates which related to old estates. The general said Those are what we want, for we intend to have the estates — upon which he ordered an officer to take them to the court house. Very soon after he had taken leave of me there came in a set more dreadful than the ruffians who first attacked me. These being informed, or suspicious, that I was possessed of a watch, attempted to search me. I drew back to the yard, the only shelter that I had, and there committed myself to that God, whose protection and mercy is beyond the reach of such cruel monsters. They however were permitted to persue me, throw me upon the ground, and search me, pulling and taring my cloths from me in a most barbarious manner, no intreaties or persuasions prevailing upon them to desist. Heaven directed the steps of the aforementioned captain to the gate, who perceiving the horried situation that I was in, ran to my relief, and drove the ruffians from the yard. Soon after this General Tryon (with Mr. Thomas Chapman of Stratford, who is said to be a capt. in the New Levies) called in. Mr. Chapman made himself known to me, upon which I reminded him of his often waiting on a more soft and delicate set of company to the house, than those I had been visited with in the course of the day — asked him if he could have a heart to burn the house where he had spent so many agreeable hours, upon which he assured me he would do everything in his power to save the building.

General Tryon upon hearing the aforesaid captain relate the situation he found me in, was kind enough to order two centrys at the house, which caused me a more quiet night than I feared, tho' horror and distress were

my constant companions, great part of the town being in flames. Just before sunrise Capt. Chapman came to me very politely, and told me that General Tryon wanted to speak to me. I immediately waited on him. He told me that through the entreaties of Mr. Sayer and some other friends, and knowing my situation, he should spare my buildings, Mr. Eliots, the church and meeting-house — that he did not like distroying those buildings. I told him that I was obliged to him for the favor, and felt as happy to have those buildings saved as my own, and that I thought he wo'd do himself honor. He asked for pen ink and paper. I very readily procured them. He then unasked and unsolicited by me, gave me a protection for my house and property, and the Rev'd Mr Eliot's, written with his own hand and signed with his own name. Thus deluded with a false hope, after the fatigue of the day, night, and more dreadfull morning, when every building around me was on fire, and some of my poor neighbours, whose habitations were in flames, had run into my house for shelter, instead of attempting to carry out and secure what was in the house, our whole attention was taken up in supplying the house with water, and altho' they were almost buried in flames, neither the barn or house took fire. The pleasure and satisfaction I felt for a few minutes in thinking I had a shelter for myself and some of my distressed friends, was great. But alas! how soon was it over. No sooner had the horn blew, I suppose for the whole to retreat, my centrys went of and a band of those savage creatures were left as a rear guard to compleat the destruction — some of whom, unperceived by me, came into the house. I heard a most dreadful screeching in one of the rooms, upon which I ran to it, and to my great surprize found some of those monsters abusing an aged lady, one of my neighbours, by pulling of her cap and tearing the hair of from her head. Her daughter, who had fled there for protection fared but little better. Seeing a number more of them come into the gate, I once more took courage, went out and intreated them to spare the house; told them that I had General Tryon's protection in writing; upon which they damned the general and protection too and tore it from me. While a number went into the house to set fire to it, two or three others came to search me, they took my pocket book and buttons which till then I had preserved. Fearing that I should be insulted as I had been before, I disingaged my pocket and fled into the meadow. The house with everything they had left, both furniture and stores were consumed. Much more might be told, both of officers and soldiers, which wo'd bring disgrace upon the once humane, but now savage Britons, but it wo'd make this narrative too lengthy. One more instance of their cruelty I must not fail to relate. On a bare suspicion, that a gun was fired from a window, by an aged negro of my neighbour Lewis's, they first shot him, then bayoneted him, as my centry, who was one of the number told me; and left his body to be consumed by the flames which were immediately kindled in the dwelling house.

Should this narrative fall into the hands of any of those gentlemen officers, who afforded me assistance, in those hours of horror and distress, they have my sincere thanks for it.

Fairfield ss. On the 2 day of August 1779 personally appeared Eunice Burr, wife of Thaddeus Burr Esq^r and made oath to the above and foregoing narrative.

Before me SAM^l SQUIER Just. Peace.

The testimony of Ann Nichols of lawful age and wife to Hez. Nichols of Fairfield is as follows *viz.* —

That when the troops under the command of General Tryon came into Fairfield I was peaceably at home, and thereupon one of the soldiers came to me and with strong hand robbed me of the buckles out of my shoes, and in the course of the night I was often treated with extravagant insulting, and abusive language and threatening at my own house. I told them my husband was from home, but it availed nothing, and in the course of the night, the soldiers appeared to have full liberty, and many came in parties at different hours, and destroyed almost every thing of furniture, and in the morning burnt down the house and barn, whereupon I saw General Tryon who appeared to be exceeding angry at some thing, I know not what, and I heard him tell a person that he would not spare one house more than another. One Thomas Chapman formerly of Stratford a tory was called a Captain, and appeared to be a principal hand in burning. I escaped from the conflagration of the town in the morning and concealed myself in a wet ditch and miry swamp. The soldiers generally appeared to be in a great panic thro' the night, and exceeding afraid that the rebels as they called us would be upon the[m] in the morning early.

ANN NICHOLS.

Fairfield County ss Fairfield July 21st 1779.

Personally appeared the above named Mrs. Ann Nichols and made oath to the truth of the same

Before me ANDREW ROWLAND Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Lucretia Radfield wife to John Radfield of Fairfield of lawful age is as follows, *viz.*

That in the evening succeeding the 7th of inst. July the enemy under command of Gen^l Tryon came to my house and there found me with one child peaceably at home: three officers enquired of me for my husband. I told them, he was from home and could not say whither under arms or not, whereupon they said one of their men had just before been taken prisoner near this house, and order'd the house to be fired, which was accordingly done, and I extinguish'd it. Whereupon night came on and thro' the whole

night the soldiers went where they pleased, and did as they pleased without any restraint from their officers so far as I could observe, and they came to my house and abused me with abusive and insulting language, carriage, and behaviour: they destroyed the furniture in the house, and attempted, with threats and promises, to prevail upon me to yield to their unchaste and unlawful desires. I obstinately denied them my body: three men then and there appeared intent to compass their wicked design, seized me and dragged me to the bed and attempted violence, but thanks to God there appeared that instant to come two persons who rescued me from their violence, one of whom told me he had been a prisoner in this town, and that he had received great civility from the inhabitants, and that he had an opinion of their being a worthy kind people, and those two persons protected me thro' the remainder of the night. My house was fir'd four times that night and next morning, and every time I extinguish'd it with great danger, and saved it and also a shop. Our mother Mrs. Radfield is an aged woman and wido. She lived in the house and was in peace at home. She was much insulted and abused, her cloaths were pulled indecently and her buckles stripped out of her shoes, her pockets violently seized and rifled, and the house in general rifled and plundered. And further this depon^t saith not.

LUCRETIA RADFIELD.

ss. Fairfield July 21st 1779

Personally appear'd Lucretia Radfield the above deponent, and made solemn oath to the truth of the above deposition

Before me ANDREW ROWLAND Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Ruana Roberson of lawful age, and wife of John Roberson of Fairfield is as follows *viz.*

When the enemy on the evening of the 7th inst. first came into the westerly end of this town, I soon left my house and went to a neighbours, which I heard was guarded, and there I found the general and a great number of officers, and one Mrs. Beardsley who belonged to the house was there, and pregnant, and appeared to be in travel. All the officers appeared disposed to treat her, and her assistance with decency, and in the course of the night, I often heard the officers and the general say, there should not be left a house or barn standing in the town by, or in the morning: there was but few soldiers in the house and they employed in waiting on tables, and they spared that dwelling house on account of Mrs. Beardsley, who was supposed to be in labour. They said the Commissioners made offers of peace and the Americans refused to accept them, and that their orders was to burn all, and I understood the orders was from England: they said they would burn the church for that it was not the Church of England nor had it been since the war, for the professors did not comply with the articles of the Church of

England. The Hessians appeared active in plundering and burning, and seemed not to understand English. I was at sundry houses where they came and plundered and they gave to understand they pursued orders. And further saith not.

Ruana ^{her} J ROBERSON
mark

Fairfield July 22nd 1779

Personally appeared Ruana Roberson and made oath to the truth of the above

Before me ANDREW ROWLAND Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Isabella Trubee wife of Ansel Trubee of Fairfield is as follows viz. That when the enemy on the night of the 7th inst. came to the westerly end of the town they appeared to be generally Hessians, and I concealed myself with two children in the cellar under the dwelling house of uncle David Beers, and there continued untill the enemy set fire to the house. Mr. Beers afores^d was at home with his wife and daughter and some grandchildren in peace and about his lawful business, they seized him and made him prisoner, my aunt his wife told them he was unarm'd and had not shot a gun she supposed within thirty years, and thereupon they set fire to the house and burnt it down, and also his shop and all therein. About this time my father Mr. Jos^h Beers came a few rods out of his house where he had been all the day, in peace with my mother, and he was captivated by the Hessians and remains in captivity, and his house and barn was burnt and property destroyed. Mr. David Beers has since returned and says he was released at their embarkation

Isabella ^{her} / TRUBEE
mark

ss. Fairfield July 23d 1779

Personally appeared Isabella Trubee aboves^d and mad oath to the above

Before me ANDREW ROWLAND Jus. Ps.

3.

NORWALK.

Fairfield County ss.

Norwalk July 26th, 1779.

Capt Stephen Betts of Col. Z. Butler's Regt. in the continental service personally appeared and made solemn oath.

That on the 11th instant while the enemy invaded Norwalk he with about fifty continental troops and some militia engaged a superior number of the enemy which obliged them to give way to an unequal force. As they retreated John Waters a continental soldier fell into the enemy's hands delivered up his arms and beg'd for life but the enemy notwithstanding assaulted him with bayonet with which they stabbed him in sundry places and then one of them presented his piece and aimed (as the captive supposed) at his body but missing that the ball shattered his arm whereupon finding no quarter he made a strong effort to escape which he happily effected. Soon after the above accident John Rich another continental soldier was shot so as to fall and as the enemy were nigh and crowded fast on our people he desired Cap^{tn}. Betts to leave him as they could not take him off without the greatest hazard. Cap^{tn}. Betts saw Rich no more, but says Cap^{tn}. Eels of Col. Wyllys's Regt. told him he saw Rich after the enemy had retreated about two hours after Capt Betts saw him. He was then dead and the top of his skull torn off supposed to be blown off by a musquet to dispatch him. And further said not

Before me THADDEUS BETTS Justice of Peace.

II.

THE HARTFORD CONVENTION.

OCTOBER, 1779.

[A copy of the proceedings of this Convention was laid before Congress November 10th, 1779. On the 19th of that month Congress came to the following resolutions :

“Whereas the fluctuating state of prices not only causes inequality and injustice in private dealings, and in furnishing the public supplies from the several States, but renders it impracticable to make the proper estimates for future expenses, and to fix equitable salaries for those employed in the service of the United States: and whereas the estimates according to which the requisitions for the taxes of the succeeding year have been made by the resolution of the sixth of October last, have been formed on the principle that the prices of commodities necessary for the public use would not exceed twenty fold of the former prices, and should they rise above that rate, the taxes must be accordingly increased, but should they fall below it, the surplus of the sum raised may be applied to the sinking fund: therefore—

“*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the several states forthwith to enact laws for establishing and carrying into execution a general limitation of prices throughout their respective jurisdictions, on the following principles, and to commence in their operation from the first day of February next :

“Articles of domestic produce, farming and common labor, the wages of tradesmen and mechanics, water and land carriage, not to exceed twenty fold of the prices current through the various seasons of the year 1774.

“Articles imported from foreign parts to be in due proportion with labour and the articles as above stated, making a proper allowance for freight, insurance, and other charges.

“Salt and military stores, whether of home manufacture or imported from abroad, to be excepted from limitation of price.

“*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several States to enact strict laws against engrossing and withholding, and to take the necessary measures for having the same carried into full execution.

“*Resolved*, That the proceedings of the Commissioners from the Eastern States to New York inclusive, at their meeting in Hartford, in Connecticut, on the 20th of October last, discover a generous attention to the public good, and are well calculated to promote the same; it is nevertheless expected that no time will be lost in giving effect to these resolutions, as the same general purpose may thereby be attained, and at an earlier period.

“*Resolved*, That all officers and agents employed in making purchases for the United States, be directed to conform strictly to all regulations that are or may be established in the several States.

“That accounts be kept and returns made by all persons employed to make purchases in behalf of the United States, or to hire vessels, carriages, or men, for the

service of the same, of the prices by them respectively given in such States as shall not, before the 1st day of February, 1780, pass laws for the limitation of prices agreeable to the recommendation contained in the foregoing resolutions; to the intent that such States as shall have neglected to pass laws for the purposes aforesaid, may respectively be charged in the public accounts with the aggregate amount of the difference of prices paid from and after the said first day of February, 1780, in such States and those in which such laws may have been enacted."

The recommendations of this Convention were printed in the *Courant* for November 16, 1779, No. 778.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SEVERAL STATES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, CONNECTICUT AND NEW YORK, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1779.

The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins, Esq^r, President.

Hez. Wyllys, Esq^r, Secretary.

The gentlemen produced their several powers, and are as follow, viz.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In Committee of Safety at Exeter the 9th October, 1779.

Voted, That the Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett, Colo. Joshua Wentworth, and Major George Gains, or either two of them, be and are hereby appointed in the name and behalf of this State to meet Delegates from the States of Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, at Hartford in the State of Connecticut on Wednesday the 20th of this inst. October, to agree upon some method for keeping up a free and general intercourse in trade &c. upon principles correspondent with the public good, and endeavour effectually to destroy the practices of those people who prey upon their country, and to consult and agree on any other measures that then and there may be thought necessary for the public weal, and to make report of their doings to the General Assembly of this State as soon as may be

M. WEARE President.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

In the House of Representatives, September 30th, 1779.

Whereas the good people of this State have entered into measures not only to prevent the depreciation but to obtain an appreciation of our currency, and the honest part of the community are making every exertion to carry said measures into execution, which laudable endeavours might have been overthrown by some who prefer even the smallest private gain to the publick interest unless prevented by the embargo act, which the Court have thought proper to pass to co-operate with the resolutions of the people. And as it is necessary that our neighbour States should be made acquainted with the principles which induced this Court to pass said embargo law:

Resolved, That the Hon^{ble} Thomas Cushing, Esq^r, and Nathaniel Gorham, Esq^r, be a Committee in behalf of this Court to repair to Hartford by the 20th of October next and meet and confer with such Committees as may appear there on the part of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, and explain to them the motives that operated with this Court to pass said embargo law, and to concert with them such measures as may appear proper to appreciate our currency and open a free and general intercourse of trade upon principles correspondent with the publick good.

And be it further resolved, That said Committee represent in the most forceable manner to the Committee of New York and Connecticut the great want of flour in this State, both for publick and private uses, and endeavor to settle with them a proper mode of supply.

Sent up for concurrence,

JOHN HANCOCK Spk.

In Council, September 30th, 1779.

Read and concurred.

JOHN AVERY, D'y Secr'y.

Consented by the major part of the Court.

True copy, *attest*. JOHN AVERY, Dep. Secr'y.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

In Council of War, October 2d, 1779.

Resolved, That the Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins and Charles Holden, Esq^{rs}. be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to meet with the several Delegates of the New England and New York States at Hartford the 20th inst.

A true copy.

Witness WILLIAM CODDINGTON Clerk.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, 1779.

Whereas the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay have proposed a meeting of Committees or Delegates from the States of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, and Connecticut, to be holden at Hartford on the 20th day of October instant, to consult of measures proper to be taken that a free and general intercourse may take place upon principles correspondent with the publick good, and effectually to cut up and destroy the practices of those people who by various arts enhance prices and depreciate and injure the currency, and how the further depreciation of the currency may be prevented, and have appointed Delegates accordingly:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer, Benjamin Huntington, Oliver Elsworth, and James Wadsworth, Esq^s, be and they are hereby appointed Delegates on the part of this State, to meet the Delegates from Massachusetts Bay and the other States aforesaid, and to deliberate and consult with them on the matters proposed as aforesaid, and to report the measures they shall judge expedient to be adopted to attain the good ends proposed to this Assembly.

A true copy of record,

Examined by GEORGE WYLLYS Sec^y.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

In Assembly, October 14th, 1779.

Mr. Benson from the committee of this House of the joint committee of the Senate and Assembly to whom were referred the message from his Excellency the Governor of the 13th inst. with the letter from the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay accompanying the same, brought in the report of the said committee, which being read was agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

Resolved, if the Hon^{ble} the Senate concur herein, That the Hon^{ble} John Sloss Hobart, Esquire, and such other persons as they shall think proper to nominate, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed Agents on the part of this State, to meet, consult and confer with the Deputies or Agents from the States of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, at Hartford on the 20th day of October inst., agreeable to the request and proposal contained in a letter from the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay to his Excellency the Governor of this State of the 28th of September last, of and concerning the several matters and things mentioned in the said letter, and of and concerning such other matters and things as may be deemed proper subjects of such consultation and conference. And that the said Agents so appointed on the part of this State report the result of such conference to the Legislature at their next meeting.

In Assembly, October 15th, 1779.

A copy of two resolutions of the Hon^{ble} the Senate passed yesterday were received by Mr. Mynderse and read, purporting that the Senate do agree with this House in the resolution of yesterday appointing Agents to meet the Deputies or Agents from the States of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, at Hartford on the 20th inst., and that the Senate have nominated the Hon^{ble} William Floyd and Ezra L'Hommedieu, Esq^s, Deputies or Agents for the purposes in the said resolutions of this House mentioned.

By order of the Assembly,

EVERT BANCKERS, Speaker.

Attest. JOHN MCKESSON, Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

In Senate, October 14th, 1779.

Resolved, That this Senate do concur with the Hon^{ble} the House of Assembly in their resolutions of this day appointing Agents to meet the Deputies or Agents from the States of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, at Hartford on the 20th inst.

Resolved, That the Hon^{ble} William Floyd and Ezra L'Hommedieu, Esquires, be and they are hereby nominated for the purposes in the said resolutions mentioned.

By order of the Senate,

PIERRE VAN COERTLANDT, Pres^d.

Attest. ROBERT BENSON Clerk.

Members Present.

The Hon ^{le} Josiah Bartlett,	}	for New Hampshire.
Colo. Joshua Wentworth,		
The Hon ^{le} Thomas Cushing,	}	for Massachusetts.
Nathaniel Gorham, Esq ^r ,		
The Hon ^{le} Stephen Hopkins	}	for Rhode Island.
Charles Holden, Esq ^r ,		
The Hon ^{le} Eliphalet Dyer.	}	for Connecticut.
Benjamin Huntington, Esq ^r ,		
Oliver Ellsworth, Esq ^r ,		
James Wadsworth, Esq ^r ,		
The Hon ^{le} John Sloss Hobart,	}	for New York.
The Hon ^l William Floyd		
The Hon ^{le} Ezra L'Hommedieu		

The Convention having adjourned from day to day, and taking into consideration the various matters laid before them, came into the following resolutions:—

This Convention taking into consideration the late rapid depreciation of our currency and the rise of the articles of commerce and produce necessary for the supply of the army, even much beyond what could naturally arise from the quantity of circulating medium, owing to the avaritious views of many inconsiderate people who would not wish the destruction of their country, and to the artfull designs of our more secret as well as open enemies to ruin if possible the credit of our money, which if effected, tho' we would not despair of the commonwealth yet must be attended with the most

alarming and dangerous consequences, have for the prevention of the same come into the following resolutions.

And notwithstanding sundry attempts have been heretofore made to prevent the growing mischief by regulating and limiting the prices of the articles of commerce and produce which have hitherto proved abortive, arising (as we conceive) from the multiplied emissions of continental bills in circulation, from too great a reduction of the then current prices of articles, and from the partial extent of the agreement entered into for regulations: Their not being general gave an unreasonable advantage to the inhabitants of such States which had not adopted the same measures, not only to drain those States which had come into a regulation of prices of such articles as they needed for their own consumption but to supply the army at a much higher price, of which the regulating State must pay their proportion: Yet Congress having lately adopted measures by recommending frequent taxation and encouraging loans, thereby to supply and support the annual expences of our army, and having resolved not to issue any further emissions after the sum of 200,000,000 of dollars is compleated, the natural depreciation of the bills in circulation may be nearly ascertained and thereby a foundation laid, on which a reasonable price for the articles of commerce and produce can be fixed with greater justice and precision, it may by some be apprehended that the regulation of prices is now altogether unnecessary. However, we find that notwithstanding the wise measures aforesaid which Congress have adopted, yet the constant demands of the army are such, and the dispositions of the people to obtain the highest prices they can for the articles they possess are so great and general, and these confirmed by long habit and custom, that a regulation of prices with the other measures hereafter recommended appears at present necessary, especially when it is considered that the engrosser, monopolizer, the opulent farmer and trader, will be induced, and it will be in their power (unless restricted) to encrease the price of the articles they have on hand in proportion to the encrease of their taxes, which will not only defeat the end and purpose of taxation, oblige Congress to make further emissions, or the army be left destitute, but too great a burden of the taxes will be cast on the poor and middling farmer, and will produce a further depreciation of our currency, which if not prevented may soon end in very unhappy effects.

Therefore, in aid of the measures Congress have so wisely adopted, we have come into the following resolutions, which if faithfully and vigorously executed we trust will answer many salutary purposes.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention, the circumstances of the States being duly considered, that a Limitation of the Prices of the principal articles of merchandize and produce will have a tendency to prevent the further depreciation of our currency.

That to render such limitation permanent and salutary, it is expedient that all the States, or all of them as far westward as Virginia inclusive, should accede thereto.

That a Convention of Commissioners from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, be requested to meet at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, for the purpose of considering the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandize and produce, and if they judge such a measure to be expedient, then to proceed to limit the prices of such of said articles as they think proper in their several States in such manner as shall be best adapted to their respective situation and circumstances, and to report their proceedings to their respective Legislatures.

Whereas the inhabitants of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, have by their respective conventions limited the prices of the principal articles of merchandize and produce, which has served in a considerable degree to check the depreciation of the currency, but there is great reason to apprehend that the good and salutary purposes of such a measure will soon prove abortive unless the other States, more especially those who are contiguous to them, immediately pursue similar measures,

Therefore resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to the States of Connecticut and New York, immediately to adopt similar measures, or such others as they think proper, for limiting the prices of the principal articles of merchandize and produce.*

This Convention also taking into consideration as a further mean of preventing the depreciation of the money, the mode of furnishing the monthly supplies lately called for by Congress, and which it is not doubted but every State in the union as they tender their existence as free States will exert themselves punctually to carry into execution,

* At the January session, 1780, Connecticut passed *An act for a general limitation of prices, and to prevent the withholding from sale the necessaries of life*, which may be found in MS. in *Rev. War*, xviii, 71. It was indorsed *To lie unpublished till further order from the Governor*. It was to be in force upon its publication in the newspapers by the Governor on his receiving intelligence that the other New England States and New York had passed similar acts of limitation agreeable to the resolve of Congress of Nov. 19, 1779. The act was passed Feb. 15, 1780, as appears by the Journal of the Lower House, but was neither printed nor recorded.

New York, Feb. 26, 1780, passed *An act for a general limitation of prices, and to prevent engrossing and withholding within this State*. It was not to take place until twenty days after proclamation by the Governor that official information had been received that the State of Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania had passed laws for the like purpose. *Acts of the 3d session, beginning Aug. 9, 1779, and continued by adjournments*, chap. 43.

Resolved as the opinion of this Convention, That it would contribute to the good end above proposed, as well as to the future convenience and health of the States they represent, that as much of those supplies be raised by taxes as the circumstances of the people will admit of without distressing them.

That for the raising of such part of the supplies by loans if any, as shall be judged necessary by the said States respectively, that it would not be expedient for either of them to offer higher inducement than security that the lender should receive again at the time specified such sum as should be equal in current value to the sum loaned with interest annually at the rate of six *per cent.* in like value as the money loaned.

That it would be expedient for said States to open their loan offices to receive the loans they should judge necessary (if any) for the purpose aforesaid as soon as possible, and to promote subscriptions in their several towns or districts, or such other methods as would most facilitate and expedite the loans proposed, which at the same time that it would effectually secure reasonable supplies for the continental treasury, would in various other respects tend to establish and secure the credit of the currency.

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut, to repeal their embargo acts respecting inland trade, and also to the States of Rhode Island and New Hampshire to do the same, if any embargo acts are now subsisting there, so far as concerns those States who may adopt measures for limiting the prices of merchandize and produce.

Whereas it appears from the representation of the Agents from the State of New York that the publick safety will not admit of the embargo acts, now subsisting in said State, upon the exportation of flour, meal, and grain, being at present repealed, as the continental army cannot be furnished with a sufficient supply of those articles but from said State: And as at the same time it appears that the inhabitants of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, must be extremely distressed unless some supply of flour is afforded them by the State of New York,

Therefore resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to the State of New York, (their embargo act notwithstanding,) to furnish the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, with such a quantity of flour, if consistent with the publick safety, as will be sufficient for the supply of the troops raised for the defence of those States and for the sustenance of the inhabitants upon their sea coasts.

STEP. HOPKINS, Pres^t.

Attest. HEZ. WYLLYS Sec^{ry}.

Hartford, 28th October, 1779.

Sir: I have the honor to inclose to you the Resolutions entered into by a Convention of Commissioners from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York.

The great distance of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, prevented the Convention from requesting those States to send Commissioners to meet at Philadelphia. But it is our earnest wish, that our fellow citizens to the southward, if they think the measures we are pursuing expedient and salutary, would adopt a similar conduct, that as our interest is common, our exertions might be uniform.

STEP. HOPKINS Pres^t

Attest. HEZ. WYLLYS Sec^y.

Hartford, 28th October, 1779.

Sir: The rapid depreciation of our money having spread an alarm through this part of our country, the people in some of the Eastern States have adopted and have still subsisting among them a Regulation of the Prices of the most considerable articles of merchandize and produce, to prevent the further increase of this evil. And the State of Massachusetts Bay having thought it necessary to call upon the States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, to meet them by Commissioners at this place, in order to consult upon measures proper to prevent the future depreciation of our medium, and also to agree upon some mode of internal trade and commerce in consistency with the general welfare, the several States above mentioned acceded to the proposal of Massachusetts, as may appear by the copies which we have the honor to inclose to your Excellency, and must request you, Sir, to lay them before Congress, as it will be impossible for the Eastern States to continue their regulations without the co-operation of those to the southward. We have agreeable to one of our resolves wrote to the Southern States to meet those we represent, by their Commissioners at Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday of January next, in order to form, if expedient, a Regulation of Prices, that may be permanent and salutary. And if Congress approve of our doings, we shall be glad of their recommendation to those States, to meet the Eastern States, agreeable to our request, tho' we do not conceive that a radical cure for the depreciation of our money is to be obtained other than by taxes and loans; and large sums of money we apprehend might be obtained by the latter method, if Congress would engage to make good the money to the lender. The large demands made by the Commissary upon the States of New York and Connecticut for flour for the army operates greatly to encrease the distress of the people to the eastward. We would submit it to the consideration of Congress,

whether it is not practicable to get such a part of the publick supplies from the southward as will enable New York and Connecticut to afford some relief to their eastern neighbours. Should the measures we have recommended be approved of by Congress, we think it would be necessary, to render them permanent and salutary, that the supplies made by each State for the army should be at one and the same time.

STEP. HOPKINS Pres^t

Attest. HEZ. WYLLYS Sec^{ry}.

Hartford, October 28th, 1779.

Sir: The astonishing depreciation of the continental currency having already produced such great embarrassments in our public measures as are truly alarming, and occasioned a meeting of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, in Convention at this place by their Commissioners and Agents,

I am directed by them to transmit to you and to each State, as far as Virginia inclusive, the result of their proceedings; requesting a meeting by Commissioners, in a Convention proposed to be held at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, for the purpose of considering the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandize and produce and, if they judge such a measure necessary, then to proceed to limit the prices of articles as they think proper in their several States, in such manner as shall be adapted to their respective situations and circumstances. Which measure this Convention flatter themselves will have a tendency to prevent the further depreciation of the paper currency and thereby more effectually enable us to procure the necessary supplies for the army. And as it will greatly tend to promote the continuance of the limitation of prices, in those States that have already adopted such a measure, to be informed as early as possible of the determination of the other States relative to the subject, this Convention desire you will take the earliest opportunity to lay this letter with the resolutions inclosed before the Legislature or Executive Council of your State for consideration, and transmit the result of their deliberations thereon.

STEP. HOPKINS Pres^t

Attest. HEZ. WYLLYS Sec^{ry}

III.

THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION.

JANUARY, 1780.

AT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS BAY, RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, CONNECTICUT, PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, AND MARYLAND, APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE EXPEDIENCY OF LIMITING PRICES, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE STATE HOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA, ON SATURDAY THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

The Credentials of the aforesaid Commissioners were produced and read, as follows, *viz.* —

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. IN COUNCIL NOVEMBER 16TH, 1779.

Voted, That the Delegates in Congress, for the time being, appointed by the Legislature of this State, or either of them, be and hereby are appointed and empowered, to join in Convention with such Commissioners as may be appointed by any of the other States, to meet at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday in January next, for considering of the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandise and produce: and if the Convention judge such a measure necessary, then to proceed to limit the prices of articles, as they think proper in their several States, in such manner as shall be adapted to their respective situations and circumstances, and report their proceedings to the Legislature of this State.

Sent down for concurrence,

E. THOMPSON Sec'y.

In the House of Representatives the same day the above vote of the Hon^{ble} Council read and concurred.

JOHN DUDLEY Speaker *pro tem.*

Copy exam'd by E. THOMPSON Sec'y

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

Council chamber, Boston, December 18th, 1779.

These certify that the Honorable Elbridge Gerry, Esquire, and Samuel Osgood, Esq^r, were this day, by joint ballot of both Houses of Assembly, appointed Commissioners, to meet Committees from other States at Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday of January next.

Attest, JOHN AVERY, D. Sec'y

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In House of Representatives, December 22d, 1779.

To the Honorable Elbridge Gerry and Samuel Osgood, Esq^r.

The General Assembly having appointed you Commissioners to represent this State at the Convention to be holden at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, you are hereby authorized and empowered to meet, at the time and place before mentioned, such Commissioners as may be appointed by other of the United States, and to confer and consult with them upon the expediency of limiting the prices of articles of produce and merchandize. In your deliberations on this important subject, you will duly consider the advantages which it hath been supposed will accrue from such a measure; and with equal attention consider the practicability of its being carried into execution, should such a plan be adopted.

We doubt not you will give the various arguments, which will be used in your debates, their due weight; and after having heard with impartiality, we leave it with you to act according to your best judgment and discretion; and in case you should after mature and thorough consideration, judge the measure to be practicable and expedient, you are hereby authorized and empowered to pledge the faith of this government to abide the proceedings of the said Convention, provided they are unanimous and the Commissioners from the other States are furnished with equal powers to enter into similar engagements on behalf of their respective States.

And make report of your proceedings to this Court, that they may take such order thereupon as they shall then judge will best promote the publick weal.

Sent up for concurrence,

JNO HANCOCK Speaker.

In Council, Dec'r 22d, 1779. Read and concurred.

JOHN AVERY, D. Sec'y.

Consented to by the major part of the Council.

(True copy) *Attest.* JOHN AVERY D Sec'y

L. S. By his Excellency William Green, Esquire, Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief of and over the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

To William Ellery, Esq^r, Greeting. —

By virtue of an act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid, passed at the session held at Providence on the second Monday in December instant, you the said William Ellery are hereby empowered to meet the Convention of Commissioners, from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, or such of them as shall convene at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, for the purpose of considering the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandize and produce; and if the said Convention shall judge such a measure expedient, you are to join with them in limiting the prices of the said articles, as the said Convention shall think proper in the said several States, in such manner as shall be best adapted to their respective situations and circumstances: And every power that is necessary thereto is hereby given to you, the said William Ellery in behalf of this State, in as full and ample manner as in and by the proceedings of the Convention of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, and New York, which met at Hartford on the 20th of October last, is advised and recommended.

You are also directed to urge to the said Commissioners the absolute necessity of repealing all acts laying inland embargoes, and urge them to recommend the same strongly to their respective States. You are to report your proceedings to the General Assembly of this State as soon as possible — and for your so doing this commission shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said State at Providence this twenty-second day of December, A.D. 1779, and in the fourth year of Independence.

By his Excellency's command,

WILLIAM GREENE.

HENRY WARD Sec'y.

(L. S.) At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut in America, holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of October, A.D. 1779.

Whereas, at a meeting of the Commissioners of the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, and New York, holden at Hartford in Connecticut on the 20th of October, 1779, it was resolved that a Convention of Commissioners from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence

Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, be requested to meet at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, for the purposes of considering the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandize and produce; and if they judge such a measure to be expedient, then to proceed to limit the prices of said articles as they think proper in their several States, in such manner as shall be best adapted to their respective situations and circumstances, and to report &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Commissioners be appointed in this State to meet the Commissioners from said other States at such time and place, and for the purposes as recommended as aforesaid.

And that either two of the Delegates from this State who may be present attending at Congress, at the time of said Convention, proposed as aforesaid, be and they hereby are appointed Commissioners from this State, to attend said Convention, with full power and authority to appear in behalf of this State in said Convention to be held in Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, for the purpose mentioned in said resolve. And the proceedings of said Convention report make to the next General Assembly to be holden in this State.

A true copy of record,

Exam^d by GEORGE WYLLYS Sec'y.

Whereas the Commissioners of the Eastern States as far as New York inclusive, in Convention met at Hartford in October last have recommended that a Convention of Commissioners from all the States, as far southward as Virginia inclusive, should be held at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday in January next, to consult and agree on some plan for a general limitation of prices, and notwithstanding the Honorable Congress have by their act of the 19th of November last in part superseded the necessity of such meeting, by recommending a general limitation of prices thro' the States, — Yet, in order that the same may be carried into effect with as much uniformity as circumstances will admit, the meeting of such Convention may be advantageous, especially to ascertain and affix the allowance to be made for freight insurance and other charges on articles imported: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Hon^{ble} Silas Conduit,* Esq^r, and Thomas Fennimore, Esq^r, or either of them, be appointed Commissioner, or Commissioners, on the part of this State, to meet such Commissioners as may attend at the time and place aforesaid, to confer and agree on the allowance proper to be made on imported articles for freight, insurance and other charges, and on such other measures as may be most likely to render the said plan recommended by Congress effectual thro' the union.

* Condict.

And that they report whatever measures the said Convention may think proper to recommend, to this Legislature at their next sitting, for their approbation.

	State of New Jersey.
Mount Holly, Dec ^r 15th, 1779.	Mount Holly, Dec ^r 15th, 1779.
Signed in and by order of Council.	Signed in and by order of the House
WILLIAM LIVINGSTON Presid ^t .	of Assembly,
	CALEB CAMP Speaker.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In General Assembly, Saturday, January 20th, 1780.

Agreeable to the order of the day the House went into the election of three persons as Commissioners to meet with the Commissioners from the States north east of Virginia inclusive, for the purpose of agreeing on a Limitation of Prices. The election being taken by ballot, the following gentlemen were unanimously returned.

William Moore, Esq^r, Vice President.

William Henry, Esq^r, of Lancaster,
and Colonel John Bull.

Extract from the minutes

THOMAS PAINE

Clerk of the General Assembly.

IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE DELAWARE STATE.

Tuesday, P. M., Dec^r 21, 1779.

On motion resolved, That Commissioners be appointed on the part of this State, by a joint resolution of the General Assembly thereof, to meet Commissioners from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, in Convention at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of January next, then and there to unite with them in considering the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandise, produce and labour; and if the Convention judge such a measure necessary, to proceed with them in limiting the prices of said articles, in such manner as shall be best adapted to the situation and circumstances of the several States; and that they make report of the proceedings of the said Convention to the Legislature of this State, at their next meeting.

That the Delegates from this State to Congress and George Latimer, of the county of New Castle, Esq^r, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners on the part of this State for the purposes aforesaid.

Sent for concurrence.

In the Council, Saturday, Dec^r 25th, 1779.

Read and concurred in, JOHN CLOWES, Speaker.

Extract from the minutes, J. A. BOOTH, Cler. of Assembly.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29TH, 1779.

Resolved, That William Paca, John Henry and Joseph Gilpin, Esq^{rs}, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to meet Commissioners appointed by the Legislatures of the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, at the city of Philadelphia, for the purpose of considering the expediency and practicability of limiting the prices of merchandise, produce and labour; and of agreeing to the same, should they judge it necessary, in such manner as may be best adapted to the situation and circumstances of this State. And that the Commissioners appointed by this State make a return of their proceedings to the next General Assembly, for confirmation, if deemed proper.

Resolved, That the said Commissioners, while in the above service, receive the same allowance as the Delegates to Congress.

By order J. DUCKETT, Cl. Ho. D.

By the Senate Dec^r 30, 1779. Read and agreed to.

By order, H. RIDGELY, Cl. S.

True Extract from the minutes..

J. DUCKETT, Cl. Ho. Del.

It was then moved, that a President should be chosen by ballot.

The Honorable William Moore, Esq^r, Vice President of the State of Pennsylvania, was accordingly chosen.

The Commissioners then made choice of Samuel Osgood, Esq^r, for their Secretary.

On motion, resolved, That in the absence of the President, the Secretary, being a member of the Convention, be authorized to take and declare the sense of the same on all questions that shall come before them.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to write the Honorable Silas Conduit, Esq^r, and Thomas Fennimore, Esq^r, Commissioners for the State of New Jersey, and request their attendance at the State House in Philadelphia, on Thursday next at 6 o'clock, *p. m.*, in order to proceed to the business of this Convention.

Adjourned to Thursday, 6 o'clock, *p. m.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3D, 1780.

Met agreeable to adjournment, and after considerable debate,
Adjourned to Saturday, 6 o'clock *p. m.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1780.

Met and adjourned to Monday, 6 o'clock, p. m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 1780.

The Convention met agreeable to their adjournment, and a motion was made in the following words, *viz* :

Whereas, at a meeting of the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, and New York, holden at Hartford in Connecticut, on the 20th day of October. 1779, it was then resolved, that a Convention of Commissioners from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, be requested to meet at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of Jan'y then next, for the purposes of considering the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandise and produce.

And whereas, in consequence thereof, Commissioners have met in Convention from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.

And whereas the Assembly of the State of New York has not met since the adjournment of the Convention at Hartford, but did previously authorize her Delegates to pledge the faith of the State for carrying into effect a general plan for regulating prices, if recommended by Congress; and this Convention has the fullest assurance that the measures which they may adopt will be agreed to by the said State.

And whereas it is the opinion of this Convention, that any measures for regulating prices, adopted without the concurrence of all the States proposed by the Convention at Hartford, might prove ineffectual,

Therefore resolved, That the President be desired to inform the Governor of Virginia of the proceedings of this Convention, and request him to give the earliest notice of the determination of said State with respect to the appointment of Commissioners, to meet this Convention.

Resolved, That the State of New York be in like manner informed of the proceedings of this Convention, and be requested to appoint Commissioners to meet the same at their adjournment.*

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to form a general plan for the Limitation of Prices, in the several States, and report the same at the next meeting of this Convention.

* Neither Virginia nor New York appointed Commissioners, so far as has been ascertained.

Resolved, That the President, Mr. Ellery, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Paca, and Mr. Henry of Pennsylvania, be a committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Present:

New Hampshire,	{ Mr. Fulsom.
	{ Mr. Peabody.
Massachusetts,	{ Mr. Gerry.
	{ Mr. Osgood.
Rhode Island,	Mr. Ellery.
Connecticut,	{ Mr. Sherman,
	{ Mr. Ellsworth.
Pennsylvania,	{ Mr. Henry,
	{ Mr. Bull.
Delaware,	Mr. Vandyke.
Maryland,	Mr. Henry.

Adjourned to Tuesday, 6 o'clock, *p. m.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH.

Then met according to adjournment.

Resolved, That the adjournment of this Convention be to the fourth day of April next, to meet at the State House in the city of Philadelphia.

And it was accordingly adjourned.*

Attest. SAMUEL OSGOOD, Sec'y.

A true copy, exam'd by

SAMUEL OSGOOD, Sec'y.

*I cannot learn that this Convention ever reassembled.

ERRATA.

Page 2, line 30, *for* Caleb *read* Clap.

Page 51, line 10 from bottom, *for* Miller's *read* Mills's.

Page 448, last line, *for* Jonath Clark *read* Jonah Clark.

Page 515, line 28, *for* Pritchard *read* Richards.

Page 516, line 2, *for* Elizur *read* Eleazer.

All these were errors of the Secretary.

Page 92, lines 17 and 20, *perhaps the name* Hale *should be* Hall *or* Hull.

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