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ORDERED That his honor the Governor be requested to give directions that the Minutes of the proceedings of the former Governor and Council be laid before this Board.

ORDERED. That his honor the Governor be requested to cause this house to be furnished as soon as possible with a return of the Continental Marines and land forces doing duty within this State—And also of the several Minute Battalions and Troops of Horse and where they are respectively Stationed.

Extract from the Minutes

J^r WOOD Jun. Clerk

The said Committee (to wit) John Milledge & Arthur Fort Esquires also acquainted the Governor that they had in Charge from their house, a request that his honor would be pleased to Station the Land forces paid by this State, at such places as may prevent our enemies from Committing depredations in the Same.

The Board taking the foregoing resolves and Message into consideration do order,

First, That the Clerk of this Board do attend the honorable house of Assembly with the Minutes of the proceedings of the former Governor and Council.

Second, That Letters be wrote to the respective Officers of the Land and Naval department in order to obtain the information required by the house, and that the same when received be laid before them.

The following Message was sent by his honor the Governor, to the Honorable house of Assembly

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the honorable House of Assembly.

The Governor & Council taking into Consideration your resolves and message of this day have Ordered— As to the first— That the Clerk of this Board, do attend your honourable house with the Minutes of the proceedings of the former Governor and Council— Second— That Letters be wrote to the respective Officers of the Land and Naval Department in order to obtain the information required by your house, and that the same when received be laid before you— And as to the third— That a Committee of this board be appointed to confer with a Committee of your honorable house on the best place and the most advantageous posts to station the land Forces paid by this State, so as to promise the greatest probability of preventing our enemies from Committing depredations in the Same, and have accordingly appointed Charles Kent and John Lindsay Esq^s of that Committee— The Board ever desirous of promoting the interest of the State and the greatest harmony between the different branches of the Same do request that your honorable house will appoint a Committee for that purpose, it appearing to be a matter of great & general Concern and as such ought to be agreeable to the people.

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber }
 Jan^r 14, 1778 }

Application being made to the Board; setting forth that the inhabitants of Richmond, Burke & Wilkes County were in great want of Salt— And the Commissary General being sent for and examined touching the quantity of Salt in his possession, as well as the quantity by him delivered out for the use and to be disposed of to the inhabitants of those Counties—he reported, That since the time of his having received the salt belonging to the public (to wit) since the month of July last past there had been delivered out by him in order to be sent up the Country the

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following quantities to wit— To John Colman for the use of Wilkes County one hundred bushels.

To Benjamin Fulsom for said County one hundred Bushels.

To Jacob Cronberger for Effingham County two hundred Bushels besides what he delivered out in Small quantities to such persons throughout the State at large as applied to him in Savannah according to the number of heads in their family at the rate of a peck for each, agreeable to a resolve of the honorable the Assembly— But the said Commissary acquainted the Board that he was certain a large quantity had been delivered out by M^r Wood, prior to his taking charge of the said Salt but to whom, or in what quantities he could not say— It is therefore Ordered that the said Commissary General do deliver out the following quantities of Salt to the following Commissioners for the use of the Said Counties to wit.

To Chesley Bostick & Cha^s Crawford Esq^r for the inhabitants of Richmond County, two hundred and fifty five Bushels—

To Edward Telfair Esquire for the inhabitants of Burke County, two hundred bushels—

To John Lindsay and Holman Freeman Esq^{rs} for the inhabitants of Wilkes County, one hundred and four Bushels for said County—They the said Commissioners either paying for the Said Salt or giving their Notes respectively to do so, within three Months at and after the rate of Seven and Six pence per Bushel, and also giving a Receipt for the said Salt, and therein engaging that the same shall be fairly (as far as it will extend) distributed and Sold amongst the Inhabitants of the said Counties respectively at the rate of a peck a head for each person in family & that they will not exact more for the same, than will reimburse them in Cost and Charges.

And be it Further Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Commissioners to require an oath before a Magistrate from

each person, before he obtain any of the said Salt, that he hath not already received his rights out of the Said public Salt in order that the same may be fairly distributed according to the intention of the said resolve of the Assembly—And further that they keep a Book and therein insert the name of, and quantities delivered out to such persons, applying for and obtaining Salt.

Samuel Miller Esq^r a member of this Board having left town and been absent for several days without leave,

ORDERED That a Letter be wrote to the said Samuel Miller requiring his immediate attendance, and that the same be sent off by express at the expence of the said Samuel Miller—

Thursday Jan^r 15, 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
David Lewis	Jenkin Davis
Hollman Freeman	Will ^m Maxwell
John Fulton	John Lindsay
Chesly Bostick	John Keebler

The following resolves were Sent up from the honorable house of Assembly

House of Assembly Wednesday Jan^r 14: 1778

WHEREAS Budd Cade & Howell Sharp, have been confined on board the Row-Gallies as persons highly inimical to this State— And whereas the Said Budd Cade and Howell Sharp have ap-

plied for a Writ of Habeas Corpus in order to obtain Bail and be discharged from Such confinement and it is apprehended that for want of Sufficient evidence, that the Said Budd Cade and Howell Sharp may be permitted to go at large, which will be attended with dangerous consequences to the Inhabitants of the Said State,

ORDERED, That his honor the Governor be requested to give directions, that the Said Budd Cade & Howell Sharp may be Secured on Board the Said Gallies, until the danger which is apprehended from their being enlarged may be removed.

Extract from the Minutes.

J^s WOOD, Jun^r Clerk.

In consequence of the above Resolves the Chief Justice (who had been already furnished with a Copy of the Same from the Governor and had also Seen a further Affidavit) was Sent for, and attending the board, acquainted them, that he had already remanded the Said Budd Cade and Howell Sharp to Such Secure place as the Officer having them in custody think proper, And that in consequence thereof they had been carried back on Board the Gallies.

ORDERED, That a copy of the Said resolves be Sent to Commodore Bowen, and that he required not to let the Said persons depart or to be taken from the Said Gallies, but by order of this board.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to enquire what quantity of Salt has been purchased by the State, and at what time & upon what Terms, And also how the Same has been disposed of, And what quantity now remains in Store—And that Rich^d Wylly & Chesley Bostick Esq^r be that committee, who are required to make their report as Soon as possible.—

The Board appointed Robert Gray Door keeper.

Colonel Habersham attended the Board and laid before them the Affidavit of Stephen Phillips Setting forth, that he had about a Week ago—apprehended one John Aarons formerly of the Florida Scout and William Summons a Deserter from the first Georgia Battalion, and that in bringing the prisoners to Savannah he was met at the house of one Hudson by Cap' Harding of Colonel Jacks Regiment of Minute Men who inlisted the Said Aarons and asked the Said Phillips for his authority in detaining them, and that if he chose he would release the other prisoner, drew his Sword and threat'ned the Said Phillips to make Sun and Moon Shine thro' him, or Words to that Effect.—

ORDERED, That a copy of the Said Affidavit be delivered to Colonel Jack and that he be required to cause a Court Martial to be held upon the Said William Harding and proceeded against in the military line, and that the original Affidavit be delivered to the Attorney General and that he be directed to carry on Such prosecution (for resque or otherwise) as the Said Charge will bear.

The following Message was Sent to the honorable house of Assembly.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen/

We beg leave to acquaint your Honorable house That we have appointed a Clerk, a Messenger & a Door keeper to this Board and to request your Honorable house will be pleased to provide Such Sallaries for them as Shall appear adequate and Sufficient to engage them to give constant attendance on us.

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber }
Jan^r 15th 1778 }

The following Resolve was sent up from the house of Assembly.

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House of Assembly Thursday Jan^r 15, 1778.

ORDERED, That his honor the Governor be requested to order a return of the number of Militia belonging to this State to be laid before this House

Extract from the minutes .

J^s WOOD, Jun. Clerk.

ORDERED, That letters be wrote by the Clerk to the Several Colonels or other commanding Officers of Militia throughout the State to obtain the information required, and that the Same when received be laid before the honorable House of Assembly

ORDERED, That Letters be wrote to the Lieu^t Colcnels or other commanding Officers of the Militia of the Counties of Effingham & Richmond requiring them to proceed to the election of Officers so as to fill up all vacancies in their respective Battalions without delay and make a report of the Officers chosen, that Commissions may issue.

Friday January 16, 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Will ^m Maxwell
Charles Kent	John Fulton
David Lewis	Chesley Bostick
John Lindsay	Jenkin Davis
Holman Freeman	John Keebler

Robert Cochran & Jonathan Cotes waited on the board and qualified as Deputy Surveyors for the Counties of Richmond & Wilkes.

Monday 19th 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly
 Holman Freeman
 John Fulton

Chesley Bostick
 John Lindsay
 David Lewis

The following message was Sent to the honorable house of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen/

Colonel White who has lately brought upwards of three hundred men into this State, has made application to this board for the repayment of a Sum of money which has been advanced to him in North Carolina for the necessary expences of his Regiment in their march hither—We beg leave to refer him to your honorable house and would recommend that a mode be adopted to reinburse the person who has advanced this Sum, as we conceive the faith of the State to be in Some measure engaged—The Colonel informs us that he cannot for some days get the whole of his accounts ready to lay before you, but is desirous that this Sum be immediately paid by a draft upon the Continental Treasury, or in Such other way, as to your honorable house Shall appear most eligible.

JOHN HOUSTOUN.

Council Chamber }
 Jan^y 19. 1778. }

Tuesday 20 January 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Samuel Miller
Chesley Bostick	Holman Freeman
John Lindsay	John Fulton
David Lewis	Jenkin Davis
William Maxwell	John Keebler

A Committee from the house of Assembly brought up the following resolve from their house

House of Assembly Jan^r 20th 1778

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his honor the Governor to request that he will enquire of General Howe whether he has received any recommendation from those in authority to the Northward respecting any Military operations in or concerning this State—Committed to M^r Stone, M^r Davies and Habersham

Extract from the minutes

J^s Wood, Jun. Clk.

ORDERED, That a Copy of the above be sent to General Howe inclosed in a Letter from the Governor requiring the information desired And that his answer when received be sent to the house of Assembly.

Colonel's Jack and Stewart of the minute Battalion's having made their return of the number and Stations of their men respectively, and Commodore Bowen having made return of the number and vacancies in the Gallies.

ORDERED, That the Same be Sent to the house of Assembly.

The Court Martial appointed to Sit upon Captain Harding of the minute men having made their return whereby it appears they have Sentenced him to be discharged from the Service.

ORDERED, That the Said Sentence be confirmed, and that notice thereof be sent to Colonel Jack in order, that the Said Captain Harding may be immediately deprived of his Commission and Cashiered.—

Application being made to the Board by Cap^t Pettygrew of Colonel Jacks Battalion, Setting forth that under the terms of his Service, he was entitled to the first Commission as Captain in the Said Service, but that the Same had been by Some means delivered out to Captain Dixon.

ORDERED, That Colonel Jack be directed to Summon a Court of enquiry, and Settle this difference as the Said Court Shall find to be right and just.

ORDERED, That the Commissary General do furnish John Wreat Esquire a Commissioner of Trade with twelve Gallons of rum, for the Use of the people at work on board the public Vessels.

Friday January 23, 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

William Maxwell	Chesley Bostick
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton
Samuel Miller	David Lewis
John Keebler	John Lindsay
Holman Freeman	

The Chief Justice having acquainted the Governor that the Office of Clerk of the Court for the County of Chatham was vacant by the resignation of M^r Ja^s Jackson, and at the same time recommended M^r W^m Stewart to fill that Office.

ORDERED, That the Said William Stewart be accordingly appointed Clerk of the Court for the Said County in the room of the Said James Jackson until the next General Election.

The following message was Sent to the House of Assembly.

M^r Speaker & Gentlemen

Application has been made to this board by M^r Wereat the Commissioner of trade Setting forth that the Brigantine Recovery belonging to the State is now nearly ready for Sea, and that there is only a quantity of Rice provided for her Cargo, and Submitting to our consideration whether it would not be of advantage to the State to put on board also a few Casks of Indigo.— We beg leave to recommend this matter to your honorable House & must observe that the addition of a few Casks of Indigo will add considerably to the value of the cargo & consequently produce larger returns in Goods, which at the present time especially becomes very necessary, and will add nothing

to the outfit and voyage of the Vessel— If the matter Strikes your honorable house in the Same point of view you will be pleased to order a quantity of Indigo to be purchased & put on board this Vessel at the public Cost and for the public, benefit. And we further beg leave to Send you herewith a Letter from Commodore Bowen recommending Several matters which appear to us of high utility to the State

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber. }
 January 23^d 1778 }

ORDERED, That the Commissary General of this State and also the Commissioners of Trade for the ports of Savannah and Sunbury, be Severally directed to collect all the Salt belonging to the public and in their hands respectively into a few Store houses as the quantity and conveniency thereof will admit of— That they have the quantity of the Same as nearly ascertained as possible, and that they respectively make return of their proceedings herein to this board without loss of time. And it is Further Ordered that neither of the persons having in charge public Salt do dispose of or deliver out any more thereof without an order for that purpose from the Governor.—

The representatives in Assembly of Burke County acquainted the Governor that William M^cNorrel was elected Sheriff of the County of Burke, but that he does not intend to qualify for the Said Office, and at the Same time recommended Lamuel Lanier to fill that vacancy.

ORDERED, That the Said Lamuel Lanier be accordingly, upon his qualifying and giving Security appointed Sheriff for the Said County in the room of the Said William M^cNorrel until the next General Election.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday 27 January 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly
Chesley Bostick
John Keebler
David Lewis

Charles Kent
Jenkin Davis
Holman Freeman
John Lindsay

John Fulton.

Lamuel Lanier waited on the Board and qualified as Sheriff for the County of Burke and also gave Security in the Sum of two thousand pounds for the due performance of the Said Office—

Joseph Dunlap waited on the Board and qualified as Keeper of the Arsenal & powder receiver for the town of Savannah—

ORDERED, That the powder Receivers for the ports of Savannah & Sunbury and also the Commissary General for the State do immediately Survey & inspect all the powder & other ammunition in their respective custodies and make report of the quantity and Condition of the Same to the Governor, particularly Specifying the part which is Continental, that which is State & that which is Private property.—

The following message was Sent to the honorable House of Assembly.

M^r Speaker & Gentlemen,

Herewith I send your honorable house a letter from the President of Congress inclosing a resolve which fell into my hands yesterday—the late Governor has lodged in my Custody, Continental Loan Office Certificates to the amount of one hundred

and Sixty thousand four hundred Dollars your honorable house will be pleased to make Some order or determination respecting them.

He has also delivered over to me Some papers which I shall take due care of but declined parting with the Letter which accompanied these Loan Office Certificates, apprehending it necessary (as he said) for himself to retain the Same— I have not as yet received any other papers either from the Representatives of the late M^r Bulloch or M^r Gwinnett—I conceive from the information received from the Executors few papers of consequence remained in their hands at the time of their respective deaths.

JOHN HOUSTON

Council Chamber }
January 28th 1778 }

Thursday 29 January 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly	Chesley Bostick
William Maxwell	Charles Kent
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay
John Fulton	John Keebler
Holman Freeman	David Lewis

The following resolves were received from the House of Assembly.

House of Assembly Saturday Jan^r 24—1778

ORDERED That all Bonds of a public nature which are already

or which shall hereafter be taken, by, or made payable to the Governor and his Successors in Office be applied in the Secretary's Office of this State, and that the said Secretary do immediately upon receipt of the Same, cause them to be recorded.

Wednesday January 28: 1778

ORDERED, That the several persons appointed to Offices within this State by this House attend his Honor the Governor in Council or obtain a Dedimus in order to qualify themselves for their respective appointments within one month from this day otherwise their appointments will be deemed void unless a Sufficient excuse is made before his Honor the Governor in Council for their neglect therein.

Thursday January 19, 1778

RESOLVED, That his Honor the Governor be requested to direct the Commissary to enquire for such houses without the Town of Savannah may be suitable for Hospitals for the use of the Continental Naval & Land forces doing duty with State, and in case Such can be found that this House be acquainted therewith.

Extract from the minutes

J^r Wood, Jun^r Clerk.

William Stewart waited on the board and qualified as Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Chatham.

James Anderson qualified as Clerk of the Market of the Town of Savannah.

House of Assembly Wednesday Jan^y 29—1778

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to Issue his Proclamation forbidding the exportation of Salt from this State for one month without permission from him & to continue

the said prohibition if he shall find the same absolutely necessary for the benefit of this State

Extract from the minutes

J^r WOOD, Jun^r Clerk.

The following orders were made upon the foregoing Resolves—As to the first—That a Copy of this resolve be served upon the Secretary—as to the Second—That the resolve be duly published in the Gazette three times—as to the third—that such orders do accordingly issue to the Commissary—as to the fourth—that a Proclamation be accordingly made out by the Attorney General & published in the Gazette—

ORDERED, That one hundred Weight of Iron be delivered out of the Arsenal to Major Romand for public use.

The following Message was sent to the House of Assembly.

M^r Speaker & Gentlemen,

The Colonels of the minute Battalions inform me their men are in a very uneasy situation for want of provisions & other necessaries, the Commissary having declined acting any longer—Give me leave to recommend this matter to your consideration and to suggest that it be an order of your honorable house that Commissaries in future give good security and take their appointments for a limited time.

The Commissary of the Continental Troops in this State also informs me that his Store of provisions is nearly exhausted and that he has no fund out of which he can purchase; Give me leave to recommend that you will be pleased to pass a Vote, granting him a loan of one thousand pounds out of the State Treasury upon the Certificate of the Commanding Officer that the Same is necessary:—that Sum to be charged to the Continent and the Commissary to be accountable to them for the ex-

penditure of the Same. M^r Hornby having informed me, that he has in his hands a sum of Continental money (about ten thousand Dollars) for the use of this State:—I have directed him to lodge the same in the Treasury subject to the order or disposal of your honorable house—

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber }
 January 30th 1778 }

Thomas Corns having informed the Board of Treasonable practices in Aaron Fryer a prisoner in the Guard House, the said Thomas Corn's, Affidavit, & examination, respecting this matter, were taken & read.

ORDERED, That the same be immediately delivered to the Chief Justice,—that the said Thomas Corns do attend the said Chief Justice in Company with the Sheriff—and that the said Chief Justice be required to take such immediate Steps in this matter as may appear to him necessary.

Tuesday the 3^d of February 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
 John Fulton
 Jenkin Davis
 John Lindsay

David Lewis
 Holman Freeman
 John Keebler
 Samu'l Miller

The following resolve was received from the honorable House of Assembly

House of Assembly Friday Jan^r 30th 1778

The house took into consideration the report of the Committee on petitions on the petition of Alexander Martin.

Henry Cuyler Esq^r was called in & examined

Jenkin Davis Esq^r was called in & examined

RESOLVED, That upon the said Alexander Martin's producing vouchers before his Honor the Governor in Council and in every other respect complying with the Act entitled an act for the expulsion of the internal enemies of this State, he be intituled to every right & privilege of a Citizen.

Extract from the minutes

Jo^a WOOD, Jun^r Clerk.

Pursuant to a resolve of the honorable house of Assembly Alexander Martin waited on the board and took the oath agreeable to an Act for the expulsion of the internal Enemies of this State and produced two vouchers (to wit) Henry Cuyler and George Bunner—

The following message was sent to the honorable House of Assembly

M^r Speaker & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to communicate to your honorable house a Letter from his Excellency the President of South Carolina which I received last night inclosing a message to him from the house of Assembly of that State

JOHN HOUSTOUN.

Council Chamber }
3 February 1778 }

The house of Assembly having refered the Petition of Arthur Carney to this Board by resolve of their house dated monday February the second 1778

ORDERED, That a flag of truce be granted to the said Arthur Carney, as far the East Florida post on Saint Johns & that the following Letter be wrote by the Governor of this State to the Governor of that province.

Sir,

The bearer M^r Arthur Carney returns to your Excellency in pursuance of his parole.

We have not at present a prisoner in the Civil Department whom I could offer for him. but if you will consent to his returning to this State he shall remain in the Same Character until the fortune of War shall put it in our power to exchange him

I am &c

JOHN HOUSTOUN.

Agreeable to the Resolve of the honorable House of Assembly an order was drawn on the Treasury for one thousand pounds in favor of the Commissary General for supplying the Continental Troops

The following message was sent to the house of Assembly

M^r Speaker & Gentlemen

Herewith I send your honorable house a Letter which I had the honor to receive a day or two ago from Major General Howe: the matters therein mentioned falling more properly within the line of your Consideration than mine—

JOHN HOUSTOUN

February 4th 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly

David Lewis

John Lindsay

John Keebler

William Maxwell

John Fulton

Samuel Miller

Jenkin Davis

Holman Freeman

Agreeable to a resolve of the honorable house of Assembly dated February 3^d 1778 Ten thousand Continental Dollars were sent to the president of South Carolina for the use of the unfortunate Sufferers in the late fire in Charles Town by Major Demere—whose receipt for the same is lodged in the Treasury—the money raised in the following manner.

From the Treasury	9,933
From Jn ^o Mc'Cleur Esquire a loan & for which an order was given on the Treasurers pay- able out of the first Continental money in their hands	67
	—10,000 Dol ^s

ORDERED, That Commissioners be made out for the several Militia Officers of Burke County appointed at a late general election—agreeable to the return made

The following message was sent to the honorable house of Assembly viz^t

M^r Speaker & Gentlemen,

M^r Goddard De bruin this day brought & delivered to me the Seal of this State, it shall at any time be delivered to a Committee when you shall to examine it—The maker has made



application to me for some acknowledgement for his extra trouble & loss in bringing the Seal—

I must refer this matter to you & herewith send you the Account he gave in.

The Commissary General has informed me that agreeable to your order he hath enquired for a proper place for a hospital & finds the house lately occupied by John Patton very fit for that purpose— Under circumstances your honorable house will determine whether it will be necessary to appropriate to that use by Law immediately

Council Chamber
February 4, 1778

JOHN HOUSTOUN.

ORDERED, That James Jackson be appointed Register of probates for the County of Chatham in the room of James Whitefield Esquire who resigned:— the said James Jackson attended and qualified for the Said Office.

ORDERED, That unless Chesley Bostick Esq^r shall arrive in Town by ten O'clock tomorrow that the Clerk Send off a Letter requiring his immediate attendance by express at the expence of the said Chesley Bostick:

ORDERED, That Jenkin Davis Esq^r have leave of absence for one week.

Friday February 6th 1778

The board met

present

his honor the Governor

Richard Wyly

David Lewis

Holman Freeman

John Lindsay

John Fulton

John Keebler

Samuel Miller

Chesley Bostick

The following resolve was received from the hon^{ble} house of Assembly

House of Assembly Thursday Feb^y 5th 1778

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor have power to contract with any person or persons to Supply the Minute Battalions at or not exceeding three Shillings per Ration for one month and that his honor be requested to give directions for notice to be given that a Commissary or Commissioners are wanted to supply the said Battalions that the Same may be supply'd on more moderate terms in future.

Extract from the minutes

J^r Wood Jⁿ C K

M^r George Walton attended the Board & engaging to furnish the minute Battalions upon the above terms for the space of one month

ORDERED, That the said George Walton be appointed Commissary and that an order be drawn in his favor for four thousand pounds on the Treasurers (that is to say) two thousand pounds voted by Assembly 29th January last & two thousand pounds on this day upon his giving Bond with one or more

Sufficient Securities for the faithful discharge of the said trust and also for his being accountable for the said Sum of four thousand pounds when thereunto required.

Two Letters one from Major General Howe dated the third February 1778 the other from Commodore Bowen dated the Sixth February 1778 addressed to the Governor were laid before the Board.

ORDERED That the same be sent to the honorable house of Assembly and that the matters therein contained be recommended to their consideration.

ORDERED, That the following flag be granted to Arthur Carney and that the Same be Sign'd by the Governor.

"M^r Carney the Bearer hereof has a flag of truce to pass as far as the post occupied by the British forces on Saint Johns River— given under my hand &c And that application be made to the commanding Officer in Savannah to issue the following Orders to the commanding Officer in Sunbury to accompany the said flag

Sir/

permission and a flag of truce being granted M^r Arthur Carney to return to Saint Augustine agreeable to his parole you are required to let him pass from Sunbury to the post on S^t Johns River occupied by the British forces, if he shall agree to take, and shall actually take following oath before any Magistrate of this State and not otherwise Viz^t I do solemnly Swear that I will not during my stay as a prisoner in East Florida reveal or discover any matter or thing whatsoever to any person or persons within the said province which shall appear injurious to the good people of this State or the Cause of America any letters, papers, or persons whatsoever but such as shall be seen & approved of by the Commanding Officer in Sunbury

So help me God.

And you are further required to inspect all Letters and papers as shall be laid before you & to let none pass that you shall conceive to be improper and also not to let more than one other person go with the Said Arthur Carney and to cause him to take the Same oath taking care at the same time that he be in your opinion a friend to the Cause of America

A Committee from the honorable house of Assembly brought up and delivered the great Seal of the State to the Governor.

February 9th 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly

David Lewis

Holman Freeman

Chesley Bostick

John Fulton

John Lindsay

Charles Crawford.

William Bennett appeared before the Board and represented on oath, that Some persons in Saint Andrews parish unknown to him were daily Sending off boats loaded with provisions to Saint Augustine and that some persons supposed to be the Florida Scout, had lately robbed several people in Saint Johns parish of their horses.

ORDERED, That a copy of the above be immediately furnished Commodore Bowen and that he be requested to man one of the Gallies by drafts out of the others And to Station her so as to intercept the Said Boats passing & repassing to & from the Southward and that he be required to renew his application to the commanding Officer of the Continental Troops

for men to man all the Gallies as recommended by the honorable House of Assembly, & that so soon as they shall be mann'd they repair to their Several Stations there being in the opinion of this Board an absolute necessity for every exertion to have the immediately and constantly upon actual duty.

ORDERED also That a Copy of the foregoing be furnished the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in Savannah.

On the application of the Committee of Chatham County for the expulsion of the internal Enemies of the State. It is Ordered that the following order do issue directed to the Sheriff of the said County:—

Sir/

It being represented to the Board by the Committee of Chatham County appointed by act for the expulsion of the internal enemies of the State that number of persons who have been by them ordered off the State & whose time is expired do still remain in the Same in contempt or neglect of their order.

You are therefore hereby required to procure from the said Committee a list properly Certified of the names of all such persons and without delay to apprehend and imprison such offenders & them detain without Bail or mainprize in the Goal of this County shall and may be procured for them, and that then you send such offenders out of the State agreeable to the Sixth Section of the Said Act: and their effects being by the Said Act forfeited; you are further required to carry into execution the orders you Shall receive from the Said Committee on that head in order that the Same may be delivered over for the use of the State pursuant to the said Law.

A letter from Major General Howe in answer to a proposition of the honorable house of Assembly respecting an Expedition into and against East Florida, addressed to the Governor being laid before the Board:

ORDERED, That the Same be immediately communicated to the honorable house of Assembly.

The form of a Grant being laid before the Board by the Attorney General:

ORDERED, That the same be sent to the honorable house of Assembly and that they be requested to Settle the Same there being in the opinion of this Board a necessity for inserting clauses therein not particularly mentioned in the Act for opening the Land Office.

A Petition from James Rae respecting his Supplying the Continental Troops in the State for some time being laid before the Board.

ORDERED, That the Same be Sent to the honorable House of Assembly and that it be recommended to them to take the merits thereof into consideration.

John Dooly waited on the board & qualified as Sheriff for the County of Wilkes & gave Security in the Sum of two thousand pounds for the due performance of the said Office.

William Stephens waited on the Board and qualified as Attorney General for this State.

John Martin also qualified as Sheriff for the County of Chatham.

Thomas Chisolm also qualified as Surveyor General for this State.

pursuant to a resolve of the honorable house of Assembly Thomas Waters of the County of Wilkes waited on the Board, and took the Oath agreeable to an act for the expulsion of the internal Enemies of this State.

ORDERED, In pursuance of a resolve of the honorable house

of Assembly of this day that in future all such persons as want passes and permits do apply to the Secretary of this State and that he be empowered to grant the same until otherwise ordered by the Governor and Council.

ORDERED, That the foregoing be published in the Gazette

RESOLVED, That the following order issue to the Commissary General of this State

Sir.

It being represented to me in Council that a house belonging to William OBryen Esqr.—is at present occupied by a very few Soldiers as Barracks, and that a much Smaller and more ordinary house wou'd answer that purpose: You are therefore required to make enquiry into this matter and to provide some other house in or about the Town, which will answer for the said Soldiers and to cause them to be immediately removed into the same; If you find it necessary you will act in concert with the Quarter master General of the Troops.

And I am further to require of you that you make enquiry for a house or place in or about the Town f and proper for Major Romand of the Artillery to carry on the works necessary in his department, and that you make report of the result of your enquiry herein to me as soon as possible in order that such proper place be appropriated to that use.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to revise the instructions hitherto given to Deputy Surveyors and to report thereon whether the same require any alteration or addition, and also to consider and report the form of an Affidavit proper to be taken by persons applying for Lands agreeable to the act of Assembly, and likewise such other regulations as under the said Act ought to be adopted in regard to the Granting of Lands— And that Mess^{rs} Wyly & Bostick be that Committee—

Wednesday February 11, 1778

The board met

present

His honor the president

Chesley Bostick
Holman Freeman

Charles Crawford
John Keebler

A letter from William Farrel Esquire Lieu^t Colonel of one of the Minute Battalions dated the eighth instant directed to his honor the Governor inclosing a Letter from Henry Karr directed to said Farrel were laid before the Board.

ORDERED That the said Letter be immediately sent to the honorable house of Assembly

Thursday February 12, 1778

The board met

present his honor the Governor

William Maxwell
Charles Crawford,
John Keebler
David Lewis

Chesley Bostick
John Lindsay
John Fulton
Holman Freeman

ORDERED. that a Letter of Marque be granted to Capt^t John Latreyte of the Sloop Le Vengica he giving security and otherwise complying with the regulations of Congress.

Agreeable to the resolves of the house of Assembly an order for four thousand and five hundred pounds was drawn by the

Governor on the Treasury in favor of James Rae Esquire, Commissary General for the Continental Troops in this State, and likewise an order for eight thousand pounds in favor of William Martin Pay master for the two minute Battalions he having given Bond with Security.

The following resolves were sent from the house of Assembly
Viz:

House of Assembly Wednesday February 11, 1778

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to give the necessary orders to Colonel Jack & Colonel Stewart of the minute Battalions to have the said Battalions in readiness in case their immediate Service should be required in consequence of resolutions intered into by the house of Assembly and that the same orders be given to Captain Coleman respecting his two Companies of Light horse.

RESOLVED That his Honour the Governor and Council be empowered to procure the house at Thunderbolt commonly called the Oyster house for the reception of the Sick of the Continental Naval, and Land forces and treat with the proprietors of the same for that purpose as soon as possible—

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to give orders and directions to the Commissaries and pay Masters and all the Officers of the forces in the pay of this State to conduct and govern themselves agreeable to the rules and regulations established by Congress for the Government of their Officers in the like Stations so far as the same are applicable and practicable in our Situation until this house Shall establish proper regulations for the government of their Own Troops, and that his Honor do as Commander in Chief of the Said forces enforce the said regulations as aforementioned and particularly that he require the Commanding Officers of these several Battalions, Troops or Companies to make him Weekly returns of their several Battalions, Troops and Companies—



RESOLVED, That the Treasurers of this State pay no money to the paymaster of the said forces in the pay of this State but by order of this house or Warrant from his honor the Governor in Council and that the abstract for the several Battalions Troops or Companies in the pay of this State be made up by the paymaster at the close of every Month and be Certified by the respective Colonels or Commanding Officers who shall carefully examine and compare the same with their Weekly returns.

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to Cause the said Abstracts so certified as aforesaid to be examined and Compared with the Weekly returns made to him and if found right to give the paymaster Draughts on the Treasury as above directed for the amount of the said Abstracts, and that the paymaster alone shall settle with and pay the money due to the Officers and Soldiers agreeable to the said Abstracts either in person or to their written order and take receipts for the same to be produced by him as vouchers on the Settlement of his Accounts.

Extract from the minutes .

J^s Wood, Jun^r Clk

The following orders were made ————— as to the first.

ORDERED, That a Copy thereof be furnished Col Jack & Col Stewart of the Minute men and also Colonel Coleman of the Horse, and that they severally be desired to equip and prepare their men in the best manner they can—and without delay to acquaint the Governor of the number which might be depended on to March—their wants which must be supplied particularly in regard to arms, and to furnish an exact detail of every other Circumstance respecting them which in the Opinion of the said Officers is necessary to be attended to, before they could take a long March, having in view at the same time the greatest frugality, expedition and probability of being able to obtain Such Supply.

As to the second,

That a Copy thereof be furnished the Commissary General and that he be desired to put the Battalion and Naval Surgeons in possession of the said house, it being at present unoccupied and the former owner Jn^o Mulryne Esq^r out of the State.

As to the third, fourth, & fifth.

That copies thereof be furnished the Commissaries and pay-masters and also all Commanding Officers of forces in the pay of the State and likewise the Treasurers and that they be severally enjoined to pay due obedience to the same.

A Letter from General Howe containing the opinion as to the manning the Gallies with Continental Troops, and suggesting many reasons why it could not be done was laid before the Board.

ORDERED That Application be made to the house of Assembly for leave for the Governor to draw upon the Treasury in favor of Major Romand of the Artillery for one thousand pounds as a Continental Loan their being a necessity in the opinion of the board for his works to be going on.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay Lieu^t Frederick Lipham Six pounds Seventeen Shillings out of any Contingent fund the same being for extra expences in coming express above his pay

ORDERED That a Dedimus issue to any three Magistrates in Richmond County who have already qualified, to qualify the other Magistrates of that County lately appointed by the house of Assembly.

Benjamin Thompson waited on the board & qualified as Deputy Surveyor for the Counties of Richmond & Wilkes.

Friday February 13th 1778

The board met

present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	William Maxwell
Chesley Bostick	Holman Freeman
John Lindsay	David Lewis
John Fulton	John Keebler

The Governor laid before the Board certain resolves of the honorable house of Assembly which had been delivered to him respecting his Calling a Council of War to deliberate on some matters & desired their opinion on the following points.

First—Whether the Executive Council ought to be present and considered as members of the said Council of War.

Second—Whether all the Militia field Officers throughout the State (or such as may be conveniently had) as well as field Officers in regular Service in the pay of the State and who can conveniently attend and also Commodore Bowen ought to be Summoned to such Council.

Third—Whether any other person ought to be Summoned to such Council of War.

Fourth—Whether the field Officers in the Continental Establishment can be admitted on any other terms than as Members to Vote it not being expressed it not being expressed in the resolve whether they are to be summoned as members, or upon the same footing as the Comit of three from Assembly.

Fifth—Whether the same questions ought to be propounded and debated in such Council as were the Subject matter of Gen-

eral Howes Letter of the Seventh Instant as well as any other questions which may be proposed by the Committee from Assembly.

Sixth—Whether the result of this Council of War is to be immediately communicated at large to the Assembly.

The Board taking these several points into Consideration are of opinion that the Same ought to be referred to the house of Assembly for their determination thereon before the Council of War is Summoned.—

ORDERED That unless Samuel Miller & Charles Kent Esq^r do attend their duty at this Board or make Sufficient excuse for their absence by Monday next that a Letter be wrote to each of them by express requiring their immediate attendance, at the expence of the Said Samuel Miller and Charles Kent.

Saturday the 14: 1778

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The Board met

Present His Honor the President

William Maxwell

David Lewis

John Fulton

Cha^s Crawford

John Lindsay

Holman Freeman.

Chesley Bostick

Isaac Dubose waited on the Board and qualified as Deputy Surveyor for the Counties of Chatham, Liberty Effingham & Burke

Chesley Bostick Esq^r qualified as Justice of the peace for the County of Richmond.

David Reese qualified as Collector for the port of Sunbury.

Monday February 16, 1778

The Board met

Present

his honor the President

Charles Crawford	David Lewis
Holman Freeman	John Lindsay
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton

Application being made to the Board by Major General Howe, setting forth that a large party of the Florida Scout is now committing depredations within this State, that in order to cut off their retreat into East Florida it is necessary that a party of horse be immediately sent out—that about twenty horses added to those which he has would be sufficient for that purpose and that he is also in want of a Number of Saddles which horses & Saddles he requests may be hired or pressed.—

ORDERED That it be recommended to the honorable house of Assembly to take the same into immediate consideration—

Tuesday the 17th 1778

The Board met

present

His honor the President.

Chesley Bostick	Charles Crawford
John Fulton	David Lewis
Holman Freeman	Jenkin Davis

The following Message was received from the Honorable house of Assembly.

House of Assembly Tuesday Feb^y 17th 1778

RESOLVED That his honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissioners appointed by this House to take Charge of the Estates of the suspected persons within the County of Richmond to deliver up a Certain quantity of Boards belonging to Mess^{rs} Thompson, Foules, Henderson and Struthers which have been for Some time Since engaged for the use of this State.

Extract from the Minutes

J^s WOOD Jun^r Clerk

ORDERED That a copy of the Same be Sent to the Commissioners appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly to take charge of the estates of the Suspected persons within the County of Richmond and that they do in pursuance of the Said Resolve deliver the Said Boards to such persons as are properly authorized to receive the Same.—

John Nevin appeared before the Board and gave the following information upon oath, That Benjamin Jones confessed to the informant that he had been for Some time past a private in the Florida Scout and that he came into this State as one of the party who Some time Since committed the Several robberies on Ogeechee that the said Jones further told the informant that it was his intention to leave them as soon as he possibly could and return to his fathers house and did not mean to join them again.

ORDERED That the said John Nevin's Affidavit be immediately delivered to the Chief Justice, that the Said Benjamin Jones do attend the Chief Justice in Custody of the Messenger— And that the said John Nevin do also attend him and that the Chief Justice be required to take such steps in this matter as may appear to him necessary—

Thursday Feb^r 19th 1778

The Board met

present

His honor the Governor

Charles Crawford

Jenkin Davis

William Maxwell

Holman Freeman

John Lindsay

John Keebler

Chesley Bostick

Richard Wylly

The following message was received from the honorable house of Assembly.

House of Assembly Feb^r 19th 1778

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to postpone (for the present) issuing the Dedimus to qualify the magistrates of the Several Counties in this State

Extract from the Minutes

J^s Wood Jun^r Clerk

ORDERED accordingly—

RESOLVED, That the remaining part of the late Cap^t Lees Company enlisted and designed for the Service of the united States now on duty at the Battery of the Trustees Gardens be turned over to Complete Capt. Youngs Company of Artillery in the Service of the Said States, and that this House will make proper provision for Lieut^{nt} Johnson.

Extract from the Minutes

J^s Wood Jun^r Clerk

ORDERED That Copies of the foregoing resolve be sent to

Capt^a Young and Lieu^t Johnson, and that they be Severally required to carry the Same into immediate execution.

ALSO ORDERED, That a Copy of the Said Resolve and the above orders be delivered to General Howe and that it be recommended to him to place a Guard of the Continental Troops belonging to this State to occupy the above mentioned Battery, such Guards to receive orders for the particular conduct in the Said Battery from the civil authority of this State.

It being represented to this Board that Nicholas Vinzant and some of his Brothers, also William Love, Jo^s Johnson, Jn^o Johnson, Geo Wilds, Cha^s Hall, Jn^o Love, Jones Cook & Geo Webb, who are (as at is said) at present Rangers in the Florida Scout have left behind them in this State Several Stocks of Cattle in the County of Effingham—

IT IS ORDERED That the Commanding Officer of the Militia in the Said County of Effingham be required without delay to draft and detach a party of men to take possession of and Secure the Said Cattle and that they be drove into Some interior and more safe place, and that an inventory be taken of them and that they be put under the care of some trusty person or persons by the said Commanding Officer who will when thereunto required render a faithful account and deliver the Same over as Shall be hereafter directed by this Board or the Honorable house of Assembly.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay to Chesley Bostick Esquire thirty nine pounds fifteen Shillings for fifty three days attendance in Council.

Charles McKay who commands a party of men for the purpose of guarding the Magazine at Ebenezer represented to the Board that out of twelve men which he had on duty four have left him and that the remainder refuse to Serve any longer as the sum allowed them for pay & Rations is not Sufficient to maintain them being only two Shillings and four pence half penny per day

and says that if he was allowed at the rate of four pounds and ten Shillings for each man per month he believes he could raise his former compliment— That the Magazine is almost compleated and thinks that it would be proper to have a Small Guard house erected near it, as it is a considerable distance from any house where the Guard can stay.

ORDERED That it be recommended to the honorable house of Assembly to make such augmentation to the pay of the Guard at Ebenezer as may be thought Sufficient, and also to direct that a house be erected for the accommodation of the Said Guard.

Tuesday 23^d February 1778

The Board met

present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly

Charles Crawford

John Fulton

Jenkin Davis

William Maxwell

Samuel Miller

John Keebler

John Lindsay

Nathaniel poll:ill waited on the Board and qualified as Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Effingham.

Edward Davis also qualified as Register of probates for the said County.

Colonel John Sandiford having signified his resignation of his Commission as Colonel of the Militia of Liberty County to his Honor

IT IS ORDERED That Lieu' Colonel John Elliott be required

to convene the Officers of the said County and to proceed to the election of a Colonel in the room of the said John Sandiford as soon as possible and should an Officer of the Militia of the said County be elected whereby any other vacancy will be occasioned, then to proceed at the Same time to all other elections that will be necessary so as to make the said corpse complete and to report the proceedings herein without delay.

The following was agreed to.

WHEREAS the frequent robberies and other enormities committed in the Town of Savannah and the Environs thereof by persons in disguise who are suspected of being or acting in concert with the Florida Scout make it absolutely necessary to adopt Such measures in the police of the said places. And Whereas it appears to this Board that the most likely method of detecting the perpetrators of these crimes, will be by putting the Said town and Environs under the following regulations until otherwise ordered by this Board or the Legislative authority of this State.

First. That a town Major shall be appointed by this Board, whose duty shall be every Morning to fix upon a Countersign and to send the same inclosed in a Sealed paper to the Governor or other Commander in Chief for the time being—the General or other Commanding Officer in Town of the Continental Troops—the two persons appointed to sit as herein after mentioned but not to give or send the same to any other person whatsoever unless it be Doctors of repute who are well known when they Shall apply for the same; And the said Town Major shall further do as is herein after mentioned.

Second. That all Strangers who come to Town from any other State shall immediately wait on the Governor or other Commander in Chief for the time being and shall give an account of themselves, and if they fail herein, or if any person is seen in, or—About the Town and environs and is not known

as a reputable Inhabitant of the State, Any Constable shall take him before the Town Major who shall examine him and under circumstances either discharge him or report him to the Governor or other Commanding Officer in Chief, in Town for the time being as a Suspicious person.

Third That twenty respectable inhabitants shall be warned by this Board, two of them shall met and sit by rotation in some convenient house in Town every night from nine O Clock until day break for the purpose herein after mentioned

Fourth that after nine O Clock at night and until Day break every person whatsoever Passing the Streets shall be brought to, by the Several Centinels in Town and the environs and in case he cannot give the countersign—Shall be kept prisoner until the parole comes round, when he shall be carried by them (if not a Soldier) to the two inhabitants above mentioned appointed to sit and shall under circumstances be by them either discharged or committed to the Guard until morning and then reported to the Governor or other Commander in Chief in Town for the time being.

Fifth, That the Town Major shall keep a list of the twenty persons above mentioned and shall every morning inform the two whose turn it is to sit that night of the Countersign and any orders which may be issued by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.

The Board appointed William Stephens Esq^r Town Major who accepted of the said Office and the following twenty Inhabitants to Sit as aforesaid

Captain Wright
Ja^s Habersham
William OBryen
Colonel Martin
John Wreat
John Milledge

Edward Davies
John M^cCluer
Joseph Clay
Thomas Stone
Colonel Walton
Major Wylly



George Houstoun	Samuel Stirk
William Jones	Will ^m McIntosh
Nehemiah Wade	Ja ^s Whitefield
Ja ^s Jackson	Thomas Ross

Wednesday the 25: 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly	Cha ^s Kent
William Maxwell	John Fulton
David Lewis	John Keebler
Jenkin Davis	Charles Crawford

The following resolves were received the House of Assembly

House of Assembly Feb^r 10, 1778

RESOLVED, That his Honor the Governor be requested to direct the pay master of the two Battalions of Minute men to pay the Officers and men belonging thereto the amount of their pay agreeable to their several pay rolls and to take their respective receipts for the same provided the Original Tests are produced to the said pay Master to prove the time of their enlistments and of their being enlisted agreeable to the resolve for raising the said Battalions.

Extract from the Minutes

J^s WOOD Jun^r Clerk

The House of Assembly having discharged the Company of

men raised for a Guard over the powder Magazine at Ebenezer It is Ordered That Colonel Jack be directed to station an Officer and twelve men out of Captain Moore's Company of Minute Men at that place— the Continental Troops having marched Southwardly.

ORDERED, That a Copy of the Resolve of the House of Assembly dated February 19th 1778 respecting the Powder Magazine at Ebenezer, and the Guard placed at the same be transmitted by the Secretary of this Board to Charles M^c Kay, who is appointed Keeper of the said Magazine.

It being represented to this board that the arms of the minute men are in very bad order and that proper persons at or near their respective Stations may be got to repair the same It is Ordered that Colonel Jack and Colonel Stewart be directed to employ proper persons for their business and upon Certificates from the said Colonel Jack and Col Stewart to such person this Board will procure them payment.

Upon application of the Secretary of this board It is ordered that the Secretary of the State do receive the fees allowed the former by Law from all persons entering Caveats.

ORDERED, That the Commissary General be directed to make Enquiry whether the Scout Boat which before the revolution was in the Service of this State (then province) can be got up— And if so that he employ proper persons for the business, and also the repairs of the said Boat at the public Charge

Friday 27th February 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the President

John Lindsay
David Lewis
Samuel Miller

John Keebler
Jenkin Davis.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay to Charles Crawford Esquire, Thirty pounds ten Shillings being the ballance due for his attendance as a Councillor

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to the following persons the Several Sums of Money Viz^t John Lindsay fifty Seven pounds, Samuel Miller forty one pounds, Jenkin Davis forty three pounds David Lewis fifty Seven pounds and John Keebler fifty four pounds for their attendance in Council

March 4th 1778—

The Board met

present

His honor the President

John Fulton
Holman Freeman
John Lindsay

Samuel Miller
Jenkin Davis

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to David Alexander the

Sum of Sixteen pounds for riding express from Colonel M^cMurphy to this Honor the Governor

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Holman Freeman Sixty four pounds for Sixty four days attendance in Council.

Thursday 5th March 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly
Jenkin Davis
Samuel Miller

John Fulton
John Lindsay

ORDERED, That Captain Jenkin Davis detach a Sergeant and twelve Men out of his Company of Militia to Guard the Magazine at Ebenezer until they Shall be relieved by Captain Moore's Company Of Minute men who are ordered thither—

ORDERED That Colonel John Elliott of Liberty County detach a party of Militia consisting of twenty five Men to intercept a parcel of Cattle which are said to be somewhere on the Alatomaha driving off by the Florida Scout And that Thomas Gray act as pilot Provided if a sufficient number of Volunteers can be immediately raised to go upon this business then there will be no occasion to make such Draft.

A talk was sent up to the Indians under Cover to Colonel M^cMurphy—(See the Copy of the Same.)

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Thomas Gray fifty pounds for his activity in pursuing the Florida Scout and that

a Captains Commission be made out to him with the pay thereof agreeable to the resolve of Assembly dated February 28th 1778.—

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay to Job pray Esq^r three hundred and Eighty Six pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence being a Sum due him as found by the Commissioners of Trade pursuant to a reference from Assembly, for outfits &c of the State Sloop Revenge (See the orders and other Vouchers with the Treasurers)

Monday 9th March 1778.

The Board met

present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
John Lindsay

John Fulton
Charles Kent

ORDERED That copies of the resolves of the Assembly dated Sunday March 1st 1778 for disbanding the Minute Battalions and two Troops of Horse upon the State Establishment for raising five independent Companies out of the same under Major Commandant Jeremiah Wilder, for auditing the accounts of the Commissaries of the minute Battalions for obliging Officers of the five independent Companies to take the oath of abjuration—be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of this Board to Colonels Jack and Stewart and Colonel Coleman also the Commissaries— Major Wilder and all others concerned and that they be severally required to govern themselves agreeable to the Same

ORDERED That A Copy of the resolve of Assembly dated

Sunday March 1st 1778 requesting the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in this State to issue orders to Colonel Marbury to repair with his Battalion of Light horse to the defence of the frontiers of the State be immediately transmitted to Major General Howe and that it be recommended to give orders accordingly— finished

ORDERED That a copy of the resolve of the Assembly dated Sunday last requiring the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in this State to transmit to the Governor regular accounts of the expenditure of all Sum or Sums of Money advanced by this State for the Support of the said Troops according to the regulation of Congress, be also transmitted to Major General Howe. finished

ORDERED That the resolves of Assembly dated Sunday March 1st 1778 requiring all persons within this State of the age of Sixteen or upward to take the Oath of affirmation of abjuration who have not already done so before some one of five Magistrates within the County to which such persons belong be forthwith published in the Gazette of this State and that the Magistrates be as follows.

For the County of Chatham William O Bryen, John Jenkins, Henry Cuyler, James Maxwell Henry Bourquine Esq^r

For the County of Liberty, Parmenas Way John Graves, John Mitchell Samuel Salters and John Jones Esquires.

For the County of Effingham, John A Treutlen Will^m Holzen-dorf Jacob Waltour Abram Ravot and Daniel Bunnell Esquires.

For the County of Burke, John Thomas, Edward Telfair, Daniel M^cMurphey, John Jones and Blessingham Harvey.

For the County of Wilkes William Don Charles Jordan Arthur Fort Richard Aycock and Daniel Burrell

For the County of Richmond John Walton Dionysius Wright

Charles Crawford Samuel Alexander and James Bowie: finishd

ORDERED In pursuance of a resolve of the house of Assembly dated March 1st 1778 That Luke Mann be appointed Commissary to purchase and issue provisions to the five independent Companies under the command of Major Wilder

ORDERED That the Treasurers advance two hundred pounds to Major Wilder to enable him to raise and equip his five companies of men taking his receipt promising to be accountable for the expenditure of the same

ORDERED That Col Farrel deliver to Major Wilder for the Use of his five Companies two large Kettles or pots lately purchased by the said Colonel Farrel at public charge for the Minute Battalions and that all the Officers of those Battalions deliver over to the Said Major Wilder any Articles or Utensils which they may have in their possession respectively belonging to the public and which will answer for the said five independent Companies.

ORDERED That the Commissary General of this State do provide Camp Kettles sufficient to Serve two hundred and fifty men, also one hundred Stand of Arms if the same can be had— That he have the said Kettles and arms in readiness but not to be delivered out but by order of the Governor— Also That the Treasurers advance him Such Sum of money as will be necessary for this purpose taking his receipt for the Same.

ORDERED That Major Wilders Commission be immediately delivered to him and that he do endeavor to have enlisted Men who are provided with Arms, but if they Should not all be so, that he make report as soon as possible to the Governor of what arms and other necessaries are really wanting for his Companies, that he issue in orders that the Captains under shall take rank as they shall fill their Companies and repair to such place within the State as the Major shall appoint; And that the

said Several Captains do as soon as possible recommend two fit persons for..... Lieutenants under them respectively to the Governor And it is further Ordered that Major Wilder do as soon as possible after they are raised march four Companies of his Men Southerly as far as the Alatomaha River and there wait the orders of the Governor leaving one Company in the Ceded Lands at Such Stations as he shall judge most fit.

RESOLVED That in future any person being a friend to the cause of America who will raise a Company of fifteen men or upwards as Volunteers to go along with him and who will bind themselves to do so under their Hands and produce such paper to the Governor shall be entitled to a roving Commission into and against the provinces of East & West Florida and all plunder they shall take upon Condemnation agreeable to Law shall belong to themselves in such proportions as they shall agree upon.

And if any Number of persons are disposed to go and Seat themselves upon the valuable Land between St Marys and St John's River in East Florida and will keep constant possession of the same for the Space of three months this Board are persuaded (and will strongly recommend) that the next house of Assembly will allow to each of them a Grant of five hundred acres of such Land as a bounty provided such persons have acted as friends to the cause of America.

ORDERED, That the Commissary General in Savannah and the Commissioners of Trade in Sunbury be directed to dispose of what public salt they have in their Hands respectively to the Inhabitants of this State at the rate of a peck a head to each one in Family for the Sum of twenty Shillings per bushel the Said Commissary General first laying by and reserving for public use five hundred bushels of the Same Provided nevertheless and it is an instruction to the said Commissary and Commissioners that they deliver no Salt to any persons whatso-

ever unless he shall make oath before a Magistrate that he hath not within one year last past received any public Salt upon the head right which he then applies for.

ORDERED That the Commissary General do deliver to Col A. E. Wells as a Commissioner in behalf of the Inhabitants of Effingham County thirty bushels of Salt at the price above mentioned— Col Wells engaging to deliver the Same out agreeable to the above mentioned regulation

A proclamation for the encouragement of Trade be sent to different foreign ports was agreed to (See a Copy of the same)

A proclamation to prevent the practice of running the Indian Lands was also agreed to—See Copy of the Same.

ORDERED That a Continental Commission as Major of the fourth Battalion be filled up and delivered to John Skey Eustace agreeable to his appointment by the House of Assembly.—

Monday March 9th 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
John Lindsay

John Fulton
Charles Kent

ORDERED That a Commission as Linguist to the Indians be made out and delivered to Moses Nunes he having formerly had one for a year which is expired— and that the Salerry to him be left to the house of Assembly.

Tuesday March 10th 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyllly
John Fulton

Charles Kent
John Lindsay

ORDERED That a list of the Magistrates for the different Counties within this State be published in the Gazette and that Commissions do issue directed to two Magistrates who have already qualified in the Several Counties (except Chatham) in order to qualify the other Magistrates in the Said Counties.

And that the several Magistrates in the County of Chatham who have not yet qualified do forthwith attend the Governor in Council in order to qualify.

Friday March 13, 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton.
John Lindsay.

Jenkin Davis
Charles Kent

In pursuance of an Act of the honorable the Continental Congress It is Ordered That all Constables and other the Well affected Inhabitants of this State do in future apprehend and Secure all persons being Strangers in the Same whose Character and business are not well known and approved of or

who shall not have a pass from the Governor or other sufficient Voucher from the State from which Such persons come and that any two Magistrates of the County where such persons shall be apprehended do upon examination either discharge or send them under proper Guard to the Governor as Circumstances may require— there being great reason to Suspect that the Emissaries of our Enemies have frequently passed thro' the State or some of them in disguise Provided Nevertheless that if such Strangers shall be apprehended in the Town of Savannah or the Environs thereof that then they be carried in the first instance before the town Major agreeable to the regulations of Council of the twenty fourth of last month.

RESOLVED, That John Martin Esquire be appointed Town Major in the room of William Stephens Esquire who is gone upon the Circuit and that the said town Major instead of giving out the Countersign as directed by the Regulation of Council of the twenty fourth of last Month do each day receive the Same from the Governor or other Commander in Chief for the time being in Savannah— It is futher ordered that Joseph Wood Junior be appointed to sit for the purposes mentioned in the said Regulation in the room of the said John Martin, And that in Case any of the twenty persons named in the said regulations shall decline or by any means not attend to sit as thereby required that the said town Major Shall appoint other well known Inhabitants in their room.

WHEREAS great inconveniences have arisen to the Gallies from the large number of persons requisite to form a Board called the Navy Board for the purpose of passing accounts and otherwise providing for the Said Gallies. And Whereas it appears from the representation of the Commodore that such delays have happened in that department owing to the Said Cause, that the Service is greatly distressed, and at this particular juncture the same may be attended with the Most alarming events to the Safety and well being of this State the Men being dissatisfied for want of pay, some of them having deserted and other Cir-

cumstances taken place which call for immediate remedy. It is Therefore Ordered under the particular situation of things that in future and until the next house of Assembly shall meet and shall make farther order to the Contrary that any two or more members of the Said Board called the Navy board shall proceed to Act and in all things be competent to the business of the said Board. this order not to prevent any or the whole of the Members of the said Board from attending & acting if they shall so chuse.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Board that some inconveniences have arisen from the Officers of different States recruiting generally together in this State It is Therefore Ordered, that in future no Officer whatsoever who is not in the Service of or Stationed in this State be permitted to recruit or enlist men within the same without leave for that purpose first had and obtained from the Governor or other Commander in Chief of this State for the time being.

WHEREAS it appears to this Board by two Letters from Colonel Elliott of the eighth and eleventh instant that Several of the men belonging to his regiment have refused to march agreeable to their draft in pursuance of an order of the fifth instant from this Board. It is Therefore Ordered that Colonel Elliott be required to proceed against all and every such Person and persons who have or hath refused as aforesaid in manner as directed by the several resolves and regulations of this State for the better government of the Militia, And that he make a new Draft and continue drafting and fining such as refuse until he shall get a Sufficient number to March upon the business mentioned in the said order of the fifth Instant.

ORDERED That Colonel Andrew Elton Wells of Effingham County do appear before this board on Monday next and shew cause why the order of the day of last directed to him respecting the Cattle and other Stock of certain persons

who are said to be in the Florida Scout hath not been carried into execution.

M^r Fulton a member having informed the board that Thomas Little who was appointed a Magistrate by the house of Assembly for the County of Burke had declined acting it is therefore ordered upon the recommendation of the said M^r Fulton that John McNeilly be appointed in the room of the said Thomas Little.

Wednesday March 18, 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly
Jenkin Davis

John Fulton
John Lindsay.

The following proposition and recommendation to the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of Chatham was agreed to and sent to the said Commissioners (Viz^t)

The Governor in Council proposes and recommends to the Gentlemen Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of Chatham the following matters

First That one of the plantations adjoining the Town of Savannah which belonged to Sir James Wright be set aside and reserved for public use until the next meeting of Assembly and that the same be delivered Over to the Commissary General.

Second That forty or fifty of the best Horses which can be got from the forfeited Estates together with all the Waggon—

Carts and Harness and also the Saddles and bridles on the Same be also delivered over to the Commissary General for public use until the next meeting of Assembly.

Third. That two hundred Barrels of clean and Some rough rice— also a quantity in the Straw together with what Indian Corn there may be on the three plantations adjoining the town and also from fifty to one hundred Steers to be brought from any of the forfeited Estates be also delivered over to the Commissary General for public Use.

The Governor in Council thinks the foregoing Articles absolutely necessary to be reserved for public use, and if there should be any other Small articles which will be of service to the public and which perhaps cannot be conveniently bought he thinks the Commissioners ought to reserve them till the next meeting of the Assembly and they will determine whether they shall be Sold or not. The Governor in Council will give orders to the Commissary to consider the plantation reserved as a *Magazine* and to remove whatever the Commissioners may chuse to reserve *there*, Subject to his order until the meeting of the Assembly. He will also place a Guard *there* for the Security of what may be left and suggests to the Commissioners whether it may not also be necessary to reserve two or three Sensible boys to take care of the Horses, Cattle &c on the Plantation. No inconvenience can arise from these reserves as the Commissary will give his receipt for what he receives, and the Assembly may still have the articles (or such of them as remain) sold if they chuse when they next meet. The Governor in Council also recommend that one of the Plantations late belonging to Sir James Wright on Ogeechee be also reserved for the same purpose as the one near Savannah, or at least that the Sale of the Said Plantation on Ogeechee be postponed until the next meeting of the Assembly when if it appears that the said Plantation will be necessary to be reserved for public use, the Same may be done, if otherwise it may then be Sold.

ORDERED That the Officer commanding the party of Captain Moores men Stationed at the Magazine in Ebenezer do for the present and until a Commissary for that purpose shall be appointed supply the said party of Men with rations agreeable to the rates allowed by the Assembly.

Colonel Wells having attended the Board agreeable to the order of the thirteenth instant and acquainted them that he had issued his orders to Major Bonnell for carrying the order of the 19. of last Month into execution by the first opportunity after he had received the Same: it is ordered That Major Bonnell do attend this Board on Monday Seven night next being the thirtieth day of this Instant March to shew Cause why he hath not carried the said order from Colonel Wells into execution— and Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that the said Major Bonnell did in a late pursuit against the Florida Scout, to wit, on or about the fifth day of January last behave in a Cowardly or disaffected manner: It is ordered That the said Major Bonnell do on the said day answer for the Same before this Board and if he can justify himself And further that Colonel Wells Captain Jenkin Davis Archibald Patterson and Thomas Oxford do attend on the said day to Support the said Charges against the said Major Bonnell and if there are any Witnesses in behalf of the said Major Bonnell he is required to have them before this Board on the day aforesaid—

It being represented to this Board that Rhuben Roberts late an Inhabitant of this State who was enlisted and Serving in the Florida Scout and who being taken prisoner lately broke Goal and made his escape from Sunbury is now lurking about the County of Effingham it is Ordered that all Officers of the Militia Justices of the peace, and Constables and all others the well affected Inhabitants of this State do Use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and Secure the said Rhuben Roberts and commit him to safe Custody so that he may be brought to condign punishment.

Thursday March 19th 1778—

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly.

Jenkin Davis

John Fulton

John Lindsay

The Governor and council having appointed Luke Mann Esquire Commissary of Supplies for the five independent Companies of Foot under Major Wilder the said Luke Mann agrees to find them upon the following Terms for the Space of Six Months.

First, The said Luke Mann engages to have a Supply of Provisions to wit junked or dried Beef and clean rice sufficient to last for one month always on hand for the Said Troops on his Plantation on Ogeechee— he will also constantly keep Some Steers ready for them at the Said place to be killed as shall be requisite and will likewise use his utmost endeavors to procure Corn flower and also Pork for the Said Troops so as at times to vary their diet

Second That the said Luke Mann will always deliver out to the Men upon the Major's Certificate or order either live Cattle or Dried Beef and rice or Corn Flower and Pork if to be had sufficient to last for one Month or such Shorter time as shall be directed at his said Plantation on Ogeechee that is to say he will deliver such a Number of Rations as shall be ordered for the said Space of time or live Cattle Sufficient to meet the same with Rice or flower and will keep a fair and regular account thereof So that no company draw more rations than they are entitled to.

Third The said Luke Mann will furnish or procure Live

Cattle hogs, rice and also Corn flower if to be had at as cheap a rate as he possibly can and will have the same conveyed to his Plantation aforesaid without any expence to the Public—a quantity of beef and also Pork if to be had sufficient to enable him to comply with the foregoing clauses, he will immediately or from time to time have killed, cured and dried or junked at his own trouble and expence.

Fourth That the said Luke Mann will charge the public exactly what the beef pork rice and flower cost him and no other Commission or advance whatever except his Wages as herein after mentioned. And in case it shall at any time be necessary for any party or detachment of Men to carry a travelling Commissary with them, the said Luke Mann will find one at the public charge who shall procure and furnish upon the same footing as before mentioned the public paying the Charge or driving the Cattle And in case any unavoidable accident of loss to the provision or Horses carried out by such travelling Commissary, the same shall fall on the public.

In Consideration of the foregoing Agreement the public shall pay the said Luke Mann at and after the rate of thirty pounds Georgia Currency per Month for his trouble in procuring and supplying as before mentioned and shall furnish him with Cash monthly if desired to enable him to purchase on public account the Articles beforementioned— The Public Shall also find Salt for curing the said Beef and Pork.

ORDERED That the Treasurers advance to Luke Mann Esquire five hundred pounds to enable him to provide the Articles before mentioned, And the Commissary General furnish him with fifty bushels Salt out of the Store at Ogeechee on public account. The said Treasurers & Commissary respectively taking the said Luke Mann's receipt to be accountable for the expenditure of the said Money and Salt.

ORDERED That the Commissary General do furnish the said



Luke Mann with a pair of Quern Stones fit for grinding Corn into flower for the Use of the five independent Companies taking his receipt to be accountable for the Same.

ORDERED That the said Commissary General be directed to Reserve one hundred bushels Salt out of the quantity now in the Store at Ogeechee (over and above what has lately been ordered to be reserved) for the use of the said five independent Companies That he cause the Same to be barrell'd up and put in some Secure place at Ogeechee but not to be delivered out but by order of the Governor in Council.

ORDERED That the prohibition upon the exportation of Salt from this State be continued for three months longer unless otherwise ordered within that time by this Board

Tuesday the 24 March 1778

Present— his honor the Governor

William Maxwell

Jenkin Davis

Samuel Miller

John Fulton

John Lindsay

The Governor and Council having been present at the fire on Sunday Evening desire on behalf of the State to make their warmest acknowledgements to all the Citizens and Soldiers who were drawn together upon that occasion by their ready and great exertions in extinguishing the fire which seemed for a time to threaten the whole town with ruin— and they desire in a most particular manner to return their thanks to Captain Walker of the Light Horse, M^r Wheeler Captain Bonner, M^r Harrison M^r Mitchelson and M^r Jacques, for their most Surprising Efforts and undaunted Conduct in stopping the progress of the flames. To the unparalleled activity and exertions of these Gentlemen

may, under God, be ascribed the Salvation of the Court House and consequently of a great part if not the whole of the Town

ORDERED That a quarter Cask of Rum and a barrel of Beer be given to the Soldiers of the third and fourth Battalions for their Services in extinguishing the fire on Sunday Night

A Petition of John Jamieson Esq^r being laid before the Board praying leave to return and remain for a Short time in order to Settle his private concerns in this State.

RESOLVED That the name of the said John Jamieson being inserted in the act of attainder and Confiscation passed by the last Assembly the power of this board to interfere in regard to the Merits of the said Petition is done away. And this board do not find by any words in the said Act they have the least right, were they so disposed to grant any Indulgence whatsoever of the nature which is prayed for.

ORDERED That the following Instructions be given to the keepers of the Magazines in Savannah and Ebenezer respectively.

You are to be vigilant and attentive in the care of the Magazine and powder committed to your Charge— to have the same properly placed so as to prevent it receiving the damage from the Weather or otherwise to have it frequently turned and looked at and if at any time the Casks or Kegs want Coopering or if the powder requires new ones to have the same done at the public Charge. you are also to give an Eye to the Guard placed at the said Magazine and if at any time you observe any remissness or negligence in them, to make immediate report thereof to the Governor. In short you are with the utmost exactness and fidelity to do every thing which appears Necessary for preserving, taking care of and Securing the said Magazine and the Powder therein contained.

And you are not to deliver out any of the said Powder to

any persons whatsoever without a written order from the Governor or in his absence from the President of the Council.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay Charles M^cKay one hundred and Six pounds ten Shillings being the amount of his pay and that of his men hired for taking Care of the Magazine at Ebenezer up to the time of their being disbanded as appears by vouchers lodged in the Treasury

Tuesday March 25. 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly	William Maxwell	} Esq ^r
Charles Kent	Jenkin Davis	
John Fulton	Samuel Miller	
John Lindsay	

ORDERED That the Colonel of the Militia of the County of Chatham do direct the several Captains of the Companies under him to make regular returns from the Alarm lists of the men belonging to their Companies respectfully & that the said Colonel do furnish William Belcher Esq^r tax Collector for the said County with the Same as soon as he shall Receive it, and that this be done on or before the first day of April next.

The Governor desired the advice and opinion of the Council upon the following points.

First Whether he should proceed to the signing and passing of Grants for Lands within the district commonly called the new Ceded Lands

The Council were divided in opinion; two Counties for, two against and one divided, the question was therefore postponed for the present.

Second Whether he should proceed to the signing and passing of Grants for Lands within other parts of the State.

The Council were unanimously of opinion that he ought to proceed to the signing and passing of such Grants as soon as the form thereof shall be prepared by the Attorney General and approved of by this board.

ORDERED That William Belcher Esquire Commissioner for the Indian Trade do furnish four Indians whose names shall be given in to him by M^r Nunes with a blanket a shirt a pair of boots and a flap to each and charge the Same to public account. And that the Commissary do furnish them with powder and ball at the rate of a pound and an half of the former and three pounds of the Latter to each—and also with provision of Rice and beef or pork whilst they shall stay in Town likewise a Gallon of rum and some Tobacco. the said Indians having been for four Months past upon a Scouting party with Cap^t Gray and having rendered some Services against the florida Scout. And It Is Further Ordered that the said Moses Nunes who is Linguist to the Said Indians do in future keep a regular account of the names of all such Indians as shall receive presents in Town and of the Articles so delivered to them. It Is Further Ordered that the said Commissary General do furnish M^r Nunes with a Gun to be by him delivered to the Indian who assisted in taking Roberts and a nother of the Florida Scout lately— And that M^r Nunes do inform such Indian that the Gun is given as an acknowledgement for his Services.

ORDERED That a Commission be filled up to Captain Benjamin Walker of the Light Horse & John Morel Esq^r as first Lieu^t of the said Troop to bear date and run agreeable to their appointment by the Assembly.

William Belcher Commissioner for the Indian affairs having Supplied certain Catawba Indians with Goods to the amount of one hundred and thirteen pounds Seven Shillings and eight pence for Services done to the State

It is Ordered That the said sum be allowed the said William Belcher in his public Account.

ORDERED That Samuel Stirk be appointed to Sign the money ordered by the House of Assembly to call in the reconciliation Money in the room of Andrew Elton Wells Deceased—

ORDERED That John Daniel Hammerer be appointed a Magistrate for the County of Chatham in the room of Isaac Young Esq^r deceased.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners for the Town of Savannah do forthwith cause to be repaired and put in good order the public Wells in the said Town and that they do in other respects pay strict attention to their duty as Commissioners.

The following was received from the Auditors appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly for auditing the public accounts and requested the Advice of the Governor and Council thereon.

Auditors Office Savannah March 24. 1778

The Board of Auditors appointed by the resolve of the honorable the House of Assembly the first day of this Instant beg leave to lay before his Honor the Governor and Council the following query relative to some doubts which occur to the Board in Auditing divers receipts which have been delivered by Treasurers as vouchers for large Sums of money paid out of the Treasury of this State

Whether the Board can audit receipts to the Treasurers for money paid by them to any persons without the express order

and direction of the Legislative or executive powers of this State?

Jos. Wood Jun^r }
 JOHN GIBBONS— } Auditors

The Board conceive the Auditors of accounts are answerable to the honorable the House of Assembly for their conduct in this business: But Nevertheless give it as their opinion that no drafts upon the Treasury of this State are regular but Such as come from the Legislative or Executive Bodies of the same or shall be derived from their order or authority.

ORDERED. That the persons appointed by resolve of Convention dated the Eleventh day of December one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six be required with the utmost expedition to complete the Battery and other public Works in Sunbury pursuant to the directions of the said resolve.

ORDERED That the Secretary of this Board do furnish Captain Mann the Commissary of Supplies for the five Independent Companies of foot under Major Wilder with a particular account of the Rations to which the men belonging to the said Companies are intitled being the same as the minute Men drew: And that the said Commissary in particular ceases when the men shall be So Stationed upon the Southern frontiers that they cannot conveniently fetch their provisions from his plantation that he do at public charge send the same to them, at their respective stations.

Friday the 3^d April 1778

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton
Jenkin Davis
John Lindsay

William Maxwell
Richard Wylly.

WHEREAS it appears to this Board that there is a body of Land lying in the fork between the River Ogeechee and the Beaver Dam Creek which was not prior to the Revolution allowed by Government to be run for fear of bringing on a dispute with the Indians the matter not being clearly ascertained whether the Same is within our Lines or not: And whereas it would be impolitic and improper at this particular juncture to suffer any act to be done which might be deemed by the Indians an infringement upon their Lands And some persons have not withstanding run and marked out the lines of some Tracts within that body:— It Is Therefore Ordered that for the present and until further orders no Grant do pass to any person or persons whatsoever for any Land lying within that Fork and that no deputy Surveyor do without leave presume to run any more of Such Land lying and being within the fork aforesaid.

ORDERED That in future when Caveats against the passing of Grants shall be entered the same Shall be under the following regulations in regard to the hearing and determining of them.

First. They Shall be heard on the day for which they stand advertised when both the parties attend either by themselves or others.

Second They shall be heard exparte and judgment Shall be awarded from what appears to the Board in nature of an enquiry (having been duly advertised) when only one of the par-



ties attend unless a Sufficient excuse by Affidavit Shall be made for the other in which case the Caveat shall be postponed.

Third Where neither party shall attend they shall be postponed, if the first time, & discharged if the Second time.

WHEREAS from the representation of Colonel Elliott and other Gentlemen of Liberty County it appears that an Indian commonly called Indian Johny hath been for a long time unjustly imprisoned and that the said fellow hath always acted as a friend to us and hath Several times gone out in the Service of this Country: And Whereas it also appears that during the said Fellows Imprisonment he lost all his Cattle & Horses consisting in all of near twenty head besides a number of other articles It Is Therefore Resolved That the said Indian Johny be Allowed fifty pounds in lieu of and in full for his Cattle and other things which he lost; And also as a Compensation for his false imprisonment that the Treasurers do pay the Same to M^r Nunes to be by him delivered to the said Indian.

ORDERED That the powder receiver in Savannah deliver to William Belcher Esq^r Agent for Indian Supplies one hundred W^t of Lead and fifty W^t of powder— the same to be returned by the said William Belcher or otherwise accounted for with the public—

Edward Davies Esq^r having informed the Board that he had in his hands a quantity of Gun powder (to wit above five hundred pounds) belonging to a person in Charles Town for Sale.

RESOLVED That the Same be purchased for public use if it can be got upon reasonable terms— That Major Wyly & John Fulton Esq^rs be a Committee to make the said purchase and that the Governor (if the same shall be made) do give an order on the treasury for the amount thereof agreeable to the report of the said Committee.

ORDERED That John Storr Esq^r be appointed a Commissioner of Trade in the room of Andrew Elton Wells Esq^r dec'd for the port of Savannah.

ORDERED That Sheraud de Longig be appointed Second Lieutenant of the Congress Galley there being a Vacancy of the said place and that this resolve Serve as a Commission for the present

WHEREAS it appears to this Board that Joseph Pannill Esq^r hath ever since the Seventeenth day of September last past acted Major to the Second Regiment of foot within this State but hath not as yet received his Commission— And Whereas this board approving of the conduct of the said Joseph pannill do direct that a Continental Commission be filled up to him bearing date on the Said Seventeenth day of September last past he having ever since that time done the duty of a Major.

ORDERED, That M^r Nunes do procure from W^m Belcher Esq^r and the Commissary General the Several Articles mentioned in a list which has been agreed to, by this Board—and that he do deliver the same to the King of the Tocabatchers and the rest of the Indians who are now down as presents from the State— A talk was delivered in Council to the said Indians and Copies thereof sent up to M^r Galphin and Colonel M^rMurphey

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to John Oneal thirty five pounds in Lieu of that Sum by him lost in a fire he having made Affidavit thereof & lodged the same in the Treasury—pursuant to a Resolve of the house of Assembly dated September the Eleventh 1777

The Board taking into Consideration the Situation of the Gallies and the bad provision of pay and necessaries that has hither to been made for them— A question was propounded "Upon what establishment are the said Gallies and to whose authority are they Subject."

IT WAS RESOLVED. First.—That the said Gallies were originally undertaken and intended to be kept up on the establishment of this State for the express purpose of protecting and defending the Rivers inlets and Plantations within the Same. Secondly. That afterwards Congress for a variety of reasons adopted them upon the Continental Establishment but did not in the least vary or alter the Intention or design of the said original undertaking, and therefore in the opinion of Council they must be Considered as a General Charge for a particular purpose— Consequently they ought to be directed in their operations by those for whose benefit they were raised, to wit— the Inhabitants of this State. Under this view and more especially as the Commodore and all the Officers of the said Gallies hold their appointments, and are removeable, by this State the Council are clearly of opinion that altho' the whole charge of the said Gallies will go as a part of the quota of this State to the General cause, yet that the Commodore and all the other Officers of the said Gallies are absolutely Subject to the orders of the Executive authority of this State and not to those of any Continental Officer whatsoever of the Land forces within the same.

ORDERED That a copy of the foregoing resolution be delivered to Commodore Bowen and that he be required to issue the Same out in orders to the Captains or other Commanding Officers of the Several Gallies under him and if the said Commodore or any of the said Officers have any objection to the said resolution they are immediately to make the same known to this Board.

RESOLVED That Thomas Ross Esquire as heretofore act as pay-master to the Officers and men belonging to the said Gallies and that he be directed from time to time as the pay Rolls shall be delivered in to him, after being duly examined by the Navy Board to apply to the Governor for a draft upon the Treasury for money to answer the Same— And that the Treasurers

charge the money paid for the use of the said Gallies to the Debit of, or as a Loan to the Continent

ORDERED That Commodore Bowen make a monthly return to the Governor of the Stations and Conditions of the Gallies under his Command also of the numbers of Men, and vacancies of the Officers to them respectively belonging And that he also from time to time make application to the Governor for what shall be wanting for the said Gallies and which the Navy board Shall not furnish And that he in every respect use his utmost endeavors to put the said Gallies upon the most respectable footing— And whereas it is evident that men will not be induced to enlist on board the said Gallies for the small wages which are at present allowed them and it is equally evident that the Safety of the State at this particular and alarming juncture will be in great measure dependent on the said Gallies And those reasons against enlisting men for the Land Service for a Shorter time than during the War do not hold in regard to the Sea Service It Is Therefore Ordered that in future and until the house of Assembly or this Board shall make further order to the contrary all and every able bodied man who shall be fit for the Gally Service and who shall enlist in the same shall over and above all former allowances be entitled to a bounty as herein after mentioned.

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If during the War.....	20

WHEREAS in times of impending danger and Calamity when the Enemy to our lives and Liberties is daily making ravages thro' our Country, it is right and necessary that the Militia be always kept in a State of readiness to repel every Sudden and hostile invasion thereof It Is Therefore Ordered that the Colonel or other Commanding Officer of the Battalion of militia belonging to Each County throughout the State be required immediately to cause elections to be held so as to fill up all

vacancies in the said regiments respectively that thereafter the Colonel cause to be had a General Muster as soon as possible and that at such general muster a draft be made of one third of the Regiment or Battalion who are to keep themselves in readiness to march and go out upon any scouting or other duty that may be requisite at an hours warning— And such duty shall be accordingly if necessary done by them—that at the expiration of a month another draft of one other third part take place, and so on to be continued throughout the Regiment until further orders— And It Is Further Ordered that the Colonels and all other Officers of the respective Regiments use their utmost endeavors by all Lawful ways and means to compel their Men to keep themselves always properly prepared for action and furnished with a few rounds of Cartridges and other necessaries in Case of an Alarm, and that this order be particularly attended to in regard to the Men who shall be under Draft as aforesaid.

Upon the Application of Major General Howe and by his recommendation as well as that of Colonel Elbert and Colonel White It Is Ordered that a Commission as Captain of a Company of Artillery upon the Continental Establishment for the defence of the State of Georgia in which there is a Vacancy as represented to the Board be filled up & delivered to Jean Pierre Andris Defaupeyret Esq^r and that John-
son be appointed Captain Lieutenant and Thomas Sutton first Lieutenant of the said Company. and that Commissions be accordingly filled up and delivered to them respectively—



Tuesday April 7th 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
John Lindsay

John Fulton
Charles Kent

WHEREAS there is great reason to apprehend some dangerous attempt is meditated against this State—many of the back inhabitants of South Carolina having passed over the River with a manifest intention of joining the Enemy in East Florida It is Therefore Ordered that the Militia throughout the State be immediately embodied—that a Draft of two thirds of each Battalion be immediately made and marched into Barracks or in pursuit of the Enemy as the Commanding Officer of the County from Circumstances shall judge advisable until further orders or if such Commanding Officer shall deem it necessary that he call out the whole of the said County Militia and that every measure be embraced to quell the present insurrection And it is Further Ordered that the Militia of Chatham County take the Guard in Savannah and that the Colonel or other Commanding Officer be required daily to furnish an Officer and twenty five men for that purpose.

RESOLVED—That an express be sent off to the president of South Carolina informing them of our alarming Situation and desiring their friendly assistance.

WHEREAS it appears that there is reason to apprehend an attempt by Sea is intended against the Town of Sunbury—Ordered that it be left to the discretion of the Commanding Officer in Liberty County whether to march the Militia with the Continental Troops, or to keep them for the defence of Sunbury—

ORDERED That the said Commanding Officer draft a detachment sufficient to Mann the Gallies at Sunbury and that they go on board the same as Marines and that the Commanding Officer of the Gallies act in concert with the Officers of the said Militia this order Nevertheless to be left to the discretion of the said Commanding Officer of Liberty County who being on the spot will be better enabled to judge from circumstances

ORDERED That 12 9th Cannon Shot be delivered out of the Arsenal for the use of Sunbury

Monday 13, April 1778

WHEREAS the critical and alarming Situation of affairs in this State the want of money in the Treasury, the absolute necessity of making some vigorous exertions against the Enemy in Consequence of the present alarm and many other reasons make it necessary that the House of Assembly should be immediately called It is Therefore Resolved that the said House of Assembly be immediately called by Proclamation to meet at Augusta in the County of Richmond on Monday the twenty Seventh day of April Instant and that notice thereof be sent to the Several Counties by Express if no other opportunity offers.

WHEREAS in the present times of danger & alarm there appears to be an absolute necessity of forming two voluntier Companies of Militia,—the one of Horse and the other of Artillery— It is Therefore Ordered that two such Companies be immediately formed out of the Battalion of Chatham County at large without respect to persons who are inclined to enlist in the Same having been enrolled in any other Companies whatsoever unless it be in the Grenadier or Light Infantry's, and that Such companies be considered as a part of the Battalion of Militia of the said County and that they be Subject to the field Offi-

cers of the said Battalion but be totally independent of the other Companies. And it is Further Ordered that the establishment of the said Companies be as follows. for the Company or Troop of Horse—

1 Captain 1 Lieutenant 1 Cornet & 30 Privates

For the Company of Artillery

1 Captain 2 Lieutenants and thirty privates

And that such Companies continue until otherwise ordered by due authority. And be whilst they shall continue subject to the same fines and other regulations as other Militia save only that they are to be independent of the other Companies as before mentioned.

A Petition from two hundred and ninety two Inhabitants of the County of Chatham praying that the House of Assembly might be called being laid before them

RESOLVED That the House being already called the said Petition do lie on the table until the meeting of Assembly and that then the same to be laid before them.

The Treasury being in great want of money and the public Drafts in consequence of the present alarm daily increasing the Board reconmend and propose to the Commissioners appointed by Assembly for the management of the State Lottery to lodge Such Monies as they have received by the Sale of Tickets in the Treasury and take out Treasury Certificates for the Same not making the least doubt but that the Treasury will be enabled to return the said money which may be so lodged whenever the Commissioners shall so require it and the Board promise to do all in their power to have this money returned whenever demanded

ORDERED That a Copy of the above be sent to the s^d Commissioners

The Governor laid before the Board an Affidavit of Major Wilier respecting Colonel Thomas's behavior upon the late alarm and also his order in Consequence thereof and likewise some other Steps and measures which he had taken when he could not convene a Council (the members being out of Town) upon the late Emergency

RESOLVED That this Board do approve of the same and would have recommended the like measures had they been present

Thursday, April 16, 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly

Samuel Miller

John Lindsay

John Fulton

In pursuance of an Act of Congress dated the 7th March 1778 It is ordered that Wednesday the twenty Second day of April Instant be observed as a day of fasting, prayer and humiliation throughout the State and a proclamation for that purpose was accordingly issued.

WHEREAS it is manifest the situation of this State is truly alarming and that without the most spirited and vigorous exertions the machinations of our Enemies threaten to Succeed.

AND WHEREAS in such times of danger it may happen that every thing may depend upon instantanious measures being embraced which cannot be done should the Governor wait for calling a Council—And whereas it is not clear whether there is at

any time an absolute necessity for the Governor to act in Conjunction with the Council in Militia matters—the Constitution seeming to allude only to matters altogether of a Civil nature, but in such times as these it is evident that if the Constitution will warrant it (which by the thirty third clause the Board think it will) the whole rather to be expected than from many. The Council therefore executive power ought to be lodged in a Single person with respect to Military matters from whose decision and dispatch are impressed with a Sense of the Calamitous situation of this State and apprehending it as an unavoidable expedient, do request that his honor the Governor will be pleased to take upon himself to act in such manner as to him shall seem most elegeble, and to exercise all the executive powers of Government appertaining to the Militia or the defence of the State against the present danger which threatens it or in annoyance of the Enemy independent of the executive Council and without calling Consulting or advising with them, unless where and when he shall find it convenient and shall Chuse so to do. And they pledge themselves to support and uphold him in so doing and to adopt as their own the measures which he shall embrace And that this shall continue during the present emergency or until the honorable house of Assembly shall make an order or give their opinion to the Contrary.

The Governor having considered of the foregoing Requisition answered that he was exceedingly unwilling to do any act without the approbation of the Council but that as he had found by experience during the present alarm the impossibility of at all times getting them together when too, much perhaps depended upon a minute And further that as the Council had given it as their Opinion that the proceedings was justifiable under the Constitution and as the meeting of the Assembly was so near at hand and alarms and dangers seem'd to thicken on all Sides he agreed to act in the manner the Council requested during the present emergency or until the honorable House of Assembly shall make an order or give their opinion to the contrary.

RESOLVED, As the opinion of this Board that an Alarm as pointed out by the act of Assembly ought to be immediately fired throughout the State and the consequences thereof take place.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay to John Fulton Esq^r fifty pounds in part of his account for his attendance in Council: Also to John Lindsay Esq^r forty pounds in full for his attendance in Council

The Council adjourned to meet at Augusta on Monday the twenty seventh day of April Instant agreeable to the governor's Proclamation for that purpose.

Savannah June 26 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

Charles Kent
John Fulton.

William Maxwell
J—————

WHEREAS by a resolution of the honorable House of Assembly pass'd the fourth day of May last his honor the Governor is empower'd to draught or cause to be draughted from the Confiscated and Sequestered Estates a number not exceeding two hundred able male Slaves for the use of the Continental Army now employed or that may hereafter be employed on the expedition against East Florida to act as pioneers And also to draught one hundred able male Slaves for the use of the Militia and other forces belonging to this State and employed on an expedition now carrying on Against East Florida to do fatigue duty on the said Expedition And Whereas the Trustees appointed by

an act of Assembly to take Charge of the above mentioned Estates and who are directed to furnish the said Slaves find it impracticable to collect from the different Estates the number ordered owing to the Sickness of the Negroes their unwillingness to go on the said Expedition and as it is supposed the pains taken by the Overseers to keep them out of the Way when applied for.

RESOLVED That the President do issue orders to Captⁿ Gwinn of the Cherokee Hill Company or to the Captains of any Company of Militia in whose district any of the Confiscated or sequestered estates may be directing them to draught such a number of their Company. as they may think sufficient to apprehend and bring to Savannah the negroes wanted.

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to this Board by Colonel Williamson who is on his march to join the Governor with a Body of Troops from the State of South Carolina and from the best information he can collect the Roads between Great Ogeechee and the Alatamaha are impassible for his Waggon in many places and whereas it is absolutely necessary that his Troops should join those of the Governor as soon as possible and as it may occasion a considerable delay should they be obliged to wait until the Negroes be sent from this County reach him.

RESOLVED That Colonel Williamson be empowered and directed to hire such a number of Negroes as he may find necessary from the owners of the Plantations which lie most contiguous to the roads which are out of order, to repair the Same, and in case of the refusal of the said owners to hire their Negroes the said Colonel Williamson is hereby authorized and empowered to press the number he may want and to give the owners Certificates of the number of Negroes and of the time which they may be employed by him—Provided Nevertheless that none of the Negroes so hired or impressed be carried out of the district to which they belong nor be detained more than four days.

ORDERED That the Secretary do transmit a Copy of the said resolution to Colonel Williamson and write to Captain Gwinn on the Subject of the first resolution

Tuesday the 7th July 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

William Maxwell
John Keebler

Charles Kent
John Fulton

Robert Henderson and Ezekiel Bromfield Prisoners on their Parole in Savannah taken up on Suspicion of being Enemies to the State having this day presented a petition to the Board requesting that they may be permitted to Return to their respective Homes upon giving Sufficient Security for their appearance to stand their Trial.

ORDERED That the said Robert Henderson and Ezekiel Bromfield be discharged from their parole upon giving good and Sufficient Security to his Honor the Governor that they will attend and stand their Trials at the Superiour Court to be holden in Burke County on the third Tuesday in October next.

WHEREAS the exportation of Provisions from the united States of America has tended considerably to the Supplying the Enemies thereof by the Capture of Vessels concerned in such exportation. And whereas it is recommended in the strongest Terms by the Honorable the Continental Congress that a General Embargo should be laid on the exportation of Provisions It is Therefore Ordered that a Proclamation do immediately

issue prohibiting the exportation of Wheat Flower, Rye, Indian Corn, Rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon, live Stock, and other provisions from this State, from the date hereof until the fifteenth day of November next unless sooner revoked Provided that this Embargo shall not be constru'd to prevent the taking on Board such provisions as shall be necessary for the Stores of any Ships or Vessels of War or others Trading to and from this State.

ORDERED That the President do draw upon the Treasurers in favor of Ferick & Gray for the Sum of thirty pounds each in part of their Salary.

ORDERED That the Embargo on the exportation of Salt from this State be continued for the Space of three months

WHEREAS by a resolution of the honorable House of Assembly passed the 1st March last the Auditor General was directed to examine and Lequidate the Accounts of the Commissaries of the Minute Battalions and after having so done to lay the same before his Honor the Governor and Council, and empowering his Honor to draw on the Treasurers of this State for such Sums as might appear due. And Whereas an account has this day been presented to the Board by Benjamin Few Commissary for one of the said Battalions upon which it appears by the Certificates of Joseph Wood Jun^r Auditor that there is a Ballance due to him of three thousand, three hundred and Eighty three pounds fourteen Shillings.

ORDERED That the president do draw on the Treasurers in favor of the said Few for the said Sum of three thousand three hundred and Eighty three pounds fourteen Shillings

Thursday the 23 July 1778—

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

John Lindsay
John Fulton

Holman Freeman
John Keebler

WHEREAS it appears to this Board, that many Probates for Land have been improperly executed one Justice of the Peace having Signed them in his own name and in that of some other Justices of the Peace And Whereas this Board is unwilling to suppose that this has proceeded from a design to impose upon or injure the

It is therefore resolved That Letters be wrote to the Several Justices of the peace requiring them to be more cautious in future, and directing them hereafter the Probates particularly set forth the Family rights of persons applying for Lands and of their having said rights in the State at the time of applying.

Read the Petition of Colonel John Thomas of Burke county Setting forth that on or about the tenth day of April last he was put under an arrest and that he hath agreeable to his Parole remained within the Limits of the ever since and Praying that he May be permitted to return to his House upon giving Bail for his appearing and standing his trial at the next Superiour Court.

A Number of Affidavits much in favor of the said Thomas having been also read—

ORDERED That Colonel John Thomas be discharged from his Parole and be permitted to return home on his giving good

Security in the Sum of two thousand pounds that he will appear and stand his trial at the Superiour Court to be holden in Burke County on the third Tuesday in October next

WHEREAS by a letter laid before the Board from Charles M^cKay and from other information Received it appears that the Magazine at Ebenezer in which there is near Seven thousand w^t of Gun Powder is at this alarming time very Weakly guarded and that the Militia who Keep Guard there are very remiss in their duty

ORDERED That Charles M^cKay do hire Sixteen men for the purpose of guarding the said Magazine and to be under the Command of the said M^cKay and to be continued on pay (at the rate of five pounds per Month for each Man to include rations) until relieved by the Continental or Some other Troops—And that the said M^cKay have two Centry Boxes built at the expence of the public for the use of the said Guard and upon having so done that he make a report thereof to this Board, that the Militia who are now on duty may be discharged.

Wednesday 5th Aug: 1778.

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
John Lindsay
John Keebler

John Fulton
Jenkin Davis

WHEREAS, there is at present a great number of persons most of them notorious offenders against the State confined in the Jail in Burke County, and they having many friends and abettors in and amongst the Florida Scout there is the greatest reason to apprehend an attempt may be made to effect their rescue and

release—It is therefore necessary that a strict guard be kept on the said Jail, more especially as the place where it stands is remote from the inhabitants, and the Militia having been upon hard duty lately it is unreasonable to expect or require them at present to guard the same—Therefore

RESOLVED that a Company of one Captain, one Lieutenant and twenty privates be immediately raised as a guard to the said Jail—that Lemuel Lanier Esq. be that Captain, and that he appoint his Lieutenant and raise the said twenty men—that the pay of the privates be one dollar per day besides rations—And that the pay of the Captain & Lieutenant be in proportion—that the said Company continue untill the end of the next Court to be held in Burke County and then be discharged unless it shall be thought necessary by the Justices of said Court to continue them for one month longer—

RESOLVED That Lemuel Lanier Esq^r be allowed one hundred pounds over and above his pay as a gratuity for his ready and essential services done to the State during the late expedition—

WHEREAS it manifestly appears that the five independent Companies directed to be raised out of the Minute battalions have by no Means answered the intention of the Legislature, and so far from compensating for their expenses they have only served as a name without rendering the service of Troops—their whole number which ought to have been two hundred and fifty not amounting to seventy men on the expedition and the most of even that number having since deserted insomuch that the Governor informed the Board that out of the five Companies he did not know of above six men he could at present order on duty—therefore

RESOLVED That the said five Companies be discharged from henceforth—And that the Clerk of this Board do signify the same to such of the Officers as he can hear of.

WHEREAS on the thirteenth day of April last past it was judged expedient to order a Company of Artillery to be raised out of the Militia of the County of Chatham. And Whereas, the reasons for the same hold more strong now than then, and the said Company hath in some measure fallen into decay.

RESOLVED That the said Company of Artillery be continued. that they be augmented to forty privates; under the following Officers (to wit) a Captain, two Lieutenants, two Sergeants and two Corporals. That the Governor do appoint the said Commissioned Officers and that they remain upon the establishment mentioned in the said resolve of this Board of the thirteenth day of April last, and take charge of the Artillery belonging to the State.

And it is further ordered, That the said Companies of Artillery be also a fire Company for the Town of Savannah and that the Governor do appoint two reputable inhabitants of the said Town as Directors of fires; And that the said Company be furnished with proper implements for their use. And whereas the small number of inhabitants in this County will not admit of exemptions

It is therefore ordered, That nothing in the foregoing resolve shall exempt any person engaged in the said Company from patrol or other duty in common with the other inhabitants save only that they are to do duty as a company of themselves when called upon.

Saturday 15th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor.

Richard Wyly
John Fulton

Charles Kent
John Lindsay

ORDERED That a copy of the information of Hannah Noble, this day laid before the Board, respecting some cattle of hers said to be drove off by Colo. Howell some time ago, be transmitted to Major Ravot of Effingham County; and that he be directed if he shall find the said information true to cause the said cattle to be returned to her, but if otherwise that he do attend this Board with a state of the matter before he shall deliver the said cattle up.

ORDERED That the company of Horse patrol in the Town of Savannah do recommend some one of their company to the Governor as a fit person for a Captain in the room of Joseph Habersham Esquire who declines acting.

It being represented to this Board that there are a number of persons now lying in the Jail at Savannah, who, notwithstanding their having been taken and confined as prisoners of War, are under accusation of Treason.

It is ordered, That the Chief Justice do cause a report to be made to this Board by thursday next of the names of such of the said persons now confined in any of the Jails in Savannah as are under accusation or charge of Treason or any other offence, or against whom there is reasonable ground of suspicion that they fall under the said charge.

ORDERED, That the Treasurer pay to Samuel Slich Clerk of this Board two hundred and fifty pounds in part of his salary and other charges against the public.

ORDERED That the Treasurer pay to Mr. Fournier the sum of eight hundred pounds being the amount of an order drawn in his favor by the Governor and lost by the said Fournier, upon his lodging good and sufficient security with the said Treasurer that the said order shall not hereafter be produced for payment. And it is further ordered that the Treasurer pay particular attention to this matter.

ORDERED That John Daniel Hammerer be appointed Vendue Master for the County of Chatham upon his giving good and sufficient security and otherwise complying with the act of Assembly.

Tuesday 25th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor.

Richard Wylly
John Fulton
Charles Kent.

John Lindsay
John Keebler

ORDERED That the commanding Officer of the continental Troops in Savannah be informed that as it is apprehended the barracks without the Town are sufficiently finished to receive to receive the said Troops, it is the opinion of this Board and the earnest desire of the inhabitants of the Town, that the privates belonging to the said Troops be removed to the said barracks in particular that they be ordered out of the parsonage house which under the emergency of a former occasion was perverted from its original intention and turned into barracks.

WHEREAS, a certain sum of money being voted by the Honorable the Continental Congress for the purpose of calling in, and redeeming the Treasury certificates of this State, a part thereof was brought in by Joseph Wood Esq^r one of the delegates of

this State, and the Honorable the House of Assembly at their sitting ordered that the same shall be applied in paying off a fourth part of the said Treasury Certificates.

AND WHEREAS since that time another part of their said vote of Congress hath been brought in by Major Lucas sufficient as it is apprehended to pay off another fourth part of the said Treasury certificates, therefore

RESOLVED That the said sum of money brought in by the said Major Lucas and now lying in the Treasury of this State be applied towards discharging and paying off another fourth part of the said Treasury certificates according to the true intent and meaning of the said vote of Congress.

ORDERED, That all vacancies of officers in the Militia of this State be forthwith filled up by new elections and that from time to time as fast as elections shall happen a report be made to the Governor in order that Commissions may be made out.

It being suggested to this Board that Oliver Bowen Esq. hath signified his intention to the members of the Navy Board by circular notes to them of leaving the State

It is Ordered, That the said Navy Board do require the said Oliver Bowen before his departure to make a full settlement with them of all the public accounts of the said Gallies since the time of the said Navy Board being instituted—And whereas prior to the institution of the said Navy Board certain sums of Money have been advanced by the Treasurer of this State for the use of the said Gallies, which still remain unsettled

It is Therefore Ordered That the said Navy Board do also procure a settlement of such accounts and that the Treasurer assist them in that business in order that the State may be furnished with proper vouchers so as to debit the continent with what is just and right.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the resolve of this Board on the third day of April last past; and the letter of Oliver Bowen Esq. to the Governor in answer to the same, disputes concerning the supreme command over the Gallies, do still exist; and the said Oliver Bowen hath in a late instance absolutely denied the authority of the State over him. And whereas, the Gallies at present appear in a condition no wise fit, from the want of men, and many other circumstances, to render service to this state in case of need; and it would be wrong that the public, for whose benefit the said Gallies were intended should be deprived thereof through the means of any one man. And whereas, some of the Officers of the said Gallies have lately applied to the Governor for their pay and the necessary supplies for the vessels under their immediate command respectively, and being sensible they hold their Commissions from this State, and that they were intended for the use and defence of it, do not pretend to question the authority of same over them.

It is Therefore Ordered, That the Captains or Commanding Officers of all the Gallies in the service of this State do attend this Board on Thursday next, and answer such questions as shall be put to them. And it is further ordered, that in case the said Captains or other Commanding Officer shall satisfy this Board of their disposition to obey the lawful commands of the State in future; proper provision as heretofore shall be made for them; and as to the particular conduct of the said Oliver Bowen,

It is Ordered That the same be referred to the Honorable the House of Assembly at their next meeting, and that until such meeting, in order to avoid contest and injury to public service all orders from the Governor run immediately to the Captains themselves or other Commanding Officers of the said Gallies respectively.

WHEREAS, during the confusion which subsisted prior to the establishment of the present Constitution a practice obtained and which hath since continued of Marrying without license, security

of publication of the bans as had been heretofore used in this State to the great abuse in many cases of that holy institution—
Therefore

RESOLVED, That it be publickly notified in order that no Clergyman may plead ignorance/ that such practice is contrary to law, and that where the parties are disposed to marry without publication of the Banns, the Secretary of the State will be ready to receive bond, and apply to the Governor for license as hath heretofore been used in this State prior the revolution; that article not appearing to be in any wise altered by the present Constitution.

A petition from a number of persons having been presented to the Board for the establishing Edward Welch in the printing business in Savannah,

It is Ordered That the said petition be referred to John Fulton and Charles Kent Esq^r as a Committee who are to make enquiry concerning the said Welch and also in what manner Types and other utensils can be had for him; and to report their opinion upon the whole matter to this Board at their next sitting.

Wednesday 26th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
John Keebler

John Fulton
Charles Kent.

RESOLVED That a Flag of Truce be sent to Saint Augustine with the prisoners belonging to the enemy in the Towns of Savannah and Sunbury; that the Sloop Rebecca belonging to the

State, go as the said Flag of Truce—that Charles Kent Esq^r be the Officer thereof, and that Captain Job Pray go as Captain of the said Sloop.

WHEREAS, this Board did on the 15th Instant, order that the Chief Justice should make report to this Board which of the prisoners now confined in the Jail at Savannah and lately taken from Florida should be deemed Traitors or other criminals in order that it may appear which of them should on the other hand be deemed prisoners of War. And Whereas, the said report not having yet been made,

It is Ordered, that the Sheriff do attend the Chief Justice and be informed from him in conjunction with his associate Justices, if necessary, which of the said prisoners so confined ought to be deemed prisoners of War, and that he do deliver over all such to Charles Kent Esq^r appointed Officer of the Flag now going to Saint Augustine, in order that they may be duly exchanged.

RESOLVED, On the application of Hepworth Carter Esq. that leave be given to Mrs. Crughton to go in the said Flag of Truce; And that in regard to the Negroes she is desirous of carrying with her the same be referred to the trustees for forfeited estates for the County of Liberty, this Board not knowing whether the said Negroes do belong to her—

ORDERED That it be notified to the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in this State, that by several expresses to the Governor it appears upwards of twenty persons have been killed in the Ceded lands by the Creek Indians on the ninth instant, and that from all appearances there is the greatest probability of a rupture with those Indians.

ORDERED That the State Artillery be collected and taken charge of by Joseph Woodruff Esq: Captain of Artillery And

that the yard of the Council House be appropriated to the use of an Artillery park.

RESOLVED, that the militia through out this State ought to be embodied in consequence of the alarm from the Indians; and every Method, by scouting and other parties, taken to secure the inhabitants against their inroads—

Colo. Graves applied for a sum of money out of the Treasury for the Fort, Barracks, and other works in Sunbury.

ORDERED, that the said application be postponed until the meeting of Assembly.

ORDERED, That the State of South Carolina be debited with six hundred pounds of Gun Powder, supplied the Captain of the Beaufort Gally belonging to that State, on her way upon the late expedition, which was promised to be returned by him, but has not been—

On the application of Joseph Clay Esq^r Pay-Master for the Continental Troops in this State,

It is Ordered that the Treasurer do advance and pay to him for the use of the said Troops £10,000 in further part of the vote of Assembly at their last sitting in Augusta and to be charged as a loan to the Continent.

Edward Davies Esq. attended the Board and laid before them the case of the Sloop Nancy, John Norris Commander, laden with rice and bound for Martinique at the time the late Embargo took place.

RESOLVED, that altho' it appears the case of the said Edward Davies is peculiar and hard, yet the Board do not find themselves at Liberty under the words or spirit of the resolution Congress to permit the said Sloop to carry out her cargo of rice.

Thursday 27th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor.

John Fulton
Richard Wylly

Charles Kent
John Keebler.

Pursuant to the order of this day John Hardy, Captain of the Congress Gally; John Braddock, Captain of the Lee; and John Newdigate of the Washington attended this Board, and several questions being put to them by the Governor, they gave perfect satisfaction in the same, and entered into an engagement to pay due obedience to the orders of this State; therefore,

RESOLVED, that this Board in behalf of the State will make suitable provision for the said Gallies agreeable to the intention of the Legislature, the spirit of their establishment, and the meaning of former resolves and orders of this board; and the Governor will give orders accordingly.

ORDERED, that Captain Braddock in the Lee Gally do as soon as possible repair to Sunbury and carry with her certain prisoners of War, with provisions and other matters which may be delivered by Charles Kent Esq: for that place. And it is further

ORDERED, that the said Gally do afterwards remain stationed in the inlet for the defence of Sunbury Bar until otherwise ordered.

ORDERED, That Thomas Maxwell Esq. who hath been formerly appointed by the House of Assembly a Captain in the Gally Service, do take command of the Bulloch Gally in the room of Hatchet deceased, upon his subscribing the paper which hath this day been signed by the other three Captains.

ORDERED, That the Treasurer do pay to Richard Gainer the

sum of ninety one pounds and two pence, being the amount of the pay-roll for Militia duty done by the Cherokee Hill Company under the command of the said Richard Gainer; and that the said Richard Gainer do accordingly pay off the said men.

Monday 31st August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
Samuel Miller
John Keebler.

Charles Kent
John Fulton

The Chief Justice having ageeable to order of the 26th instaut transmitted to the Board a list of the several persons now confined in Jail, and of his opinion on their cases whereby it appears he does not think any of them entitled to be considered as prisoners of War, but that they are liable to be tried for Treason and other offences.

ORDERED, That the Sheriff of the County of Chatham do henceforth take charge of the said several persons, a list of whose names will be furnished him by the Clerk of this Board taken from the Chief Justices letter; And that he do retain them in his custody as criminals until they shall be delivered by due course of law.

And it is Further Ordered, that it be strongly recommended to the said Sheriff to keep strict watch upon the said prisoners, who may become very dangerous if suffered to escape; And that he make application to the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in Savannah for what he may deem a sufficient guard over them.

ORDERED That the account of Charles M^cKay keeper of the Magazine in Ebenezer amounting to £24. 19. 0 be paid by an order on the Treasurer. and that Lb. 5000. lead be sent up to Ebenezer and placed in the hands of the said Charles M^cKay for public use when ordered by the Governor.

ORDERED, That the following letter be wrote by the Governor of this State, to the Governor of East-Florida, with the Flag of Truce now going to St. Augustine, to wit, (the letter not sent as first intended). And that the following be the form of the Flag to be carried which is to be made out by the Secretary, to be signed by the Governor, and to be under the great seal of this State; to wit,

STATE OF GEORGIA

By his honor John Houston Esquire Captain General and Commander in Chief of the State aforesaid.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting

KNOW YE, that the Sloop Rebecca, being of the burthen of 100 tons or thereabouts, Virginia built and belonging to this State of which Job Pray Esq. is Commander is now bound on a voyage to Saint Augustine as a Flag of Truce, carrying prisoners of War the subjects of his Britanick Majesty to be exchanged for persons in the same condition the subjects of the United States of North America, or any of them and that Charles Kent and the said Job Pray Esq^r go as officers of the said Flag and Vessel.

And further know ye, that the said vessel and all persons on board her are not to be molested on either side: but as a Flag of Truce are to have free liberty to pass to S^t Augustine aforesaid, and again as soon as the Officers shall judge fit, to return to Sanbury bringing back all such persons as may be delivered

by his Excellency Patrick Tonyn Esq. Governor of East Florida in return for those sent from this State.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the said State of Georgia, at Savannah the 31st day of August 1778.

By his honors command

J. MELTON Sec^y

ORDERED, That the Trustees of forfeited estates for Liberty County be directed to furnish Captain Braddock of the Lee Gally with six proper hands out of those formerly belonging to Mr. Porteous, And Captain Pray with four more out of the same gang, the former for the use of the Gally, and the latter for the Flag of Truce now going to S^t Augustine; it being found impossible to get white Seamen, the said Trustees taking receipts for the said Negroes to be kept in public service until otherwise ordered.—

The alarming state of Affairs in the back Country requiring great exertions, and General Scriven having agreed to repair to Augusta to take command there

It is Ordered, on the application of the said General Scriven that a guard consisting of an officer and twelve men be raised for the space of three months unless sooner disbanded to attend the said General Scriven as a Body-Guard as it will be necessary for him to go at times along the frontier in places of great danger.

And it is further ordered, that the pay of the said Officer be fifty dollars per month, and of the privates twenty dollars per month besides rations; and that General Scriven recommend the officer to be appointed to the Governor who will grant him a Commission accordingly.

WHEREAS, The Honorable House of Assembly did order and direct that five independent Companies of men consisting of fifty privates each, under the command of Major Wilder, should be taken out of the two Minute Battalions and continued in the pay of this State.

AND WHEREAS, the said Major Wilder having been tried by a Court Martial and broke; and the State of the said five independant companies in such bad order, that this Board for certain reasons by them set forth, did by resolve, dated the fifth day of August last past disband the said five independant companies.

AND WHEREAS, the helpless and exposed situation of the State; the depredations daily committed by the Florida Scout; the alarming conduct of the Indians at the present time; and many other reasons make it absolutely necessary that some Troops should be kept up on the State establishment.

AND WHEREAS it is impossible to enlist Men upon the pay formerly allowed

It is therefore Ordered, that six companies of men consisting each of a Captain, two Lieutenants, two Sergeants and twenty privates be immediately raised, that is to say, one for each of the settled Counties within the state; that the Officers be commissioned by the Governor out of the said Counties respectively, and that the Officers and men be allowed the same rations and double the pay the minute men were, that altho' one Company is intended for each County, yet the Governor is to have power to order them where he thinks it necessary for the security of the whole, and the Captains are to rank No. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6. as the Governor shall Commission; the enlistment of the men to run four months unless sooner disbanded; and those men who faithfully serve out their time, or exert themselves in the service may be assured of the interest of this Board with the Assembly to allow them a generous bounty of land as well as of money.

WHEREAS, a number of men inimical to the measures of America, having gone off from this State and joined the enemy in East Florida, and are daily coming in Scouts or parties and robbing and plundering the inhabitants of the said State, of their Negroes and horses. And whereas, many of the said persons having left their wives and families on Ogechee in small huts or settlements, do means thereof procure always when they come in a secure Asylum, and gain every intelligence as manifestly appears from late instances in the furtherance of their schemes, to the great injury of the good people of this State. And whereas, such persons to depend too much on the tenderness which is due to women and children, not reflecting that even humanity itself must yield to Necessity and the public good.

It is Therefore Resolved, That under the peculiar situation of at this juncture there is a necessity for the families of such persons as have gone off to East Florida as aforesaid to be removed from the places on Ogechee which they now occupy, and from which they have so easy a communication with their husbands and afford them so great assistance and help in their plundering schemes.

And it is Accordingly Ordered, that a party of men be detached from Captain Gainers Company of Cherochee Hill, with orders to break up the settlements above described and to bring the women and children further in among the inhabitants and to settle them on some of the forfeited estates where reasonable provision will be made for them, and where they cannot hold any intercourse with their husbands, or others the enemies of this State or if such women and children shall be dissatisfied therewith, and shall so choose, then the said party is to conduct them to Sunbury and put them on board the Flag of Truce now going to St. Augustine, and they are to be carried at public charge and left there.

A letter from John Murray Esq. a person named in the Bill

of Attainder of this state the first day of March last past addressed to the Governor and acquainting him, that he the said John Murray had returned to this state, and also mentioning other things, as by the said letter will appear, which was laid before the Board, by the Governor, who requested their opinion thereon

RESOLVED That the merits of the said application do not come properly before the Board or the Governor nor can any power, but the Legislative Body either reverse the attainder of the said John Murray or give him leave to return; and as the said John Murray hath notified his return in violation of the act above mentioned it is the duty of the Governor forthwith, to lodge the letter of the said John Murray with the Chief Justice who is to act as the law in such cases directs.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this Board do immediately wait on the Chief Justice with the letter of the said John Murray before mentioned, and the certificate therein enclosed, as also the foregoing order.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of inhabitants of this State respecting a Printer, brought in their report as follows,

(See report No. 2.)

ORDERED, That the said William Lancaster do attend this Board on Thursday next to shew cause why the Types and other printing utensils purchased by the public and intended for him, should not be again returned to the public at what they cost, the said William Lancaster not having complied with his engagements respecting the said Types and utensils.

The said William Lancaster attended the Board and desired to be heard immediately on the foregoing order.

ORDERED accordingly.

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The said William Lancaster appeared and refused to give up the Types and utensils, voluntarily for Several reasons which he alledged.

ORDERED, That the matter be postponed for further consideration.

Tuesday 1st September 1778.

The Board met

Present his honor

The Governor.

Richard Wylly

John Fulton

Samuel Miller

John Keebler

John M^cLaur Esq^r having applied to this Board for payment of an account of John Clements did in Continental Money agreeable to contract for working upon the Fort at Salters Island amounting to about three thousand dollars, the Board are of opinion that they have not a right to appropriate the continental money now in the Treasury, to that purpose, but do direct that the Treasurers retain in their hands the said sum of three thousand dollars until the meeting of Assembly, to whom it shall be referred whether to appropriate the same to the above purpose.

Tuesday 8th September 1778.

The Board met

Present his honor

The Governor.

Richard Wyly
John Lindsay

John Fulton
John Keebler.

ORDERED, That Commissions be made out for the Officers of Wilkes County agreeable to a return made to this Board by Colo. John Dooly.

WHEREAS, the alarming situation of the Western frontiers renders it absolutely necessary that the Militia now on scouting duty in Wilkes County should be supplied with provisions during the time they are actually on duty,

RESOLVED, that Capt. James McLean be from this day appointed Commissary for that purpose, and that he do supply them when on duty with rations according to law, upon which he shall be allowed a reasonable Commission; This appointment to last until the rising of the next House of Assembly or further orders to the contrary.

ORDERED. That the Treasurers do advance the said James McLean five hundred pounds to enable him to comply with the foregoing resolve he to be accountable for the expenditure of the same and to give security to the Treasurers so to do, when called upon

Friday 11th September 1778.

The Board met

Present his honor

The Governor.

Richard Wylly
John Lindsay

John Fulton

It being represented to this Board that Comodore Bowen is about leaving the State and hath refused or declined any longer to sign a ration Bill for the Gallies, so as to authorize the Continental Commissary of issues to furnish the same

It is Therefore Ordered That in future, if the said Comodore Bowen shall refuse or decline to sign the said Ration Bill, that the eldest Captain in Port do sign the same, which shall be a sufficient authority for the said Commissary of issues to furnish or supply the said rations as usual.

RESOLVED That the Treasurers do pay into the hands of Joseph Clay, Pay-Master of the Continental Troops in this State, the sum of £10,000, Georgia Currency in further part of the last vote of Assembly.

WHEREAS, there is a great want of several pieces of printing business to be done for public use, and there is but one press and the apparatus thereunto belonging to this State, which appears in some measure to be of public property, at least it was intended to be employed for public advantage. And whereas, the said press and apparatus are in the hands of a Man, to wit, William Lancaster, who will neither use them himself, or lend or sell them to others who will, whereby considerable damage hath resulted to the public by whom the said press and apparatus were put into the hands of the said William Lancaster,

Therefore Resolved Under the particular circumstances of the case, that the said printing press, Types and Apparatus be impressed for public use by the Commissary of this State, and that they be placed in the hands of Edward Welch, he giving a receipt for the same, untill the next meeting Assembly, unto whom it shall be referred whether the said press, Types and Apparatus are public property or not, and in either case what to be done with, or in regard to the same. And it is further resolved, that the said press and Apparatus be duly and properly appraised, and if they shall hereafter appear to be the property of the said W^m Lancaster he shall be allowed a reasonable hire for the same and they shall be either returned to him without damage, or else he shall be paid the full value of the same agreeable to such appraisement.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers do pay to John Pourcen, two hundred and thirty six pounds, seven shillings and three pence in continental money for cordage supplied Capt. Newdigate for the use of the Gallies.

Friday 18th September 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wyly
John Lindsay

John Fulton.

ORDERED, That expresses be immediately sent off to Chesley Bostwick and S. Miller Esqrs. Members of this Board, and that the same be at their expence, and that such expence be paid before they take their seat at this Board.

A letter from the President of S^o Carolina, dated 9th Sept. In-

stant, to the Governor, was laid before the Board, together with some resolves of the House of Assembly of that State, respecting Indian affairs.

RESOLVED First—That there is every reason, from the appearance of things at this time, to apprehend a war with the Creek-Indians is become unavoidable, they having actually killed several of the inhabitants of this State and taken and carried away a number of horses and cattle from the same.

Second—That it is prudent and necessary to make provision for such an event in the best manner the State can, and the Council advises that the Governor do order the Militia of the County of Wilkes and Richmond to be immediately drafted into two parts; the one to be called out and placed on duty, either in Scouts or otherwise, as the Field Officers of the said Counties respectively shall judge fit, and at the end of a fortnight to be relieved by the other; and that the detachments of these Counties do as circumstances require occasionally move to the assistance of each other; that nothing herein contained extend to prevent the Commanding Officer of each regiment from calling out and placing on duty, either in Scouts or posts the whole of his regiment, if an alarm or other intelligence shall so require; and that the Militia of the several other Counties be drafted into three divisions; the first division to be ordered out properly accoutred for action, and march to such place in their respective Counties as shall be fixed upon by the commanding officer of the County for a camp within four days after the draft and shall there continue (unless otherwise ordered) for a fortnight; at the end of which time they shall be relieved by the second division, who shall continue out a like time and then be relieved by the third, and so on continually until farther or otherwise ordered whilst they shall remain in Camp; but in case of a general March or Movement, then reliefs are not to be expected in so short a space of time. That sufficient scouting parties be always kept out from the encampment towards the frontier of the County.

3. Ordered, That the Commanding Officer in each County appoint a fit person to act as Commissary to the division of his County which may be out on duty.

Fourth—That William Downer be appointed and directed to purchase and collect a quantity, not exceeding 500 barrels of wheat flour in and about Wrightsboro, at public expence; and that the same be lodged in some secure part of that district as a Magazine ready in case the same shall be wanted; and that the said William Downer for the said quantity of flour upon the Governor be paid by an order from him on the Treasury of this State.

Fifth—That letters be written by the Governor of this State, to the Governor of North Carolina and Virginia informing them of the great probability there is

September 24th 1778.

The Board met

Present, his honor the Governor

William Maxwell

John Fulton

John Lindsay

John Keebler

A letter from Colo. Williamson dated 15th September instant to the Governor was laid before the Board in which Colo. Williamson informs that he had brought into this State and marched to the frontiers of the same five hundred and forty six effective men to aid and assist in repelling the Indians, and that he was desirous a Commissary well acquainted with the Country, should be appointed to supply them and other men, the exigency of affairs should require to be marched to our assistance.

RESOLVED, that Colonel Williamson be requested and empowered to appoint some fit person in the county of Wilkes to act as Commissary for supplying his Men; that he make such agreement with him as appears just and reasonable; and give the said Commissary a draft or certificate to the Governor for such sum as may be necessary in advance to enable the said Commissary to procure provision or contract for the same. And whereas, it is suggested in Colo. Williamsons letter that some persons, taking advantage of the situation of things, and notwithstanding their own danger hold their articles of provision at a higher rate than ought to be allowed.

It is Ordered, that the Commissary whom Colo. Williamson shall appoint have power and be directed, in case he cannot otherwise procure provision, to impress the same, allowing the owner in payment thereof what is just and reasonable.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Richard Wylly Esq^r £205. being the amount of his account for his attendance in Council.

September 25th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor, the Governor

Richard Wylly

John Lindsay

John Fulton

William Maxwell

Samuel Miller

John Keebler.

The petition and Memorial of John Wereat Esq: Continental Agent was laid before this Board Setting forth that he had re-

ceived an express and positive instructions from the Marine department of Congress, to send immediately to Philadelphia, a quantity of Ship timber that is under the care of the said John Wereat, for the purpose of repairing two of the Continental Frigates that were partly destroyed by the enemy; and praying that this Board would grant him an order to impress a Brigantine now lying in the River Savannah, for the above purpose, setting forth in the said Memorial some particular circumstances that the said Brigantine was under in regard to a claim he, in behalf of Congress, had upon her.

ORDERED—That the said John Wereat as well as the present owners or holders of the said Brigantine do attend this Board on Tuesday next, and that the Merits of the said Memorial or petition be then considered.

Tuesday 29th September 1778.

The Board met

Present.

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton

Samuel Miller

John Lindsay

David Lewis

John Wereat Esq. Continental Agent, and Mr. Fournier, the owner of the Brigantine mentioned in the memorial presented by him to the Board, having attended agreeable to order, and being heard relative to the same

ORDERED—That the same be postponed for a fortnight, for further consideration.

Application being made to this Board by Mrs. Sikes wife to a

person who has left this State and gone to East-Florida, setting forth the distressed situation of herself and three children, she having been ordered in, among a number of other persons from Ogechee, to prevent any intelligence being given to the enemies in East-Florida

ORDERED, That the Commissary General do supply her with a barrel of rice, and one hundred weight of beef; for the support of herself and family.

ORDERED, That the keeper of the Arsenal in Savannah, do deliver to W^m Sanders Command of the Pilot Boat for the Port and Harbour of Savannah, twelve w^t of Ball for the defence of said Boat.

Wednesday 7th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor, the Governor

William Maxwell

John Fulton

Richard Wylly

Samuel Miller

David Lewis.

RESOLVED, as the opinion of this Board, that Thomas Forbes Esq. a Commissioner for the exchange of prisoners, from His Excellency, Governor Tonyn, ought immediately to repair on board the Flag of Truce in which he came, and there remain not higher up Savannah River than Cockspur until his business shall be completed.

RESOLVED—That Major Wylly, Samuel Miller and Samuel

Slut Esq^r be appointed Commissioners, in behalf of this State, to go down to the Flag of Truce from Saint Augustine, and to negotiate and settle all matters respecting the cartel with the Commissioners from Governor Tonyn.

RESOLVED—That the Washington Gally be immediately ordered down with the said Commissioners, and that she do lie as a guard until the said Flag of Truce shall sail, which it is expected will be, as soon as the Commissioners have closed their business.

RESOLVED—That Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Trentfield have permission to go down and to return with the said Commissioners from this State; and that Mrs. Jemima Love, her son and Miss Ann Martin, have leave to depart this state, not to return again, in the Flag of Truce for Saint Augustine.

RESOLVED—That this Board cannot permit Simon Munro Esqr. to land or come on shore as prayed for by his letter.

ORDERED—That the Treasurers do pay Mr. Joshua Lockwood of Charles Town for 550 W^t of Gun powder some time since purchased by the public, at the rate of a dollar a pound in Continental Money.

Thursday October 8th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wyly

Samuel Miller

Chesley Bostwick

John Lindsay

John Keebler

David Lewis

John Fulton.

The following resolution was received from the Honbl. House of Assembly by two of their Members viz, Arthur Fort and Charles Oddingsells Esqrs.

House of Assembly, Thursday Oct^o 8th 1778.

RESOLVED, That the oath of qualification of Magistrates is a sufficient qualification for persons appointed to act as assistant judges under the laws and constitution of this State; that the Governor be requested to qualify any of the assistant Judges that shall apply for that purpose and that a copy of this resolve be sent to his honor the Governor.

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GEO. CUTHBERT C. H. A.

Agreeable to the said resolve Joseph Clay and Philip Box Esqrs. attended the Board and qualified as Magistrates for the County of Chatham.

Tuesday 11th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wyly	Samuel Miller
Chesley Bostwick	John Fulton
John Lindsay	John Keebler.

His honor the Governor laid before the Board two letters received by the Polly Flag of Truce from Saint Augustine, one from Governor Tonyn, and the other from Captain Elphinston, and his answers to the same which were agreed to by the Board.

Thursday 15th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wyly	John Keebler
John Lindsay	John Fulton
David Lewis	Samuel Miller.

Two petitions of John Wereat Esq^r Continental Agent were laid before the Board, the one respecting the Brig Huschinbrook; and the other the Walenry Brig both taken by the Gallies in this state.

ORDERED. That they be referred to the House of Assembly.

ORDERED. That thursday next be the day appointed for making enquiry, and taking into consideration the matters referred to this Board by resolve of Congress between John Wereat Esq^r Continental Agent and Colo^s Elbert and White and that the parties have notice thereof.

ORDERED. That the Treasurers do pay to Samuel Miller Esq. Member of this Board £42. for his attendance in Council—Also John Keebler £134. for his attendance; And also, David Lewis £10. for his attendance.

Monday October 19th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Charles Kent

Chesley Bostwick

John Freeman

David Lewis.

A letter to His Excellency Governor Tonyn inclosing a list of persons mentioned in the Bill of Attainder and Confiscation; also a letter from the Governor to Thos. Forbes Esq^r Commissioner for the exchange of prisoners from Governor Tonyn, demanding Francis Crosby to be delivered up, he having deserted from the Service of this State, were laid before the Board and agreed to.

Thursday October 22nd 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wyly

John Lindsay

John Fulton

Chesley Bostwick.

David Lewis

Holman Freeman

Charles Kent

John Wreath Esq. and Colonels Elbert and White having attended agreeable to order of the . . . day of Oct. instant by their Counsel, the hearing of the matter was postponed by the consent of the parties till next Monday week.

RESOLVED. That it be recommended to the Honbl. House of Assembly to pass a vote authorizing and directing this Board to draw an order upon the Treasury for £5000. or upwards in favor of Will^m Downer Esquire to enable him to

Wednesday 27th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Charles Kent

John Lindsay

David Lewis

Chesley Bostwick

Holman Freeman

John Fulton.

The several pay-rolls of the Militia of the County of Chatham being delivered in

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ORDERED—That the same be referred to the Honbl. House of Assembly; and that they be requested to order immediate payment thereof, the men assigning their not being paid, as a reason for not doing duty when called upon; particularly in respect to the Town Patrol, lately ordered by this Board.

The following were sent up from the Honbl. House of Assembly.

GEORGIA.

House of Assembly, Oct. 24th 1778.

RESOLVED, That John Howard be appointed to purchase provisions in the County of Richmond; and that he receive a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, for that purpose and that he store the same in Augusta, Brownsboro and Wrightsborough as may be most convenient, or in such other place as his honor the Governor shall hereafter direct; and that he give security to be accountable for the same, to the Governor and Council.

RESOLVED—That William Downes be appointed to purchase provisions in the County of Wilkes, and that he receive a sum, not exceeding five thousand pounds, for that purpose; and that he give security to the Governor and Council, to be accountable for that sum; the said provision to be stored in such place or places as shall be most safe and convenient, or as the Governor and Council shall direct.

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GEORGE CUTHBERT C. G. A.

House of Assembly, October 26th 1778.

RESOLVED, That Richard Guinn, for the County of Chatham; John Wynn Senr. for the County of Liberty, Benjamin Lanier, for the County of Effingham, and Daniel M^cMurphy, for the County of Burke; be appointed to purchase provisions, to be

stored in such place or places as may be most convenient or safe; or as the Governor and Council shall direct, that they each receive a Sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, for that purpose; and give security to his honor the Governor, to be accountable for that sum.

RESOLVED—That Honor the Governor be requested to give such instructions to the persons appointed by this House of Assembly, to purchase and store up provisions in the different Counties as he shall think proper; and that in case of the death, resignation, neglect or refusal of any of the said persons to act His honor the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered to appoint other persons, to act in their room.

ORDERED That the persons appointed in each County to purchase provisions, do make return monthly to His honor the Governor, of the provisions they have purchased, and where they have stored the same; and also produce their vouchers to the Governor, or such other persons as shall be, by him appointed, of the expenditure of the public money, paid for the purchase of said provisions.

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GEORGE CUTHBERT C. G. A.

RESOLVED, That particular instructions be drawn up for each of the said Commissioners respectively to regulate their conduct the said business. that the fittest places for Magazines in each County be pointed out; and that proper security be taken from each of the said Commissioners for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in them pursuant to the said resolves of Assembly; and that Richard Wylly, Charles Kent, and Chesley Bostwick Esqrs. be a Committee to prepare and report fully to this Board on this business, who are also to see the said security given as aforesaid.

The Committee appointed to draw up instructions for the gov-

ernment of the persons nominated by the Honorable House of Assembly to purchase provisions for the use of the State, and to report on the other matters referred to therein respecting the said purchases; do report,

That in order to procure the different kinds of provisions which are wanted, on the most reasonable terms your Committee propose the following mode.

That the Commissioners for Chatham and Liberty Counties, do purchase the quantity of rice necessary for the different counties at such plantations as shall be most convenient for land or water carriage there to remain until wanted. That the Commissaries for Effingham, Burke, Richmond and Wilkes Counties, do purchase and Store as hereafter mentioned; pork, flour and contract for live cattle, corn and peas to be delivered when called for. Pork to be salted in the proper season, and stored as well as flour at the following places viz, at Ebenezer, Telfairs, Tenats, Lawsons Fort, New-Savannah, Colemans, Heard's & Dennises Forts, Augusta and Wrightsborough. Your Committee are further of opinion, that in order to prevent frauds and abuses, inspectors should be appointed in each County whose business shall be, to examine all provisions purchased, and report to His honor the Governor thereon, also to transmit to him monthly all vouchers received from the Commissaries. Your Committee beg leave also to report, that they have enquired the prices at which the following articles may be purchased, and to which they think the Commissaries should be limited.

Rice 15/. to 17/6^d per 100^w. Pork, we are informed the Continental Commissaries give from ——— ——— ——— ———

Flour 20 to 40 dollars per 100^{lbs}.

Steers from 2 to 3 years old not exceeding £25.

From three years and upwards not exceeding £30.

Corn ten shillings per bushel.

Peas, fifteen shillings per bushel.

Your Committee are further of opinion that the Commissaries be directed to purchase all such corn as may be brought into the Forts and places before mentioned at the expense of the proprietors, in preference to any others.

ORDERED—That a copy of the said instructions be delivered each of the said Commissaries by the Clerk of this Board at the time he shall receive draft on the Treasury for the money provided by Assembly for him.

RESOLVED. That the Inspectors of provision purchased by the Commissaries be as follows—For the County of Chatham Joseph Dunlap—for Liberty, John Kell—Effingham, Charles McKay; Burke, Devereux Jarret and Roger Lawson—Richmond, Isaac Low and Britain Dawson; Wilkes, Thomas Lee and Stephen Heard.

Tuesday November 3^d 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wyly
Chesley Bostwick
John Fulton

Charles Kent
John Lindsay
David Lewis.

ORDERED That Joseph Woodruff Esq. be appointed Commissary of prisoners for this State; and that it be recommended to the House of Assembly to provide a suitable salary for him.

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ORDERED—That the Treasurers do pay Samuel Sterk Esquire £167.10 being for the like sum advanced by him to purchase six barrels of flour for the late Flag of Truce from S^t Augustine to this State; that the province of East Florida be debited therewith, and that the Commissary of prisoners do keep an account of the same.

An Affidavit and certificate were laid before the Board by Thomas Lee relative to a caveat entered against him by John Dooly which had been heard twice before the President and Council, and given in his favour; and that the said John Dooly still keeps possession of the land and absolutely refuses to deliver the same up to him,

ORDERED—That the affidavit and certificate be transmitted to the Assistant Justices of the County of Wilkes, and that they or a majority of them do make a record of forcible detainer by the said John Dooly, and issue process to put the said Thomas Lee in possession of his land.

Wednesday, November 4th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Maxwell
Holman Freeman
John Fulton

Chesley Bostwick
John Lindsay
David Lewis.

In pursuance of a resolve of the Honbl. House of Assembly of this day,

It is Ordered, that the Commissaries appointed to buy up and store provisions in different parts of this State do follow the instructions already given them from this Board; and that the allowance of the said Commissaries for their trouble on articles not provided for, by the House, be as follows—Corn, three pence per bushel; Peas, four pence per do.

WHEREAS, in consequence of the late expedition, the alarming situation of matters in the back part of this state for some months past, many persons have been necessitated to let their warrants for lands lapse.

It is Therefore Ordered, That all such persons whose warrants are so lapsed, have three months from this day to pass or carry the same through the proper Offices; And the Surveyor General, and other Officers, are ordered to govern themselves accordingly.

Monday November 16th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton
Samuel Miller

Chesley Bostwick
John Lindsay

The following resolve was sent up from the House of Assembly,

GEORGIA.

House of Assembly, November 15th 1778.

RESOLVED, That the letter written by Oliver Bowen Esq. to

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His honor the Governor, dated the 13th instant, is a high contempt of the Executive authority of this State, and that His honor the Governor, be requested to suspend the said Oliver Bowen from a Command and employ within this State.

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GEORGE CUTHBERT C. G. A.

in pursuance of which resolve,

It is Ordered. That the said Oliver Bowen Esq. be and he is hereby suspended from a Command or employ within this State; And it is further ordered, that the said Oliver Bowen and the several Captains of the Gallies within this State, be served with a copy of this resolve, together with the above from the Honbl. the House of Assembly.

Wednesday November 19th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

R. Wylly

John Lindsay

John Fulton

The Governor laid before the Board several dispatches, which he had received from Congress, containing intelligence of the enemys intended embarkation at New York, and that it was apprehended they were destined against these Southern States.

RESOLVED—That at least one-third of the powder and lead now lying in Savannah, ought to be immediately sent up to Ebenezer and there lodged in the magazine.

ORDERED—That the artillery belonging to the State, be immediately put into the best condition, and if necessary, that new carriages be procured for the same; And that it be recommended to the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in Savannah to place a guard of as many men as he can well spare, in the battery below the Town.

RESOLVED. under the present alarming situation of matters, it is necessary that every exertion be used to man the Gallies; and that therefore, Captain Newdigate be directed to go immediately down to Charlestown and endeavour to recruit men; and that he return again with all possible speed—

And it Further Ordered. that Capt. Newdigate have a draft on the Pay-Master of the Gallies for £250. in Continental money; he to be accountable for the expenditure thereof; And that the Treasurers do enable the said Pay-Master to answer the said draft.

ORDERED—That James Thompson have leave to be absent from the State for six months; and Captain Young of the Artillery having also shewn that he had leave from his commanding officer to be absent for three months this Board agreed to the same.

ORDERED That the Treasurers do advance to Capt. Jas. McLean who hath for some time past acted as a Commissary in the County of Wilkes; and hath large amounts against the public, the sum of £3000. in part of his said demands; he to give bond with security to be accountable for the same in the settlement of his account.

Wednesday 25th November 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wyly
John Fulton

John Lindsay
Chesley Bostwick

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Chesley Bostwick Esq. the sum of sixty six pounds, the amount of his account for attendance in Council.

RESOLVED. Pursuant to a recommendation of Congress, of the 2^d of October last past, that the embargo on provisions, which by resolve of the 8th of June last was laid until the 15th instant, be continued in force, subject to such exceptions as are recommended by resolve of the 2^d September, till the last day of January next; or until such time as Congress shall give notice to the respective States, that insufficient supplies have been obtained for the operations of the army, and for the French Squadron.

And it is further ordered, that this resolve be duly published in the next Gazette; and that every Measure be taken for the due observance of such embargo, within this State.

Wednesday 2^d December 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

John Fulton
David Lewis

John Lindsay
Richard Wylly

RESOLVED, That James Whitfield be appointed Secretary of the State, until the next General Election of officers in the room of James Maxwell Esq. who hath resigned.

WHEREAS, by resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly of the 15th day of November last past, the Governor was requested to suspend Oliver Bowen Esq. from all command and employ within this State, which was accordingly done by order of Council of the 16th day of November last past.

AND WHEREAS, by another resolve of the said House of Assembly of the said 16th day of November the Governor was further requested to refer the said Oliver Bowen Esq^r to a proper tribunal for his trial; whereupon

It is Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that the only proper and competent tribunal, before which the said Oliver Bowen can be tried, under the peculiar circumstances in which he stands, is the Honorable House of Assembly of this State, by whom he was appointed, and to whom he is accountable agreeable to the 49th Section of the Constitution.

WHEREAS, it appears the Commissaries appointed by the last House of Assembly to purchase provision in the several Counties in this State, cannot procure pork and corn at the prices limited by this Board

It is Therefore Ordered. That the said Commissaries be allowed and permitted to go as far as £12. per hundred W^t for Pork, and 12/6 per bushel for corn if they cannot be had for less; and that the Commissary General of purchases of the Continental forces in this State be made acquainted with this order.

WHEREAS, by the late Militia law passed on the .. day of November last past it is directed that new elections for Officers of the militia be held throughout the State, within two months from the passing of the said law.

It is Therefore Ordered, the several Colonels, or other Commanding Officers of regiments within the several Counties, do cause such elections to be held at the usual places, within the time limited by the said law; and that due notice thereof be given by them before the holding of such elections.

And it is Further Ordered, that the Clerk of this Board do immediately furnish each of the said Colonels or other Commanding Officers as aforesaid with a copy of this order by express, if no safe opportunity shall otherwise offer, and also of the law as soon as the same can be procured from the Printer, at public charge.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to David Lewis forty eight pounds, being the amount of his account for his attendance in Council.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Adam Eurick Messenger to this Board, fifty pounds, being in part of his Salary.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Robert Gray, door-keeper to this Board fifty pounds, being in part of his Salary.

Friday 17th December 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Samuel Miller
John Lindsay

David Lewis.
John Keebler.

The Governor informed the Board, that he had upon the application of Mr. Galphin, Col. Rae and Col. M^cMurphy advanced to Mr. Belcher £1500. to enable him to supply some articles indispensably necessary for the Indians, well disposed towards us.

RESOLVED, that this Board do approve of the same as done by the Governor.

RESOLVED, upon application of a number of the inhabitants of Liberty County, that William Watson be appointed Sheriff of the said County until the next General Election in the room of Samuel Moncock deceased.

RESOLVED.—That it is expedient and necessary that the Honorable Major General Lincoln should be fully informed of the true situation of matters in this State, and how essentially requisite it is, that some vigorous and decisive measures should be taken for our defence against the incursions of our Southern neighbors. And it is impossible to make so full and clear a representation of matters by letter as will be necessary and proper; Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Lyman Hall and George Walton Esqrs., be requested to go immediately down to Charlestown to confer with and give in a true statement of things to the said Maj^r General Lincoln.

And it is Further Ordered, that in case the said Lyman Hail and George Walton will undertake this business, they shall be allowed their expenses.

WHEREAS, the Honbl. House of Assembly have left the fixing of salaries to the Officers of this Board, to the Board itself, therefore

RESOLVED, That the said salaries be as follow. To the Clerk, £600. To the Messenger, £300. To the Door keeper £300.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, that Philip Delegal, Esq. hath in a late instance, when a plundering party landed on the Island of Skidoway, acted in a manner highly improper, and which gives room to suspect him of not being well disposed to the State.

It is Therefore Ordered. That the said Philip Delegal do immediately appear before this Board to answer for his conduct to be dealt with according to law. And it is further ordered, that his honor, the Chief Justice, be informed of this matter: and that he do take the necessary steps for procuring proof and other ways dealing with the said Philip Delegal as he shall appear to deserve—

Monday, December 21st 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

John Lindsay

David Lewis

Samuel Miller

John Keebler.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to the Commanding Officer

of the Guard in company in Effingham County forty five pounds, five shillings and eight pence, being the amount of two pay-rolls for duty done by order of Colo. Treutler.

ORDERED, That the keeper of public salt in Savannah do deliver to Mr. Lucena, Executor of Peter Larien, two hundred and twenty bushels of salt, the same being in lieu of that quantity lent the public in Sunbury as appears by a certificate and other vouchers, produced by the said Mr. Lucena.

ORDERED, That the powder receiver in Savannah, do deliver to Mr. Sheffelle two hundred weight of gun-powder out of the Magazine, it appearing by affidavit of the said Chiffle that he lodged that quantity in said Magazine, in the lifetime of the former Powder-Recciver, and hath never since had the same returned.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Samuel Sterk, thirty four pounds, seven shillings and six pence, for countersigning of and filling up Militia Commissions.

Philip Delegal Esq' having attended the Board agreeable to order,

ORDERED. That this matter be adjourned for further consideration.

And the said Philip Delegal gave his parole not to depart Town without leave.

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Tuesday, December 22^d 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly

Samuel Miller

John Lindsay

Charles Kent

David Lewis

John Keebler.

The Governor informed the Board, that being applied to General Williamson for an advance of £5000. to Mr. George Whitefield to enable him to purchase and lay in provision for the use of the Carolina Militia; when they come over to the defence of this State; and that the Governor, not being able to convene a Council, had accordingly granted him the said advance

RESOLVED That the Board approve the same.

Upon the petition of Thomas Ross praying to be appointed Vendue-Master,

RESOLVED, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

December 23^d 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Samuel Miller

John Keebler.

John Lindsay

David Lewis

Edward Davies waited on the Board and qualified as Auditor General to this State.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Samuel Miller Esq. £343. 14. 1. the said sum being advanced by him to the Commissioners of trade for the town of Sunbury, and ordered to be paid out of the sum provided by the House of Assembly for carrying on their trade.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Adam Euick £11. 17. in full of his account for Candles, firewood &c. supplied the Board.

December 26th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly

John Lindsay

David Lewis

John Keebler.

WHEREAS, the Board did on the 17th day of December instant direct and order, that an election of Militia Officers, throughout the State under the late law should be held on such day (within two months from the passing of the said law) as the former Colonel or other Commanding Officer should appoint. And whereas, there hath been in the County of Chatham an election for Captains and Subalterns for the several Companies. And the election of Field Officers is directed to be held, by Colonel Walton on Thursday next. And whereas, under the present alarming situation of affairs, great inconveniences may arise in case an attack should be made before the Field Officers for the said County shall be elected in that the new elected Captains, and Subalterns, may, and do contend that the old Field Officers have no right to command them under their former Commissions

It is Therefore Resolved, That notwithstanding the said former order of Council, the election of Field-Officers for the said regiment of Chatham County, come on and be held on the present day

at three O'Clock in the afternoon by all such persons as have a right to vote at the same pursuant to the said law. And that notice thereof be immediately given by advertisement throughout the Town, it being apprehended no inconvenience can arise from so short a notice; as most, if not all, the Officers having a right to vote are now in Town; and great inconveniences may, in the present times happen from doubts or disputes arising upon the subject.

ORDERED, That the Hitchen brook under the Command of Capt. Pray, and the Sloop commanded by Capt. Hague be immediately taken into public service, and the Council approve of a plan and proposals to Capt. Pray, and a letter to Capt. Hague written by the Governor this morning on the subject.

The Town of Savannah being taken by the British Troops, on the twenty eighth of December put a final end to public business of a civil nature.

GEORGIA.

January 8th 1779.

The members chosen on the seventh of this instant by the Honorable House of Assembly, for a Council of this State, met at the House of Mathew Hobson in Augusta, and proceeded to the choice of a President. And adjourned till the meeting of the next Convention.

GEORGIA.

January 9th 1779.

Agreeable to resolve of Convention of the Representatives of the State of Georgia in Assembly met, which resolve is as follows viz,

RESOLVED. That the members chosen for a Council or a majority thereof, act as a Committee, empowered by this convention, to recommend every thing they may think expedient in the place

of a Council for this State, until the Convention meet again to cloath them with power to act as an Executive Council.

Agreeable to said resolve we proceeded as follows viz, that taking into consideration our present distressed situation, find that we are not able to defend ourselves without an immediate supply of cash, therefore have made a draft which will appear by copies of letters taken.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Chairman and Humphry Welles Esq^r wait on Mr. Wilson and Col^o Greirson to consult these Gent. about guarding their fort.

Mr. Chairman and Humphrey Wells Esquire made a report that they waited on the said Gentlemen, who cheerfully agreed to appropriate the use of their Forts for the good of the public and agreed that they might be immediately Garrisoned. It is therefore recommended to the Commanding Officer, to Garrison said Forts immediately; and also do his endeavor to have all the Canon collected together; and what is not in immediate action to be secured in some Fort. Also, it is further recommended that the Commanding Officer give orders to the Commissary to supply those of the Militia, on duty that have horses, with provender until a Quarter Master be appointed for said purpose.

It is recommended to the Commanding Officer of the Town of Augusta, that he take particular notice of all those persons that have moved their property and do not return to defend this State in her present distress; and make a proper return of them to this Committee so that they may know how to distinguish between the brave and cowardly, in order that they may be dealt with, at a future day according to their merit.

ORDERED That Major Martin be summoned to answer for his past conduct.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow morning ten O'Clock.

Sunday January 10th 1779.

The Committee met according to adjournment, and proceeded to take into consideration an Express received from Col^o M^o Murphy of Burke County; which Express is as follows.

Burke County Court House 9th Jan^y 1779.

D^r Sir,

Col^o Pugh, agreeable to the orders of your honorable House of Assembly, ordered a general Muster; few has as yet met, I believe owing to a meeting ordered by the enemies of the United States for we are told that one Scruggs, brought up a proclamation from Col^o Campbell, Commander of the Kings Troops, and there was yesterday upwards of two hundred of that party met, and they have agreed for to send the proclamation privately through the Country for to have the contents agreed to. And Col^o John Thomas and some others is actually gone to the Kings Troops as we suppose for to solicit their protection. For God's sake send us immediate assistance, least the friends to the State fall a sacrifice to the vengeance of the diabolical enemy. I believe we could raise a majority in our favour could we have assistance immediately. I had a talk with some of the head men from the Creek-Nation which is more favorable than you have heard, excuse me not sending you a copy as I am all confusion and am D^r Sir

Your most ob^t & Most humb^l Ser^t.

DAN^l M^o MURPHY

The above approved of by us

JOHN FULTON
FRANCIS PUGH
HENRY JONES
WILLIAM BARRON

And maturely considering the said Express, it is recommended that the Commanding Officer raise all the Militia he can and after leaving proper guards, in the Forts before mentioned repair with the remainder of the Troops and some Cannon to join our good friends in Burke County and there consult the Officers of that County where it may be most expedient to raise a standing Camp for their safety, and then proceed against our enemies and the disaffected people of this, and the United States, as they may think most expedient; and that Col^o M^c Murphy be requested to act as Commissary to provide all necessary provisions for the militia after they are embodied in that County, as he has heretofore had money lodged in his hands for the use of this State— It is recommended to the commanding Officer to hire a horse to carry the express to Col^o M^c Murphy, and if one cant be hired, that there should be one pressed with all expedition.

WHEREAS, Mr. Bonner Commissary has made information that there is a great need of salt for the use of the public, and that a certain Benjamin Bowers has a quantity lodged at Mr. Hicks which he has offered to sell him. We therefore, recommend that Mr. Bonner take as much of the said salt as may be wanting for our present necessity, and make a just return thereof.

Mr. George Philips is employed to go with the above mentioned express to Col^o M^c Murphy under promise from this Committee that he shall be well compensated in future.

Major Martin appeared according to summons and gave such excuse as made full satisfaction for his not appearing at a certain alarm that was fired the other night.

It is recommended that the commanding Officer appoint a Quarter Master, and that if they cannot hire waggons, and horses they press for the present expedition.

The Committee then adjourned till ten O'Clock to-morrow—

Monday 11th January 1779.

Met according to adjournment

It is recommended that all the Militia Officers act until the new election take place, specified by a late Militia Law.

It is recommended to the Commanding Officer to take a Surgeon; and that Humphry Wells Jun^r be employed on this occasion, if it be agreeable to him, and take medicines with him; and bring in his charge at a future day.

Wrote a letter to General Lincoln and took a Copy.

Just received intelligence by the person appointed by the Chairman agreeable to order of the late convention which is transmitted to writing and delivered to Mr. Chairman.

The Committee adjourned till 10 O'Clock to-morrow.

Tuesday 12th January 1779.

The Committee met according to adjournment; and adjourned till 11 O'Clock to-morrow

Wednesday 13th January.

The Committee met according to adjournment. And received a letter from Col^o Ingram, wrote an answer and took a copy. And adjourned till 10 O'Clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday 14th January.

The Committee met according to adjournment Took into consideration a lttter received from Col^o Ingram last night, part of which was a request for some Continental money. The Committee considered that he could not well do without, borrowed one thousand dollars of Col^o Marbury to whom they made themselves liable in behalf of the Public, that it shall be paid in one month or sooner, if public money should come into their hands; which was sent to Col^o Ingram as will appear by a receipt given by his Express for said sum of money. Also sent Col^o Ingram a letter and took a Copy, in answer to his letter we received last night by his Express.

The Committee adjourned till 11 O'Clock to-morrow morning.

Friday January 15th

The Committee met according to adjournment.

Sundry persons to the number of twenty eight going to our Camp in Burke County applying for ammunition,

ORDERED, That they be supplied with one quarter of a pound of powder and half a pound of lead each.

It being represented that the Fort, containing our ammunition, was not sufficiently guarded,

ORDERED, That the guard be reinforced.

The Committee then adjourned till 10. O'Clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday 16th January 1779.

The Committee met agreeable to adjournment.

Taking into consideration an Express from Col^o Ingram, wrote him an answer and took a copy. In consequence of which it was agreed to meet to-morrow and send an Express to Genl. Lincoln.

The Committee then adjourned till 9 O'Clock to-morrow.

Sunday January 17.

The Committee met according to adjournment.

Wrote a letter to General Lincoln, took a Copy and enclosed him some copies of our Military proceedings sent us by Col^o Ingram,

The Committee then adjourned till 9 O'Clock to-morrow.

Monday January 18.

The Committee met according to adjournment.

And adjourned till 12. O'Clock to-morrow.

Tuesday January 19.

The Committee met agreeable to adjournment And received by the return of the Express which was sent to General Lincoln and

others, for Money, by the hands of Edmund Bugg; And received four thousand Continental dollars sent by John Houston Esquire.

January 21st 1779. The Members chosen for the Executive Council met according to adjournment, and closing the poll of said election, it appeared that William Glascock Esquire was chosen President, who was then qualified by the Speaker, and proceeded with the Council to business—

Friday January 22nd The Council Met, and paid Abram Spears two hundred and seven Continental dollars which they had contracted with him, for riding an Express; Also paid Col^o Marbury one thousand dollars, that they borrowed for the use of Col^o Ingram.

Sunday January 24th The Council met, and agreeable to a resolve of the honorable House of Assembly dated January 23rd we have purchased one hundred and thirty seven bushels and a half of Salt, for which, we paid three thousand and twenty five Continental dollars, two hundred and thirty two of which was borrowed from John Walton Esq.

The Council then appointed John Wilkinson to be their Clerk. And Daniel Danielly to be Messenger.

January 26th The Council met,— A return being made from the County of Wilkes for Officers elected for said County Viz,

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John Dooly, Colonel; Elijah Clark, Lieutenant Colonel; and Berwell Smith Major; Commissions were accordingly made out and delivered.

January 27th The Council met.

Inclosed, in a letter to Cap^t Barnet (copy taken) the copy of the resolve of the late House of Assembly, requesting him to draft his Militia.

January 28th The Council met.

WHEREAS, this State is at this time, in the utmost distress for cash to answer sundry purposes, and Daniel Wallcon informing this Board that he is in debt to the public, paid three hundred and seventeen pounds, ten shillings Sterling, under a promise that it should be good for so much against his bond, he has given to the public.

January 29th The Council met.

ORDERED, That Col^o Rae be requested to move all the Cannon from Mr. Wilsons Fort, the small, to his own Fort, and the large, to Col^o Hammonds; likewise all the ammunition in the Magazine at said Mr. Wilsons Fort, to his own.

WHEREAS, this State is at this time in the utmost distress for cash to answer sundry purposes, and Daniel Wallicon informing this Board that he is in debt to the public; paid five hundred and twenty pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence sterling, under a

promise that it shall be good for so much against his bond, he has given to the public.

March 28. Agreeable to an order of Council formerly made for paying Mr. Asa Emanuel, for riding an Express from Augusta to General Lincoln, and paid him the sum of fifty pounds sterling and took his receipt for the same.

Thursday June 17. The Council met, and took into consideration General Lincolns recommendation to the inhabitants of the State of Georgia, and recommended to Col^o Dooly to put it in execution.

Wednesday June 23rd The Council met.

Made out a Commission for John Twigg Esq. for Col^o of Burke County, bearing date the 26th day of January last past.

A return being made from the County of Richmond and Augusta District, for Field Officers elected for the lower battalion viz George Wells, Colonel; George Wyche Lieutenant Colonel. & Daniel Wallicon, Major; Commissions were made out & delivered, bearing date the fifteenth day of June 1779.

Friday June 25. The Council met,

Made out instructions and orders for Col^o Dooly, for this expedition.



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Saturday June 26th The Council Met.

It is recommended by this Council to Col^o Dooly, as soon as he can have an opportunity, to order Col^o Baker, with all his men under his Command to join him.

It is also, recommended, that all prizes taken by the Militia now acting in this State, under the command of the said Col^o Dooly, should be disposed of as recommended by His Excellency General Lincoln; and that all share alike in all prizes taken by any part or parties of the present detachment: provided nevertheless, that if any effects be taken wherein there may be a probability that such effects does not belong to the person or persons which they are taken from, at the time of taking them, that they shall not be disposed of till they are ten days published or advertised in Main Camp, so that if they should belong to a friend of the States; they may have an opportunity of getting their property on paying one sixth part of the value thereof. And it is our opinion that Col^o Baker as well as all other forces now in arms in this State is, and has been under the Command of Col^o Dooly ever since his appointment of Col^o Commandant.

Issued orders for one Delegate to be chosen to represent us in Congress, as per copy taken.

Monday June 28. The Council met.

Made out a proclamation for property taken in this State by individuals, to bring and deliver the same to Peter Parriss in Augusta, who is appointed to receive it, and take care of it till further orders; As per Copy taken.

John Graham and Thomas Carter, Gentlemen from the County of Wilkes, attended and was qualified as Magistrates for the said County.

Tuesday June 29. The Council met.

George Walton and Dionisious Oliver, Gentlemen from the County of Wilkes, attended and was qualified as Magistrates for the said County.

Thursday July 1st The Council met.

Took into consideration a letter from Col^o Dooly, and the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at Butlers Creek on the 30th day of June last, enquiring into the conduct of Col^o George Wells: and maturely considering the matter, it appears by the first article, Section 17th of the Continental Articles of war; also by the express words of the late Militia Act of this State, which refers to the continental articles of war for the rule of conduct to govern the militia by, when on duty: that that matter does in no wise come before this Board.

ORDERED, That George Walton, Thomas Carter, John Graham & Dionisious Oliver, Gent. or any two of them do superintend an election to be held at or near Spirit Creek, on the Second July, for the choice of one Delegate to represent this State in Congress, agreeable to an order heretofore made, and make a return thereof.

Made out and delivered a Captains Commission for Moody Burt, bearing date the twenty sixth day of January last, for the Augusta upper Company.

Sunday July 4th The Council met and made out a Lieutenant Colonels Commission for William Few Esq. of the upper regiment, in Richmond County.

Saturday July 10. The Council met and wrote a letter to the Honorable the President of the Continental Congress, informing him of our present State; likewise another to Genl. Lincoln as per copies taken.)

STATE OF GEORGIA }
RICHMOND COUNTY }

WHEREAS, from the invasion of the British forces in this State, great evils have arisen, and still exist to disturb the civil government of the said State, and which, in a great measure, have prevented the Constitution of the land, from being carried into such full effect as to answer the purposes of government therein pointed out. And Whereas, it becomes incumbent and indispensably necessary at this juncture to adopt such temporary mode as may be most conducive to the welfare, happiness and security of the rights and privileges of the good people of the said State, and the maintenance and existence of legal and effective authority in the same, as far as the exigence of affairs require; until a time of less disquiet shall happen and the Constitution take its regular course,—To the end therefore, that government may prevail and be acknowledged, to prevent as far as may be, anarchy and confusion from continuing among us, and fully to support the laws of the land derived under the Constitution thereof,

We therefore, the Representatives of the people of the Counties of Wilkes, Richmond, Burke, Effingham, Chatham, Liberty, Glynn and Camden and other free men of the State, having convened and met in the County of Richmond, in the State aforesaid, for the purposes of considering the present disturbed situation of this State; and for applying as far as in our power some remedy thereto, and having maturely and seriously considered the same, do recommend that the following persons be appointed by the good people of this State to exercise the supreme authority thereof, who shall before they enter on the execution of their Office

take the following Oath, vz. I, A. B. elected one of the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Georgia, do solemnly swear, that I will during the term of my appointment to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office faithfully and conscientiously without favor, affection or partiality; that I will to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend the State of Georgia, and use my utmost endeavours to support the people thereof, in the secure enjoyment of their just rights, and privileges; and that I will to the best of my judgement execute justice in mercy in all judgements— So help me God.

And we and each of us, on our parts, as free citizens of the State of Georgia aforesaid: do for ourselves nominate, authorize empower and require you, John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Humphry Wells, William Few, John Dooly, Seth John Cuthbert, William Gibbons Sen^r and Myrick Davies Esquires, or a majority of you to act as the Executive or Supreme Council of this State and to execute from Tuesday the twenty seventh instant to the first Tuesday in January next, unless sooner revoked by a majority of the freemen of this State; every such power as you the said John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Humphry Wells, William Few, John Dooly, Seth John Cuthbert, William Gibbons Sen^r and Myrick Davies Esquires or a majority of you shall deem necessary for the safety and defence of the State and the good citizens thereof; taking care in all your proceedings to keep as near the spirit and meaning of the Constitution of the said State as may be. And you the said John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Humphry Wells, William Few, John Dooly, Seth John Cuthbert, William Gibbons sen. and Myrick Davies Esquires or a Majority of you, hereby have full power and authority, and are authorized, empowered and required, to elect fit and discreet persons to represent this State in Congress; and to instruct the Delegates so chosen, in such matters and things as will tend to the interest of this State in particular, and the United States of America in general: the

said delegates taking care from time to time to transmit to you the said Council or other authority of the state, for the time being, an account of their proceedings in Congress aforesaid; to regulate the public Treasury of the said State; to borrow or otherwise negotiate loans for the public safety; to regulate the militia, and appoint an Officer, if necessary, to Command; to appoint, suspend and discharge all civil officers if it shall be found expedient; to demand an account of all expenditures of public money; and to regulate the same, and when necessary, order payments of money; to adopt some mode respecting the current money of this State and for sinking the same; to direct and commissionate the Chief Justice of the State or Assistant Justices, or other Justices of the peace and other officers of each County, to convene Courts for the trial of offences cognizable by the laws of the land, in such place or places as you shall think fit, always taking care that trial by Jury be preserved inviolate, and that the proceedings had before such Courts be in a summary way, so that offenders be brought to a speedy trial and justice be amply done, as well to the State as to the individuals. You, or a majority of you, the said Council have full power and hereby are requested on conviction of Offenders to order punishment to be inflicted extending to death; And when objects deserving Mercy shall be made known to you, to extend that mercy and pardon the offence; Remit all fines, Mitigate corporal punishments, as the case may be, and as to you, or a Majority of you shall seem fit and necessary. And you the said Council or a majority of you at all times and places when and where you shall think fit, have hereby full power and competent authority to meet, appoint your own President; settle your own rules; set, consult, deliberate, advise, direct and carry into execution, all and every act, special and general, hereby delegated to you, and all and every such other acts, measures and things as you or a Majority of you shall find expedient and necessary for the Welfare, safety and happiness of the free-men of this State.

And in case any of the persons herein appointed to exercise the supreme authority as aforesaid, shall refuse to act, die, or depart this State, or shall by any other means be prevented from exercising the same, then, and in such case, you, the said Council hereby chosen, or a majority of you shall, and you are hereby authorized, empowered and required to fill up such vacancies by choosing other fit and discreet person or persons to act in his or their room and stead, which person or persons so chosen is or are hereby invested with every power and authority in as full and ample a manner as if they had been appointed by this present instrument in writing.

And we do hereby declare all officers, civil and military, and all persons inhabitants of this State, subject to and amenable to your authority; and will ratify and confirm whatever you may do for, or concerning the public weal, according to the best of your judgement, knowledge and ability; And further we do hereby promise you our support, protection and countenance.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this twenty fourth day of July in the year of Our Lord 1779.

Augusta, Saturday 24th July 1779.

The Supreme Executive Council this day appointed by the Representatives of the people, and consisting of the following persons, viz, John Wereat, Humphry Wells, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Myrick Davis, John Dooly, William Gibbons, William Few, and Seth John Cuthbert Esquires met at the house of M^r John Wilson at four O'Clock in the afternoon, all the members being present, except Mr. Wereat.

Motion was made and seconded that John Wereat Esquire be appointed President of the Board, but this being objected to

by some of the members, by reason of Mr. Wereats absence, and the uncertainty on this account, of his accepting the appointment, the motion was waved for the present and another substituted that Seth John Cuthbert Esquire be appointed President pro tempore; which was unanimously agreed to, and he took his seat accordingly.

On Motion, the Board was adjourned to Tuesday the 3^d of August next.

Tuesday 3^d August 1779.

The Supreme Executive Council met at the Church, according to adjournment.

Present

Seth John Cuthbert, President pro. tem.

William Gibbens

Humphry Wells

John Wereat

Myrick Davies

It appearing to the Board that several matters of the greatest importance are necessary to be taken into the most serious consideration, and which require the deliberations of a full Board, and that the present members being but a mere majority and consequently but just eligible to proceed to business; it was unanimously agreed to adjourn to Thursday next at 10. O'Clock in the morning, and the Board was adjourned accordingly.

Thursday 5th August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment but there not being a sufficient number of Members to make a Board, they adjourned to to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday, August 6th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present, Seth John Cuthbert

John Wereate

William Gibbons Sen^r

John Dooly

William Few

Humphry Wells Esq^r

A return being made by Colo. Dooly, of the Free Citizens from Wilkes County, Who signed the delegation of the late House of Assembly from that County. It appeared that there were three hundred and three, who signed the same.

Motion being made for choosing a President. When Mr. Wereat being unanimously chosen President of the Supreme Executive Council; having first taken the oath prescribed in the delegation took his seat accordingly.

The other Members of the Supreme Executive Council being present, having likewise taken the oath as prescribed in the delegation took their seats at the Board accordingly.

Motion was made that the Clerk of the Council do take the following oath, of Office, which was unanimously agreed to, and it was administered accordingly viz, I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will execute the office of Clerk of the Supreme Executive

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Council of the State of Georgia, faithfully and conscientiously to the best of my skill and judgement; and that I will neither directly or indirectly divulge or make known to any person whatsoever, not being a member of the Council, the secrets of the said Council.

Motion was made that those offenders, now in custody, be brought to trial.

ORDERED, That a Court be held in the County of Wilkes at Jacob M'Lendons in said County, on monday the 16th instant (August) for the trial of offences cognizable by the laws of this State.

ORDERED, That a Court be held in the County of Richmond, at Augusta, on Monday the 23^d instant (Aug^t) for the trial of offenders.

ORDERED, That a copy of the foregoing order be served, by the Clerk, on the Assistant Judges of said Counties, and that they be requested to transmit the same to the respective Sheriffs ordering them to summon a Jury agreeable to the laws of the State.

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock this afternoon.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Mrs. Gresham having made application to go to Savannah to remain there with her husband, it is the opinion of this Board that her request be granted at such time as the Commanding Officer may think expedient.

WHEREAS, some jealousies, natural to a people tenacious of their liberties, have arisen among some of the citizens of this State respecting the powers of this Board, and whereas, it be-

hooves the rulers of a free Country, at all times to take every step in their power to give all reasonable satisfaction to the inhabitants thereof, and to put a stop to such jealousies and complaints as may take place. And whereas, the citizens of this State above mentioned conceive, by virtue of the delegation which authorizes this Board to proceed on the Executive Department of Government, they have power to act in the Judicial and Legislative Departments—We do hereby declare and make known to all whom it may concern, that we are not invested with any such Judicial or Legislative powers; And that it never was, nor ever will be our intention to assume to ourselves any such powers by virtue of the above mentioned delegation, and that we neither mean to contravene or destroy the Constitution of the State, which, we think must have due operation whenever a time of less disquiet will admit of its being adequate to the exigencies of Government.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Saturday, August 7th 1779.

The Council met agreeable to adjournment

Present

Honorable John Weresat Esq^r President

Seth John Cuthbert,

William Gibbons Sen^r

Humphry Wells

William Few.

John Dooly Esquires.

WHEREAS, many of the good citizens of this State whilst in arms defending their just rights and privileges have captured and taken from the enemy, property, which by the laws of arms and Nations is lawful prize. And whereas, many ungovernable and

disorderly persons taking advantage of the distresses of their County, in open violation of law and justice have, by force of arms, and other ways plundered and taken the property of many of the inhabitants of this State under various and illegal pretences to the great injury of this State and good subjects thereof. In order therefore, to discriminate the honest citizen from the plunderer, and that equal justice may be done to all,

ORDERED. That all persons whatsoever in whose possession any of the property taken as aforesaid now may be, do within one month from this date render in an account of all such property and by whom taken, to Charles Crawford and David Robertson of Richmond County with the eldest Militia Officer of said County, for the time being, or either of them; and George Walton and Dionisius Oliver of Wilkes County with the eldest Militia officer of said County, for the time being, or either of them; who are hereby appointed Commissioners of claims, and required to set at some convenient place at least once a month, and give notice thereof in their respective Counties, that claimants may know when and where to apply for redress. And the said Commissioners are further required to deliver up to the owners, being friends to the Country, of which the said Commissioners are to be judges, whatever property may appear to them, to be the just right of the said claimants. And whatever property may appear to them to belong to the enemies of the State, they are to keep in their possession, and to report regularly to this Board, an account of their proceedings specifying the property restored or sequestered as above, with the names of all those persons who may prove refractory on the subject, and would endeavour to secrete or detain by violence or any other means, any such property, in order that the contumacious may be punished according to the laws of the land.

Having received information that George Wells has in his possession, a petition of a number of the inhabitants of the lower district in the County of Richmond, which petition was referred to this Board

ORDERED—That the Clerk call upon the said George Wells and demand that he deliver up the same.

WHEREAS, sundry circumstances have occurred to render the holding of the Courts in the Counties of Richmond and Wilkes highly inconvenient and improper at so early a period as was made in the orders of yesterday,

ORDERED therefore, that the Court be held in the County of Wilkes on Monday the 23^d instant; and in the County of Richmond on Monday the 30th instant, and that the Clerk give due notification thereof to those whom it may concern.

On Motion, The Board was adjourned to 3 O'Clock on Thursday next.

Thursday August 12th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned to Friday 9 O'Clock.

Friday August 13th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present

Hon. John Weresat Esq^r President

Seth John Cuthbert

William Gibbons

Joseph Habersham

Humphry Wells

William Few

Myrick Davies.

The two last Gentlemen being duly qualified took their seats.

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Daniel Danielly was appointed Messenger, he being allowed twelve dollars a day while on duty for the Council.

RESOLVED—That a Committee of three members be appointed to contract for, and superintend the building of a guard house in Augusta; and that they confer with General M^cIntosh on the subject.

ORDERED—That Doctor Wells, Mr. Davies and Mr. Cuthbert be that committee.

RESOLVED That a Committee of two Members be appointed to write to the Treasurers of this State requiring their immediate attendance on this Board.

ORDERED—That the President and Mr. Habersham be that Committee.

Adjourned to 4 O'Clock this afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to write to the Treasurers, made their report, which was agreed to, and is as follows,

SIR, The inhabitants of this State finding it impossible to convene the House of Assembly, proceeded to the election of a Council to whom they have delegated full powers to proceed on the Executive Department of Government, to appoint Delegates to represent the State in Congress; to call for, and settle the public accounts, advance money for public services &C.

You are required to repair to this place, and bring with you, your accounts and the public money that was in your hands at the time you left Savannah, on or before the first day of September next; and to observe such directions as you shall

receive from this Board, till the next meeting of the House of Assembly.

RESOLVED—That a letter be wrote to Colo. Marbury requesting him, to bring Nehemiah Wade Esq. one of the Treasurers of this State, with his books and papers, before this Board, which letter is as follows.

SIR,

The Council requests that you will convey the letter herewith delivered you, to Nehemiah Wade Esquire one of the Treasurers of this State, and require him to proceed to this place immediately, with his books, papers and the public money that was in his hands at the time he left Savannah.—If he refuses to pay obedience to the order sent him, you will please to apply to the civil authority of the State of North Carolina to have him apprehended and bring him under a guard.

Adjourned to to-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

Saturday 14th August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present

Hon. John Wreath Esq: President

Seth John Cuthbert

John Dooly

William Few

Myrick Davies.

Humphry Wells

Joseph Habersham

William Gibbons

Complaint being made to the Board, by William Stubly Shirley that he has been plundered of a considerable part of his property, by persons now inhabitants of the State of South Carolina.

and forcibly detained by them in that State. The Board having taken the matter under consideration gave him the following recommendation to the Magistrates of South Carolina.

Complaint being made, to us by the bearer, William Stubly Shirley who is an inhabitant of this State, that he has been plundered of a considerable part of his property by persons, now inhabitants of South Carolina, and which property is forcibly detained from him; We do earnestly recommend to the Justices and other persons in civil authority of South Carolina to assist the said William Stubly Shirley in the recovery of whatever property he make appear to be his and detained as above.

ORDERED, That Colo. Few and Mr. Gibbons be a Committee to confer with General M^oIntosh respecting the movement of the lower battalion of Richmond County and request the General to order them towards the Western frontier, as in the opinion of the Board the regular forces sent down to join Colo. Twiggs will be more than sufficient to cope with the enemy in the neighborhood of briar-creek. And from information upon oath, there is every reason to believe that the Western frontier is in the greatest danger of being invaded by the Savages; and to acquaint the General that this Board do not consider George Welis to be the Commanding Officer of the lower battalion, and request that he will issue his orders to the Lieutenant Colonel or Major until a Colonel shall be legally chosen.

WHEREAS, it may be absolutely necessary to order the Militia on duty during the recess of this Board, and perhaps at a time when it may not be in the power of the Members to make a Board; and unless the President is invested with sufficient power and authority to answer such necessary purposes, great inconveniences and prejudices may arise to this State.

RESOLVED—That the President is hereby invested with authority during the recess of this Board, to order out any-number

of Militia at such time and place as he may think necessary and expedient for the welfare and safety of the State.

ORDERED—That the lower battalion of Militia in the County of Richmond, be immediately embodied and that they do join Colo. Few, to proceed to the Western frontier.

RESOLVED, that this Board will particularly interest themselves with Congress, General Lincoln and the State of South Carolina, to put the Militia of this State upon the same footing with respect to their pay for past services as the militia of South Carolina have been, since the pay of the Militia of that State has been augmented, and that for the future, they shall be in every respect on the same footing that the Carolina Militia at present are.

ORDERED, That the President, Mr. Habersham, Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Gibbons be a committee to write letters to the Legislature of South Carolina, General Lincoln and Congress.

The Council adjourned to Monday next 10 O'Clock.

Monday, August 16th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wreath Esq^r President

Seth John Cuthbert

William Gibbons

Humphry Wells

Joseph Habersham

Myrick Davies.

A return being made by Humphry Wells Esq^r of the free citizens from Richmond County, who signed the delegation of the late House of Assembly, it appeared that there were one hundred and sixty two who signed the same.

The Committee appointed to write letters to the Legislature of South Carolina, General Lincoln and Congress.

Report that they have finished a letter to General Lincoln, and require further time.

ORDERED—That they be allowed a further time and report to the next meeting of the Board.

The Board taking under consideration the letter to General Lincoln, agreed to it after some amendinents—which is as follows.

Augusta in Georgia, 18th August 1779.

SIR,

After several fruitless attempts to establish a Government in this State, agreeable to the Constitution thereof, a number of the Members of our Assembly met at this place on the 24th ultimo. but finding themselves inadequate to proceed to business as a House of Assembly, they elected nine persons as a Supreme Executive Council, and delegated to them competent power and authority to act as such. This measure they did not conceive they had sufficient power to establish; but recommended it to the inhabitants of the State, and it has been adopted by a very large majority of them.—

The choice having fallen upon John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Humphry Wells, John Dooly, William Gibbons, Myrck Davies, Joseph Habersham, William Few and Seth John Cuthbert: we beg leave to offer you our sentiments on such matters as may immediately occur to us on the subject of the public distresses of our Country. A considerable part of the State having been in the immediate possession of the enemy ever since its invasion by them, those Counties which have held out against them, have been constantly subject to their incursions and depredations, and of course, the few Militia thereof much harassed with duty; but their spirits have been kept up with the idea of support from the Continent and our Sister State, otherwise we



apprehend a total evacuation would long since have taken place by those who have firmness enough to sacrifice every thing to the cause of America; whilst the wavering would have joined the enemy and assisted them in their operations against Carolina.

The arrival of the advance of General Scots army under Colo. Parker and Major Jamison, at a very critical juncture has had the most salutary effect that could be expected; for it has infused new spirits into the Militia who are now all cheerfully under arms to oppose the concerted invasions of the Enemies Irregulars and Indians, who are at this time making different inroads upon us. Genl. McIntosh has sent out a part of the Continental Troops to support our Militia, and we hope that for the present we shall be able to repel the enemy, and to keep them from reaping any considerable advantages from the attempts of small parties; but we presume, Sir, that we need not endeavor to impress your mind with an idea of the feeble resistance we should be able to make, to any serious attempt of the enemy to subjugate the upper parts of the State even with the assistance that General McIntosh can at this time afford us. We believe that it is generally allowed, that unless the enemy are considerably reinforced, they will not make another attempt upon Charleston; and from a variety of circumstances we are lead to hope that they will not receive such reinforcements. Should this be case, there can scarce remain a doubt but that they will aim at a total subducion of Georgia, this fall; for we cannot in reason, suppose that they will keep a considerable body of Troops immured in Savannah, whilst the back Country, so necessary to their quiet and subsistance, as well as to their future designs, remains unconquered. The large quantities of grain, made in the vicinity of this place, and the numerous herds of cattle through all the upper parts of the Country, must be very considerable objects with them; particularly as we know, that they cannot, even now, get sufficient supplies of cattle without coming upwards, and then fighting for them—The frequent skirmishes

of our Militia, with their Irregulars who are employed as drovers, evinces the truth of this observation; and should they gain the upper parts of this State we are bold to assert that Carolina would be in a very dangerous situation—The great defection of the upper parts of that Country is well known, a circumstance on which the enemy found the most sanguine hopes; and we have every reason to believe that they continually receive encouragement from these people, to invade the back Country, nor could the enemy wish for a more favourable situation to be joined by them, than that by Augusta, or any where above it, where the river is shallow and the swamps all passable—

Add to the circumstances already mentioned, which might induce the enemy to progress upwards in force, that of having no obstruction to their intercourse with the Indians is a very capital one, and which will immediately be the case, should they effect an entire conquest of this country; and unless they should do this, their intercourse will be very precarious and uncertain; And we shall always have it in our power to give the most considerable interruption to it. We think this point worth paying the most particular attention to, as we are informed that Indian goods are now imported at Savannah, and that the Creek Indians have had no late supply from the Florida's. Should the trade from this Country with the Indians be once open and uninterrupted the enemy will find not the least difficulty, whenever they have a mind, in bringing the Savages upon the frontiers of Carolina—

Besides our apprehensions on the above heads, we are fearful, that in case the British Troops should move up this way, the greatest part of the inhabitants, worn out with fruitless opposition, and actuated by the fear of losing their all, would make terms for themselves; and as the human mind is too apt to be lead by a natural gradation from one step of infamy to another, we have not the least doubt of their joining the enemy against their Countrymen in any other State. But even should the

British Commander not bend his force this way, a great many families, harrass'd and unsupported would remove far Northwardly (for which, they are already thinking of preparing.) And this dangerous migration, nothing but the appearance of support can prevent.

With minds forcibly impressed by the operation of such powerful reasons, we beg leave, Sir, to solicit you in the most serious manner to order General Scott who, we understand, is on his march Southwardly with the rest of his Troops, immediately to this place. We cannot think that the lower parts of Carolina will be endangered by such an order; for we may reasonably presume that the enemy will never penetrate far into that part of the Country while a respectful force remains in their rear, which would be the case if General Scott and his Troops were in Georgia.

The expences incurred by the Militia in the Quarter-Master Generals Department in this State, since the invasion of it, are at present on a very disagreeable footing; individuals are distressed for monies due them by the public; whilst they know not who to apply to for redress. The persons who have had the management of these matters have not been so regular as could be wished in their proceedings, on which account Colo. Wylly thinks he is justifiable in not settling them unless he has particular orders to that purport.

We therefore request that you will direct him to assimilate them as nearly as may be, to the Continental Charges and expences, and to discharge them. The accounts of the late Expedition of Colo. Dooly down the Country, by your orders, are in the same predicament, and equally want settling.

We are particularly struck with the necessity of a measure which we are much at a loss to put in execution—This is the augmentation of the pay of our Militia—it is exceedingly hard on, and discouraging to them, to know that the militia of Caro-

lina receive thirty dollars per month while they get but six, which is so perfect a trifle that they scarcely think it worth receiving. We think, considering the very particular situation of the Country, that they ought to receive this pay, and that it ought to be a Continental expence, and make no doubt but that Congress will see into the expediency of the Measure, and acquiesce accordingly in it, but we have been, unhapily, a long time without a representation in that body; and although we think we are invested with sufficient authority to do this matter, yet the low state of our finances puts it out of our power. We would willingly negotiate a loan in behalf of the State if we knew how to obtain it, until delegates, whom we mean to elect, and send off immediately, could arrive at Philadelphia, when it should be repaid in case that Congress should not make it a Continental expence.

We flatter ourselves that you will see fully into the necessity of this step and that you will back our applications to Congress on the subject; and in the meantime request, that you will give us all the advice and assistance in the matter that may lie in your power. At the same time, that we gratefully acknowledge the attention which you have already paid us, we cannot, from a most serious view of our truly alarming situation, refrain from repeating our solicitations with respect to General Scott; and trust that your own good judgment will sufficiently enforce the arguments we have offered, and your impartiality and philanthropy lead you to do every thing in your power, at least to preserve, the remainder of one of the links of the American Chain.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday August 17th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President,

Seth John Cuthbert

Jos. Habersham

William Gibbons

Myrick Davies.

Humphry Wells.

On application from General M^cIntosh & Doctor Houston D. Y. Surgeon General of the Army, for the use of the Church in Augusta, as a hospital,

RESOLVED—That the Genl. have leave to make use of the said Church as a hospital, and that Mr. Davies and Mr. Gibbons be a committee to assist in the execution of this business, and that they see that proper care is taken of the pews and other matters belonging to the Church, which it will be necessary to take up.

WHEREAS, a petition from a respectable majority of the inhabitants of the lower division of Richmond County, was presented to the members of the Assembly convened at Augusta the 24th ultimo, and by them referred to this Board, setting fourth that the election of George Wells as Colonel of that division is undue, and exhibiting a number of charges of a very heinous nature against him; which said petition was delivered by a Member of this Board, to the said George Wells by his desire upon a principle of justice, that every person should be acquainted with the charges laid against him; and tho' since demanded of him, by the Clerk, in consequence of an order from this Board, the said George Wells has refused to return the same.

RESOLVED—That the said George Wells, by refusing to return the said petition, has, in a great measure, acknowledged the charges set forth against him.

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ORDERED. That the said George Wells be not obeyed or respected as the Commanding Officer of the lower division of Richmond County, and that in compliance with the prayer of the aforesaid petition, a new election do take place for a Colonel as soon as convenient; and that in the mean time the Command do devolve on the next Officer in rank.

WHEREAS, by an act of the General Assembly it was pointed out that the division districts of the different companies in the lower battalion of Richmond County, should be ascertained; and agreeable to said act, a Committee was appointed and has laid out the division lines. And whereas, no election has taken place for Officers to Command the different companies agreeable to the said act.

RESOLVED. That each company proceed to choose their Officers as soon as may be convenient; and that Humphry Wells, Charles Crawford, Robert Middleton or any two of them, do give notice and superintend the election of Officers of the three upper companies; and Seth John Cuthbert, Daniel Wallicon Jun^r & Hugh McGe^e or any two of them, do give notice and superintend the election of Officers of the two lower Companies; and the Officers so chosen do meet and choose their Field Officers at a time and place that shall be appointed by Humphry Wells, Chesley Bostwick and George Downs or any two of them, and that they superintend said election.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Wednesday August 18th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

William Gibbons.

Myrick Davies.

Humphry Wells

Joseph Habersham

Seth John Cuthbert,

The Committee appointed to write to the Governor and Council of Carolina, the Chief Justice of this State & Colo. Hammond, made their report, and the letters being agreed to,

ORDERED, that the Clerk do copy the same in the minutes. The Committee also reported an addition to the letter to General Lincoln, which also was agreed to and ordered to be copied.

To the Governor and Council of South Carolina.

SIR, Since the reduction of Savannah and the lower part of this State by the enemy, many attempts have been made to convene the House of Assembly, but from our present situation, and the absence of a majority of the Members a House could not be made to proceed to business. It was therefore recommended to the inhabitants of the State, by the members who met on the 24th ulto. to delegate powers to nine persons to form an Executive Council, which was adopted by a great Majority; and the choice having fallen on John Wereat, Humphry Wells, Joseph Clay, Myrick Davies, Seth John Cuthbert, John Dooley, William Few, Joseph Habersham and William Gibbons, we in consequence of the appointment beg leave to address you.

When the State was invaded at the close of the last year, immediately after the enemy from East Florida had marched through Liberty County, and before we could get a man from the back Country, five days only having passed between their arrival at Tybee, and the taking of Savannah; all the inhabitants

who escaped from the enemy and preserved their fidelity to the cause of America, were obliged to leave the Town and lower parts of the State, hoping Genl. Howe, would have had it in his power to have established a post at Ebenezer till he had been reinforced by General Lincoln; in this, we were greatly disappointed; as a few days after the affair of Savannah, he crossed the river with the remainder of the Troops leaving them no other alternative than either to return and submit to the enemy, or seek a retreat in your State; and though numbers have lost the greatest part of their property, and others the whole, the latter was preferred, in expectation that it would soon be in the power of our Sister State, with the northern Troops to re-establish them in their possessions.

General Howe's precipitate retreat, not only embarrassed the inhabitants about Savannah, but left the back Country entirely open to the ravages of the enemy; and in consequence of their marching up immediately, numbers in the interior parts of the Country were under the absolute necessity of taking protection; others, higher up, had it in their power to cross the river, and join the army under Genl. Williamson.

When the enemy retreated from Augusta, those who had received protection, imagining that they would be deemed traitors, and treated as such, went down with them; to this we impute the cause of so many joining them. Since then, a number of the people of the Counties of Burke, Richmond, and Wilkes under the command of Colonels Dooly, Few and Twiggs, have given repeated proofs of their zealous attachment to the cause of their Country; among others the Militia under the command of Colo. Dooly were very instrumental in defeating a large body of disaffected people from the back parts of your State, commanded by Colo. Boyd, which put a stop, in a great measure: to the enemy receiving the support they expected from thence; and while they were in Johns Island a party from Burke County under the Command of Colo. Twiggs, penetrated as low down as

Ogeechee Ferry, within fifteen miles of Savannah, and totally defeated a party of fifty picked regulars; at the same time near three hundred horse, under the Command of Colonel Dooly were on their March down the Country, and in all probability would have effected something of consequence had not a great part of the force of the enemy returned to Savannah.

These exertions of the people of the back Country have greatly exasperated General Provost, who declares he will have nothing unattempted, to ruin them.

We have intelligence on oath, that one Holmes, with three hundred Indians, and a number of white people are now on their march to the frontiers of this State, with an intention to fall on the inhabitants, while parties of the enemies horse and foot are in the neighborhood of Briar Creek to divert our attention in this quarter.

We suppose there yet remains in the upper part of the Country near eight hundred men, who are well affected, but should the enemy penetrate again as far as Augusta we have great reason to fear that the greatest part of them will be obliged to submit. The enemy do not now possess the Country more than twenty five miles above the Town of Savannah; but could they reduce the back parts and have command of the large stocks of cattle that are yet left, together with the great crops of in the vicinity of this place, which will soon be ripe, this part of the Country would become formidable to your State; as well as for the reasons above mentioned, as the ready communication of the enemy with the Indians and the disaffected in your back Country.

For these, and many other reasons, we doubt not, but you will readily afford all the assistance in your power, to circumscribe the enemies limits; or oblige them to abandon the State.

Being reduced to situation that we expected would be our lot whenever the enemy made this State their object, without a legis-

lative body, or the means of raising money, the greatest part of our Militia have received no pay since December last, which has occasioned much dissatisfaction amongst them; We are therefore, induced to apply to you for the loan of sixty thousand dollars for this and other necessary expences, till our Delegates can make application to Congress for support.

We are sorry to inform you, that frequent complaints have been made, of people on the North side of Savannah River crossing into this State and driving off the Stock, indiscriminately both of our friends and enemies, without the least authority for so doing, whereby many good people are greatly injured; And as these plunderers are out of reach of our civil authority, we are induced to make this complaint to you, and are well assured that the State of South Carolina will discountenance such illegal practices.

We are informed that James Lambert, David Russell and . . . Ferguson late of this State, and owing allegiance thereto, are in confinement on Board the prison ships at Charleston; the former of these persons, after having been a Member of the House of Representatives of this State, and Commanding a Company of our Militia, is charged with deserting to the enemy, and carrying over his whole company, crimes of a similar nature are alleged against the other two; We therefore request that the said persons may be delivered up to such guard as General Lincoln may order (to whom we have wrote concerning them) that they may be brought to this place in order to take their trials.

To the Chief Justice of the State of Georgia.

SIR, A number of the Members of the House of Assembly met here on the 24th ulto. and not being able to make a House, they recommended to the people, to choose an Executive Council, which recommendation was adopted and nine persons appointed accordingly, by a great majority of the inhabitants of the State,

to whom power was delegated to adjust the public accounts, regulate the Militia, appoint special Courts to be held for the trial of criminal causes; appoint delegates to represent the State in Congress &C.

In consequence of which delegation, a Court is ordered to be held in the County of Wilkes on Monday the 23rd and at Augusta on Monday the 30th Instant; The Council are of opinion that your presence as Chief Justice will be necessary, but as you cannot be in time for the Court in the County of Wilkes, they hope you will not fail to be here by the time the Court is ordered to be held for this County, where you will be more wanted. I am directed by the Board to give you this notice.

To Colonel Hammond

SIR, We are informed that a considerable quantity of Salt, the property of this State, was removed, when the enemy came up to Augusta, to your side of the river and applied under your direction to the use of the Troops of your State. As this is an article, for which, from evident and unavoidable circumstances we are greatly distressed at this time, both on account of our Citizens and the Continental Troops in the State; and as we are informed that you have a considerable quantity of this Article coming up, we shall be particularly obliged to you to spare us an equal quantity; or if this cannot be done, that you will be so kind as to let us know what will be the most expeditious way of getting it replaced, as it will be a great means of preventing discontent in the back Country, and of supporting any Military operations that we may be under the necessity of carrying on.

The report of the Committee with the addition of the letter to General Lincoln being agreed to, is as follows,

We are informed that James Lambert, David Russel and Ferguson are on board the prison ships in Charleston, these men were citizens of, and owed allegiance to this State the former

having been a Member of the House of Assembly and a Captain of a company of Militia, is charged with deserting with his whole Company to the enemy, and crimes of a like nature are alleged against the other two. As a Court is about to be held for the trial of criminal causes, we have made application to the State of South Carolina for those persons, and request the favour of you to order a guard to receive them and conduct them to Augusta, that they may be dealt with, according to law.

We have also applied to the Assembly of Carolina for the loan of some money in the present distressed situation of our affairs; if our application shall prove successful, we shall be glad if the money could come with the same guard."

Information being made to this Board, that a set of Mills belonging to Mr. Henderson, who has joined the enemy, and is now within their lines, is at present out of repair; it also being represented to this Board, that if some person was appointed to repair and take care of said Mills, they will be of great service to the Troops and inhabitants in that neighborhood.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Davies, who is now at said Mills, have liberty to repair and take care of the same until further orders.

The Council then adjourned to Friday next 9 O'Clock.

Friday August 20th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Members present, John Wreath Esquire President

Humphry Wells
William Gibbons

Jos. Habersham
Seth John Cuthbert.

RESOLVED. That Peter Pariss and Chesley Bostwick be added

to the Committee appointed to superintend the election of Officers for the Augusta Company of Militia.

The Council then adjourned to Monday next 9 O'Clock.

Monday August 23^d 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Weresat Esquire President

Seth John Cuthbert
Humphry Wells

William Gibbons
Joseph Habersham

Received a letter from Genl. Lincoln, dated 13th day of August; acquainting this Board of his having sent, by John Dennis; Joseph Maddox, Joel Saunders, Thomas Saunders, Abram Sanders and Mordecai Sanders; to take their trials.

ORDERED That the President do write to the Magistrates of the upper division of Richmond County to take their recognizances to appear at the next Court to be held for said County.

Received a letter from Colo. Dooly, dated 22^d Instant, to which the following is an answer.

DEAR SIR, We are very sorry to be informed of your indisposition and that the Indians have been so very troublesome on the frontiers. In this situation of affairs, the Council are of opinion it would not be prudent for you to march any part of your regiment this way. We shall make Genl. McIntosh acquainted with our reasons for countermanding his orders, and in future whenever there is any occasion for the Militia, the Council will order them to be embodied, at present, as your people are out you will take such steps for the defence of the frontiers, as you shall judge best.

The express is in such a hurry to return, that the Council have not had time to determine what ought to be done with respect to enlarging the representation from Wilkes County, however, you may inform the people that every step shall be taken to do them justice in this matter, and if you can possibly attend the Council, towards the latter end of the week or beging of next, we are in hopes you will have it in your power on your return not only to satisfy them respecting this business; but also, about their pay and the salt, for both of which the Council have wrote, and the express that was sent with the letters will return in a few days.

On application to this Board, from Joel Walker, an inhabitant of this State, now a prisoner to the Continental Troops, for liberty to return to his family.

RESOLVED, That upon his applying to any Magistrate of the State, the said Magistrate shall make enquire into the nature of the crimes for which he is confined, and if such as to beailable by the laws of the State, that he shall take sufficient bail of the said Walker, for his appearance at Court whenever called upon.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Tuesday August 24th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Members present, John Wereat Esquire President

Joseph Habersham

William Gibbons

Humplry Wells.

Seth John Cuthbert

Myrick Davies.

The President laid before the Board a letter from General Lincoln, dated the 14th instant, which was read in its place and filed.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Board by Col^o Wyly, Deputy Quarter Master General, in the Continental service, that he is ordered by General Lincoln to procure a number of waggons to bring up public stores from Charleston, to this place, and that he has reasons to believe that they cannot be hired at the rates hitherto given, and requests the advice and assistance of the Board with respect to the business.

RESOLVED. Therefore, that it is the opinion of this Board, that twelve dollars and a third per diem, and being found, is a generous price for a waggon and team, and that Colo. Wyly be requested to endeavor to get them at this price; but in case he should not be able to procure them upon those terms,

ORDERED, That he then do impress without loss of time such number as he may deem necessary for the above service.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday next 9 O'Clock.

Thursday 26th August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wreath Esquire, President

Seth John Cuthbert

Joseph Habersham

Myrick Davies

William Gibbons

Humphry Wells.

Joseph Clay Esquire, a Member elect, attending the oath was administered to him, and he took his seat accordingly.

Capt. Joshua Inman returned the delegation from Burke County, when it appeared there were thirty two, who signed the same.

RESOLVED. That a Committee be appointed to draw up in-

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instructions for the Continental Delegates; and to consider of some method for regulating the plunder that has been, or hereafter shall be taken from the enemy and others.

ORDERED. That the President, Mr. Clay and Col^o Habersham, be that committee.

RESOLVED. That this Board will proceed to the election of Continental Delegates on Monday next.

The Council then adjourned to Monday next 9 O'Clock.

Monday August 30th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire President

Joseph Clay

Joseph Habersham

Humphry Wells

Myrick Davies

Seth John Cuthbert

William Gibbons.

Sundry letters being laid before the Board, viz./ From Genl. Lincoln dated Charleston 22^d Inst from Colonel Hammond 22nd from John Glen 23^d from William OBryan 24th from Genl. M^cIntosh 29th were read and filed.

The following answer was returned to General M^cIntosh's letter of yesterday:

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday was laid before the Council this morning, and they are of opinion that the present is an improper time to offer a general pardon, but when a sufficient force shall be in the State to subdue our deluded Citizens a proclamation offering

pardon with some exceptions may be issued, that in the meantime no discouragements should be given to any persons who surrender themselves, nor their property or families molested; that a list of the names of such persons as surrender themselves, should be transmitted to the Council who, will take such measures as they may deem necessary for the safety of the State.

RESOLVED—That the election of Delegates to represent this State in Congress, which was the order of this day, be postponed.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 9. O'Clock.

Tuesday 31st August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Humphry Wells

William Gibbons

William Few

Joseph Habersham

Myrick Davies

Joseph Habersham

Seth John Cuthbert

WHEREAS, application has been made by a number of the inhabitants of this State, in behalf of Pride Williams, Francis Hancock and Moses Diers citizens of this State, now in confinement on Board the prison ships in Charleston, praying that the Board would take such steps as may be necessary for the relief of the said prisoners.

RESOLVED therefore, that a Committee be appointed to write to Genl. Lincoln on the subject.

ORDERED— That the President and Mr. Cuthbert be that Committee.

Mrs Dyers having made application for liberty to go down to Savannah, to endeavor to recover her negroes, who are in the enemies hands, it is the opinion of this Board that the said Mrs. Dyers may be permitted to go down at such time as the Commanding Officer may think proper.

Mr. Cutlibert and Peter Pariss made a return of the election of Officers for the Augusta Company of Militia in the County of Richmond, when it appeared that Jeremiah Bugg was elected Captain; Sherwood Bugg first Lieutenant, and Nathaniel Hicks Jun^r second Lieut. Commissions were made out and delivered.

Mr Carter and Mr Freeman having waited on the Council acquainting them that an election was about to be held to fill up their vacancies in the House of Assembly from the County of Wilkes, in consequence of a false report prevailing there, that the lower Counties had taken such steps.

ORDERED. That a letter be wrote to the Magistrates and inhabitants of Wilkes County, informing them, that no such measures have taken place. And is as follows,

Being informed by Messr^s Carter and Freeman that a meeting of the inhabitants of your County has been, or is about to be called, for the purpose of choosing Representatives in Assembly, in consequence of a report being spread among you, that the lower Counties were taking the same steps. We therefore, at their request take this opportunity to inform you that no such measure, with our knowledge, has been pursued here; or intended to be pursued; before the time that a general election as directed by the Constitution, takes place. And we are sorry, to observe that we cannot think any person a friend to this Country who has promoted such a report; as it can only tend to create uneasiness and disunite us, and that at a time when a firm union and the utmost harmony in the State is required.

We have made these Gentlemen acquainted with our proceed-

ings hitherto and our intentions in future in regard to many matters; And we have only to assure you that nothing in our power to promote the true interest of our Country will be neglected if we are properly supported by our fellow-citizens.

The Council then adjourned to 4 O'Clock this afternoon.

The Council met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to write to General Lincoln made their report, which is approved, and is as follows;

SIR,

A petition signed by a number of the inhabitants of this State, has been presented to us, in behalf of Pride Williams, Francis Hancock and Moses Dyers, citizens of the State, at present confined on Board the prison ships in Charleston, setting forth their having been heretofore active in the defence of their Country and demeaning themselves as good citizens thereof; that they were, upon the enemy's leaving Augusta, made prisoners of, for having been under the necessity of taking protection, and sent to Charleston by Genl. Williamson; and praying that they may be relieved from their confinement on board the prison ships, We therefore request, that you will send them up on parole as soon as you conveniently can, that they may be tried by the laws of their Country, and by those laws be condemned or restored to the rights and priviledges of free citizens.

As there may possibly be others on board those ships, who are under the same predicament, or who, as having been residents of this State, ought to be exchanged for the Citizens thereof, now prisoners with the enemy, or who may have been guilty of treason against the State, we beg that you will be so kind as to transmit us a general account of the Georgians now in confinement in Carolina; that we may be enabled to take such steps, with respect to them, as humanity and justice may demand.

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By your letter of the 22^d Inst., which we have been honored with, you inform us that you have offered one Ferguson, who we had demanded, in exchange; and that unless charges of a particular nature lie against him, you will be under the necessity of abiding by your offer. The charges against him are, after his having taken a Captains Commission in the Militia, and engaging with Mr. James Rae, Depy. Comis^r General of this State, as a purchasing Commissary, his having joined the enemy with 20,000 dollars which Mr. Rae had placed in his hands for the purpose of buying provisions for the army.

The Council then proceeded to ballot for Delegates to represent this State in Congress, when Edward Telfair, John Houstoun, and Edward Langworthy Esquires were elected.

The President laid before the Board, two letters from Col^d Dooly, dated 29th Inst. with an account of the criminals under sentence of death, at the Court held for Wilkes County on the 23^d Instant, which were read in their place and filed.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 8 O'Clock.

Wednesday September 1st 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Joseph Habersham

Humphry Wells

Myrick Davies.

William Few

Joseph Clay

William Gibbons

Seth John Cuthbert

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board, that sundry inhabitants of this State, have made a practice of going within the enemies lines without leave.

RESOLVED, That the following notice be published.

WHEREAS, it has hitherto been made a practice, by sundry the inhabitants of this State, to go within the enemies lines without leave—Notice is hereby given, that all persons, who shall be guilty of the like practice in future, without leave first obtained, from this Board, and a pass in consequence from the Commanding Officer, shall be apprehended as Traitors.

ORDERED. That the President do issue an order to the Sheriff of Wilkes County, to suspend the execution of John Bennefield till Monday the 6th Instant.

The following letter was sent to Colo. Dooly in answer to his received yesterday.

SIR,

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, with a list of the condemned criminals, is received,— The Council would wish to have seen Colo. Downs, and to be informed of the favorable circumstances that arose in the course of their trials, to induce the jury to recommend them as proper objects of mercy.

An order was issued to the Sheriff of your County to suspend the execution of Bennefield till monday the 6th instant; when the fate of the rest will be determined, and all that are to suffer death, be executed at the same time.

The Council are sorry to hear that Colo. Wells, has endeavoured to mislead the people of Wilkes County, and have desired Mr. Freeman and Mr. Carter to represent matters to them in a proper light, and endeavor to satisfy them, which they have no doubt but that they will be able to effect.

The express returned from Charleston, but he brought no answer to the letter to the Governor; so that it is uncertain what will be the event of the application for money to pay off the militia.

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An application was made to Colo. Hammond for the salt belonging to this State, who informed the Council, that General Williamson received it, and that he has no salt coming up to replace it; If you can procure waggons to go down, the Board will endeavor to procure salt in Charleston.

If you can procure waggons to go down, the Council desire you will inform them. The express Mr. Dannielly come up that you may get Col^o Downes to come down; or if anything should prevent him, the Council may be properly informed of circumstances that appear in favour of the condemned persons, who are recommended to Mercy.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 8 O'Clock

Thursday September 2nd 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present John Wereat Esq^r President

Humphry Wells

Myrick Davies

William Gibbons

Joseph Clay

Seth John Cuthbert

Joseph Hotersham

William Few

The President laid before the Board, a letter from Col^o Downs, and a letter from Col^o Downs & Benjamin Catchings, which were read and filed.

The Council took into consideration the proceedings of the Special Court held in the County of Wilkes on the twenty third ultimo and continued by adjournments to the twenty eighth.

RESOLVED, Therefore, that in consideration of the recommendation of the petit-jury on the trial of Edm^d Downey, James Mobley, Clement Yarborough, John Watkins, William Crutchfield, John Young & Driad Wildear, that they do pardon the

said Edm^d Downey, James Mobley, Clement Yarborough, John Watkins, William Crutchfield, John Young, and Dredd Wilder, on consideration that they enter on board one of the vessels of War, of the United States; And that Joshua Rials also, then & there condemned to die, and not recommended to mercy by the Jury, they also pardon on the same condition of serving on board a vessel of War—But finding upon strict enquiry that Edmund Downey, one of the criminals condemned & recommended to mercy as above, has been guilty of a great number of the most daring and atrocious crimes, both against the State and the faithful citizens thereof, which circumstances they presume the Jury were not made acquainted with; and for which crimes they think he ought to suffer the pains of death; as also, John Bennefield, condemned as above and not recommended to mercy.

ORDERED therefore, that the President do sign a pardon for the said Joshua Rials, James Mobley, Clement Yarborough, John Watkins, William Crutchfield, John Young & Driad Wilder on the said conditions; and that he sign a warrant for the execution of the said Edmund Downey, and John Bennefield, on Friday the 10th instant.

The President laid before the Board, a letter from Mr. Eustace which was read

ORDERED, That the consideration of the said letter be postponed.

The following answer, was returned, to the letter this day received from Col^o Downs and Benjamin Catchings.

Gentlemen,

We have received yours of the 30th August and also been informed of the proceedings of your Court, and in consequence thereof, send you orders for the execution of Edmund Downey & John Bennefield, with a pardon for the others that were con-

demned, which you will please to transmit immediately to the Sheriff of your County, in order to have them executed. Council would wish to pardon Downey also, but being fully informed of his committing a number of the most atrocious crimes, think they cannot do it consistent with that justice which is due to the State,—

The Council are of opinion that those persons they have pardoned, should not know it till the day of Execution, that they should be carried to the place of execution and see the others executed; The Council also desire you'll apply to Col^o Dooly for a guard to conduct them down to General M^cIntosh's headquarters, in order that he may send them to the Commander in Chief.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow morning 9. O'Clock.

Friday September 3rd 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Joseph Clay	William Few
William Gibbons	Seth John Cuthbert
Myrick Davies	Joseph Habersham.

The Council took into consideration the application from Mrs. Eustace for leave to go to Savannah on business, after debating on the subject, the Board divided,

Yea's	Noe's
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Clay
Mr. Davies	Mr. Habersham
Mr. Cuthbert	Mr. Few.
Mr. Wereat	

It was carried in the affirmative, provided she give General McIntosh sufficient assurance, that she will carry no intelligence to the enemy.

On Motion, that a Committee be appointed to write to Sir James Wright on the subject of his parole, and to the Commanding Officer of the British Troops, acquainting him, that we have several inhabitants of this State, who call themselves subjects to his Britanic Majesty; to demand a return of the names of such of the citizens of this State, who are now prisoners (either on parole or otherwise) to the British Troops in Georgia, and to propose an exchange, citizen for citizen.

ORDERED. That Mr. President, Mr. Gibbons & Mr. Cuthbert be that Committee.

ORDERED That Mr. President do write to Mr. Houston and Mr. Telfair, acquainting them of their being elected Delegates.

The Council then adjourned to Monday next 9 O'Clock.

Monday September 6th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Seth John Cuthbert

William Few

Joseph Clay

Joseph Habersham.

William Few

Council being informed that Mrs. Cornels had been within the enemy's lines,

ORDERED, that she attend this Board.

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Mr. Sterk made application for leave to accompany a Flag to Ebenezer on particular business respecting his brothers family.

ORDERED, That it be recommended to the General that he have leave.

Mrs. Cornels attended this Board agreeable to order, and was examined upon oath.

The President laid before the Board a letter from Col^o Dooly dated 3^d Instant, which was read and filed.

The Committee appointed to write to Sir James Wright and the Commanding Officer of the British Troops in Savannah, made their report, which was agreed to, and is as follows.

To Sir James Wright

SIR,

Early in the year 1776; when the first acts of hostility were commenced by the Ships and Troops of the King of Great Britain against the inhabitants of this State, they thought proper to retaliate, and accordingly your Excellency and the Members of His Britanic Majesty's Council were made prisoners upon parole. The Gentlemen of the Council were exchanged for some of our citizens that were in captivity on Board the Ships of War, then lying at Cockspur, but your Excellency was never discharged from the parole you gave to Capt. Harriss nor exchanged, therefore, the Council of this State do claim you as their Prisoner, and expect that you will repair to this place, and surrender yourself in consequence of your parole; or if it shall be more agreeable to Your Excellency to procure us, in exchange, our friends Col^o Elbert, Major Habersham and any other of our friends who are now prisoners to the British Army, as may be equal to a person of your Excellency's Rank.

By order of the Executive Council of the State of Georgia I have the honor to be &C.

Augusta December 3^d 1779.

On this day the Executive Council, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, informed his honor the Governor, that they had proceeded to the choice of a President; And that the honorable Richard Howley Esq^r was unanimously elected.

The following Gentlemen attended as Members of the Executive Council for the following Counties in this State.

Richard Howley, John Hardy. Liberty County.

John Bilboe, Effingham County.

John Twiggs, Burke County.

Robert Middleton, Richmond County.

Stephen Heard, Wilkes County.

A resolution of the Honorable House of Assembly was laid before the Board, by His Honor the Governor respecting the reduction of the Continental Troops belonging to this State.

ORDERED—That the Sec^y to this Board do transmit a copy of the said resolution to Brigadier General Elbert and request his answer to the same by the meeting of the Board to-morrow.

Another resolution was likewise laid before the Board respecting a sum of five hundred thousand dollars in the hands of Major General Lincoln and Joseph Clay Esq^r received by them from Congress, for the use of this State.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Honorable Major General Lincoln and Joseph Clay Esq^r requiring a delivery of the said sum to be applied to such uses as the constitutional authority shall direct, and that he do appoint a proper person or persons to receive the same.

Another resolution was likewise laid before the Board respecting one hundred thousand dollars lent Joseph Clay Esq^r Dep^y

Pay Master General by the former Legislature of this State, for the use of the Continental Troops, then doing duty therein.

RESOLVED That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the said Joseph Clay Dep^y Pay Master General to return the said money so lent; and that he do appoint a proper person to receive the same.

Another resolution respecting the building of six Forts in Wilkes County.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Commanding Officer of the Militia in Wilkes County to give every assistance in his power towards the building of the said Forts.

His Honor the Governor, laid before the Board two letters, the one from John Wreat Esq. to Humphry Wells, and the other from Humphry Wells to Col^o Parker, charging Doct. Taylor as being an enemy to the State. The Governor informed the Board that he had issued orders to Co^l Middleton, to arrest the said Taylor, and have him confined in the main guard, he being a person, whose going at large, was dangerous to the safety of the State.

RESOLVED, That the Board do approve of the conduct of the Governor on this occasion.

ORDERED, That the Sec^y do request Col^o Parker to keep the said Doctor Taylor in custody untill the further order of this Board.

Another resolution respecting the raising of horse for the defence of the State.

WHEREAS, some doubts have arose concerning the allowance of pay to the said corps.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Board that the allowance of pay by the State is over and above the pay allowed by Congress to the Militia.

RESOLVED That this Board will make provision for the Clerk, as well for his present and future services, as for the paying up any arrears which shall appear to be due him for past services.

ORDERED, That the Sec^r do endeavor to employ a Messenger to the Council.

By the information of James Jackson Esq^r to the Board respecting the conduct of Mrs. Eustace, and of several expressions made use of by her, when at Silver Bluff, and that Mr. Deveux could more particularly inform the Board as to the whole matter, was he called upon so to do,

ORDERED, That the Sec^r do write to Mr. Deveaux requiring his attendance on the Board to-morrow morning.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Thursday 8th Dec^r 1779.

The Board met

Present, His Honor the Governor,

Richard Howley

John Hardy

Rob^t Middleton

Stephen Heard

John Bilboe

John Twiggs.

ORDERED, That the Sec^r do write to Humphry Wells Esq^r a member of this Board, and require his immediate attendance.

RESOLVED That the pay of the Messenger to this Board be twenty dollars per day.

The Board adjourned.

December 12th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley
Robert Middleton
John Bilbo

John Hardy
Stephen Heard
John Twiggs

WHEREAS, the Honorable House of Assembly of this State, on the twenty eighth day of November last, made and passed the following resolutions

In Assembly, Augusta November 28th 1779.

WHEREAS, a variety of circumstances render it necessary that a reduction in the Continental line should be made, and that in the room of four battalions of infantry, and one regiment of light dragoons, which heretofore subsisted in this State, only one battalion of Infantry, and one regiment of Horse should henceforth be the establishment of the same.

RESOLVED, That the said reduction do accordingly take place, and that only one battallion of Infantry and one regiment of Cavalry, be in future the Continental or Confederate establishment within this State and properly belonging to and known by the same.

AND WHEREAS, an humble address hath been made to the House, signed by a respectable number of officers, respecting the mode of officering the said regiments out of the number of the Officers which belonged to the Brigade of this State, heretofore, and have not resigned their Commissions; praying that the same may be by ballot among themselves; And that the House being

willing to shew every attention to the merits of their former services,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor and Executive Council, be requested to confer with, or write to, Brigadier General Elbert on the subject, desiring that whatever mode of officering the said two regiments from the line, may be thought most just by a respectable majority of the Officers of the Brigade, shall be carried into execution with all convenient expedition. And that His Honor the Governor and Executive Council be recommended to make out Commissions accordingly, on a proper certificate of the Commission which each Officer shall be entitled to, under the mode of Election which they shall adopt.

Extract from the Minutes.

GEO. SEIGAR C. G. A.

AND WHEREAS, the said resolutions being laid before the Board on the third day of December Instant, the same were transmitted to Brigadier General Elbert, and his answer and the recommendation of a number of the Officers were received on the tenth instant and which are as follow.

His Honor George Walton Esq^r, Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of Georgia,

Augusta 10th December 1779.

SIR,

I am sorry on account of the bad weather that my indisposition will not permit me to meet the Council to day as you desired. Inclosed is a copy of the paper signed by such Officers of the Brigade as were in Augusta at the last meeting. As there was not a dissenting voice present, and as I can undertake to answer that several who are at this time absent will agree to the same mode, am of opinion that Officering the one battalion of Infantry; and one regiment of Cavalry from the line according to Seniority

of Commission will be conformable to the sentiments of a respectable majority of the Officers of the Georgia Brigade.

I have the honor to be with respect,

Sir,

Your most ob^t Serv^t

S. ELBERT B^r Gen^l Militia in
Georgia.

We the subscribers, Officers in the Brigade of Continental Troops for the State of Georgia, having duly considered on the most equitable mode of Officering the one Battalion of Infantry and one regiment of Cavalry, intended to be kept on the establishment in the said State; do recommend, that the Officers to the above two regiments, be taken according to seniority, from the line in the State of Georgia, and do here presume to express a wish that the Gentlemen whose misfortune it is from being Junior in Commission to retire from Serving their Country, may be put upon half pay and called into service as vacancies may happen.

Augusta Dec^r 6th 1779.

S. Elbert, Col^o 2nd Batt.
Joseph Fannell Lieut. Col^o
Clem. Mash Capt. 3. G. B.
John Cunningham Capt. 2. G. B.
Littleberry Moseley Capt. 2. G. B.
Thomas Glascock Lieut. 1. G. B.
Francis Tennell Lieut. 2. G. B.
Pat. Fitzpatrick Lieut. 4. G. B.
John Meanly Lieut. 3. G. B.
John Morrison Lieut. 2. G. B.
Cornelius Collins Lieut. 2. G. B.
John Frazer Lieut. 3. G. B.

Nathan^l Pearce Lieut. 3. G. B.
 Thomas Payne Lieut. 2. G. B.
 Henry Allison Lieut. 2. G. B.
 Fred. Sheck Lieut. 2. G. B.
 Christopher Hillery . . . Lieut. 4. G. B.
 W^m M^cDonald L. . . G. L. D.
 Robert Howe Lieut. 2. G. B.
 Lach. M^cIntosh Capt. 1. G. B.
 George Handley Capt. 1. G. B.
 John Lucas Capt. 4. G. B.

A true copy taken from the original in my possession.

S. ELBERT.

The Board therefore, pursuing the direction of the said resolutions and taking into consideration the letter of Brigadier General Elbert, and the recommendation of the said Officers, do order and direct, that an exact return of the Officers belonging to the late Brigade of this State, specifying the real and relative rank of each be made and certified to the Governor and Executive Council, for the time being as soon as possible. And that a copy of these proceedings be furnished to Brigadier Genl. Elbert, and he be requested to complete and make such return during the sitting of this Board, if in his power.

RESOLVED, That when such return shall be made the Senior Officers shall receive Brevets.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the President of Congress, and point out the great usefulness and necessity of such an establishment, and urge that it be speedily ratified; and that the Delegates of this State be ordered to press its adoption, and the means of carrying it into effect.

AND WHEREAS, in our present dangerous situation, it is essen-

tially necessary for the well being of the State, and for the common safety; that there should exist mutual good will between the freemen of this State, and the confederate Troops: And whereas, it appears to this Board, unquestionably, that the people at large in this State, have such a repugnance to Brigadier General M^cIntosh, that in the event of any offensive operations on the part of the enemy, which should call for their services in aid of the Confederate Troops, they would not turn out under his Command.

RESOLVED Therefore, that it be earnestly recommended to Congress to direct General Washington to employ Brigadier General M^cIntosh in some other department; and that General Lincoln be informed in the meantime, that it is the opinion of this Board, that it will be for the interest of the State that some other Officer should have the immediate Command in it.

AND WHEREAS, Brigadier General Elbert, of the Militia of this State, and who is also an old Colonel in the confederal army, having rendered much personal service in the course of the War, and being esteemed by the people at large to be a gallant and good Soldier, and this Board verily believing that his liberation and promotion will be of particular and general utility, do therefore, advise and request, that Congress will offer Brigadier General Hamilton of the Convention Troops in exchange for him, and that thereafter he may be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the confederal army.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Board be given to Colonel Richard Parker for his respectful deportment towards the civil authority; the good order in which he has kept the Troops under his Command; and for his unremitted services in defence of the State.

Monday December 13th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley
Stephen Heard
John Bilboe

John Hardy
John Twiggs
Rob^t Middleton

WHEREAS, the people of Wilkes County are obliged to enfort themselves, and are without salt,

RESOLVED therefore that Col. Richard Parker be authorized and requested to impress any necessary quantity of salt, that may be in Augusta, for the public service.

RESOLVED also, that Colonel Parker be requested to enquire into the reason why the salt which was sent by General Lincoln to the Militia of that County, has not arrived there.

Joseph Atkinson and Joseph Reeves having been taken returning from the enemy at Savannah, with a number of British Goods upon them, and having confessed upon oath the truth thereof.

RESOLVED, That they be committed untill they shall give good and sufficient security to the Clerk of the Council in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for their appearance at the next Superior Court, which shall be holden in the State; and that Col^o Parker be requested to keep them under guard in lieu of a prison.

December 14th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley
Stephen Heard

Rob^t Middleton
John Bilboe.

WHEREAS, there are a small number of confederal Soldiers, belonging to the late Georgia Brigade who are barracked at the House commonly called the old Fort in Augusta, most of whom claim their discharges alledging that the terms of their enlistment are expired,

AND WHEREAS, the said house is wanted for other, and public use

RESOLVED Therefore, that Colo. Parker Commander of the confederal Troops in Georgia, be requested to remove them from the said house immediately; And that he will as soon as possible, cause a Court of Enquiry to be held to ascertain who are entitled to their discharges; And that he will take under his care and command, those who have yet a further time to serve; and give discharges to such as shall appear entitled to them.

ORDERED, That Colonel Middleton and Mr. Bilbo be a Committee to agree with, and engage some workmen to repair the said house, commonly called the old Fort, for the sitting of the Assembly in January next.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation, requiring the Members elect to meet at Augusta, on the first Tuesday in January next, agreeable to the Constitution of this State.

RESOLVED, That Joshua Inman be appointed Captain and Commander of an independent company of Horse Militia, not exceeding forty men; and that he be empowered to engage and embody the same forthwith.

RESOLVED, That when they shall be embodied they shall be allowed rations and Forage.

December 18th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley
Rob^t Middleton

Stephen Heard
John Bilbo.

WHEREAS, several complaints have been made to the Board, that the Ferry at the Sand Bar, is badly attended, and the Boat belonging to the same greatly out of repair.

RESOLVED, That Colo. Heard be appointed to agree with some person to keep the said Ferry and provide a proper Flat for the same.

Titus Hollinger having made application to the Board for public plank and scantling at Spirit Creek,

ORDERED, That the said Titus Hollinger be supplied with four thousand feet of plank, and one thousand feet of scantling, he to be accountable for the same.

December 21st 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley
Stephen Heard

Robert Middleton
John Bilbo.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do write to George Walton, William Hammet, John Freeman, James M^cLean, and Elijah Clark, requiring their attendance on the next General Assembly, to be examined respecting a parcel of waggons, sent to Charleston by Col^o Dooly, for the salt, for the Militia.

ORDERED also, That the Secretary do write to Titus Hollinger to forbid him to sell rum or other liquors to the Soldiers.

ORDERED, That the Sec^y do write to Doctor Folliett informing him that the House in which he lives is wanted for public use and do order him to leave the same on or before Monday the twenty seventh instant. And Col^o Middleton be requested to employ some person to repair the said House—

ORDERED, That the Church be put in repair for the Session of next Assembly; And that Col^o Middleton be also requested to employ some person to complete the same.

The Governor having informed the Board, that he had since the receipt of General Lincolns letter, of the thirteenth instant, sent down into the enemy's lines, several spies in order to gain intelligence of their situation, strength and movements.

RESOLVED, That the Council do approve of the conduct of His Honor the Governor on this occasion.

The Board being informed that James Ingram Esquire of Richmond County has been publishing rumours among the good people of this State, tending to magnify the Strength and movements of the enemy, and to discourage that laudable opposition which is necessary for our common safety.

ORDERED, That the Messenger be forthwith sent requiring the attendance of the said James Ingram on this Board.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do write to Thomas Marbury requesting his immediate attendance on this Board.

ORDERED, That Col^o Twiggs be requested to hire or impress waggons and teams to carry plank from Spirit Creek, for the public buildings in Augusta.

December 23^d 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard

Micajah Williamson

John Twiggs,

James Brown

Rob^t Middleton

John Bilbo,

Rich^d Howley.

Rob^t Middleton Esq^r a member of this Board having applied for leave of absence

ORDERED, That leave be granted to him until Tuesday next.

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December 24th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley

Micajah Williamson

John Bilbo.

Stephen Heard

James Brown

Rob^t Middleton

Mr. Ingram waited on the Board agreeable to order, and the evidences which were summoned to attend not appearing, the Board ordered the said Ingram to give his parole to appear on Tuesday next.

Upon reading the petition of a number of inhabitants of the County of Burke, setting forth their distressed situation,

RESOLVED, That the inhabitants of Burke County be assured that this Board will give them every possible assistance, and lay the matter before the ensuing Assembly for their determination thereon.

ORDERED, That a copy of William Littles letter be furnished Col^o Parker and Twiggs.

January 3^d 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley
Robert Middleton

Micajah Williamson
John Twiggs,

RESOLVED, That the Deputy Quarter Master General for the Continental Troops in this State, be requested to furnish Colonel John Twiggs for the use of the Troops under his command, with twenty five W^t of gun powder and fifty W^t of lead as a loan to this State.

RESOLVED also, That he be requested to furnish Col^o Robert Middleton of the Militia of Richmond with six Weight of powder and sixteen weight of lead for the use of the Militia of the said County. The State to be accountable for the same.

RESOLVED also, That he be requested to furnish Robert Bonner with any quantity of nails he may stand in need of, for repairing the House known by the name of the old Fort, ordered to be fitted up for the Session of the next general Assembly.

The Board adjourned.

January 7th 1780.

The Honorable Richard Howley Esq^r having been appointed Governor, by the Honorable the House of Assembly of this State, he informed the Board, that he had, agreeably to the Constitution, waited on the Speaker and qualified as such.

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The following Gentlemen appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly as Members of the Executive Council for the several Counties, informed His Honor the Governor that they had proceeded to the choice of a President, and that Col' George Wells was duly elected, and had qualified himself before the Speaker accordingly.

Stephen Heard—Wilkes County.

John Lindsay—Wilkes County.

Humphry Wells—Richmond County.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary when Samuel Sterk Esq^r was elected, and Daniel Danielly Messenger.

January 8th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

George Wells

Stephen Heard

Humphry Wells

John Lindsay

His Honor the Governor laid before the Board a resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly, respecting the public building in Augusta commonly called the Glebe being appropriated for the accommodation of him and the Executive Council.

ORDERED, That Doctor Folliott, the present possessor, leave the same immediately.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, that Philip Higginbotham is at present confined in the main guard for certain crimes com-

mitted (as it is said) by him. And whereas, it does not appear to this Board, that he is confined by any legal authority.

RESOLVED, That the Commanding Officer of the confederal Troops in Augusta, be requested to discharge the said Philip Higginbotham from his said confinement.

John Sterk Esq^r one of the Treasurers of this State, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, waited on the Board and took the following oath, viz,

I, A. B. appointed one of the Treasurers of this State do solemnly and sincerely swear and declare in the presence of Almighty God, that I will, during my continuance therein, well, faithfully and honestly, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the Office of Treasurer of this State; and that I will not, on any occasion or pretence, apply any monies which shall or may come to my hands as belonging to this State, to any private uses or purposes whatsoever.

So help me God.

WHEREAS, it appears by the certificate of the Honble. Colonel Walton, that the sum of one thousand dollars was allowed to Samuel Sterk Esq^r for acting as Secretary to the late Governor and Council, as well as the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars as perquisites.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to draw on the Treasury for the said sums of money in favor of the said Samuel Sterk.

January 19th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

George Wells
John Lindsay

Humphry Wells
Stephen Heard

ORDERED, That the Secretary of this State take and subscribe the following oath. Viz:

I, A. B. Secretary of the State of Georgia, do solemnly swear, and declare, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will in all things, to the best of my knowledge and ability, justly and honestly keep the records, deeds, parchments and instruments of writing committed, and which shall be from time to time hereafter, committed unto me, and in all other things, to the best of my knowledge, ability and understanding, faithfully perform the duty of my said Office of Secretary, without favor or partiality. So help me God.

RESOLVED, That the Militia which shall be ordered on duty by his honor the Governor, or in his absence, the President of the Council, be supplied with rations of every kind, by the Deputy Quarter Master and Commissary General, in such quantity and proportion as directed for the confederal Troops— That whenever any of the militia are ordered on duty, the same shall be made known by His Honor the Governor or in his absence, the President, to the Officers commanding in the confederal line, for the time being; to the end that orders may issue from him to the Deputy Quarter Master and Commissary General, for a necessary supply of provisions, forage, horses, wagons &c. for their use, to be received and dealt out in due proportion, by such persons as the Commanding Officer of the

Militia so on duty shall appoint. That no returns made to the Deputy Quarter Master and Commissary General, from any Officer of the militia shall be received, unless it be under the above regulations.—

RESOLVED, That the Honorable the Chief Justice be called on, and desired to inform His Honor the Governor whether James Greirson and Andrew M^cLean have entered in recognizance for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer or Superior Court as the case may be, agreeable to an order issued by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

RESOLVED, That the Attorney General be directed to report to the House of Assembly officially, the disrespectful language uttered by James Greirson, respecting the dignity and justice of the Legislature, and to defend the rights of the State in support of its laws and resolves.

WHEREAS, an application has been made to His Honor the Governor, and the Honorable the Council, by Col^o Parker requesting that two or three acres of ground be allowed for the purpose of planting a garden for the use of the Troops under his command. And as it appears to be useful and necessary for the preservation of the health of the Military, that such a measure should take place,

RESOLVED, That the Honorable the President of the Council and the Honorable Humphry Wells Esq. be requested to appropriate two or three acres of ground for that salutary purpose.

WHEREAS, the dignity and authority of all government calculated for the support and maintenance of those rights and liberties, which should be secured to the inhabitants of a free commonwealth, depend on the veneration and respect which ought inviolably to be preserved by the citizens belonging to, and under the jurisdiction of the same.

AND WHEREAS, all wise Governments have ever had, and ought to have recourse to such necessary laws and sanctions, as may tend to support and uphold that dignity and veneration of free Government. This appearing in a strong and forcible light to His Honor the Governor and the Honorable the Executive Council.

RESOLVED, That it be earnestly recommended to the Honorable the House of Assembly to pass a law, of most penal import, on all such person or persons who shall hereafter, citizens of this State, by writing, maintain, or advisedly speaking, support by words, contempts of and concerning the right and jurisdiction of the Legislature of this State, with such other cautions as may be judged necessary.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President	Humphry Wells
John Lindsay	Daniel M ^c Murphy
Myrick Davies	John Cunningham
Caleb Howell.	

The four last mentioned Gentlemen, being appointed, by the Honorable the House of Assembly, Councillors for the different Counties, attended, and took their seats at the Board accordingly.

The Honorable George Wells Esq. on the meeting of the Council this day, observed that there was not a full representation in Council at the time of his being elected, therefore re-

quested the Members present, to proceed to the choice of a President, when he, the said George Wells, was confirmed in the aforesaid appointment unanimously.

The following oath was taken by the Continental Delegates appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will, to the utmost of my power, during the term of my being a representative of this State in Congress, support the dignity, sovereignty, and independence, constitution and laws of the same; and that I will observe and enforce the resolves and instructions consistent therewith of the Legislature and Government thereof.

GEO. WALTON,
EDWD. TELFAIR
B. ANDREW
W. FEW.

RESOLVED, That each of the Continental Delegates have an order on the Treasury of this State, for twenty thousand dollars, and likewise an order on the Treasury of the United States; for ten thousand dollars each, if necessary.

On a representation made to the Board by Colonels Dooly & Clark, of the necessity of having the new erected Forts in the frontiers in Wilkes County properly garrisoned.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to Colonel Dooly to order thirty men for the defence of each Fort, including one hundred and eighty men in the whole, to be kept on constant duty, untill the further orders of this Board.

RESOLVED, That a Fort be built at Harris old Fort and that the sum of five hundred pounds be allowed for the building the same, and to be erected under the direction of Captain Zachariah

Philips agreeable to the regulations which were made with respect to the other Forts on that frontier.

John Hardy Esq. the other Treasurer, waited on the Board, and qualified himself agreeable to the resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly.

January 28th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President	John Lindsay
Peter De'veaux	John Cunningham
Myrick Davis	H. Wells.

The great difficulty of securing offenders appearing for the want of a place of sufficient strength

RESOLVED, That Colonel McMurphy & Mr. Deveaux be a committee for the contracting with some person or persons for putting the Jail in Augusta in tenable order, and erecting a proper defence around the same.

WHEREAS, it appears by information to the Board that Thomas Childers can make some useful discoveries in behalf of the State.

ORDERED, That he do attend on the eighth day of February next.

ORDERED, That John Shaw do attend on this Board the same day.

I, A. B. do solemnly swear, or affirm, without any equivocation or reservation of mind, that I do in truth and sincerity, cheerfully and desirously renounce and abjure the King of Great Britain, his Heirs & Successors, and also the Crown thereof forever. And I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Georgia, and do every thing in my power to support the independence of the same, agreeable to the declaration passed in Congress, on the fourth day of July, one thousand, seven hundred and seventy six; And that also, all treasons, combinations, and confederacies, or any movements of the British Troops, their Emissaries or Spies against it, which shall come to my knowledge, I will immediately made known to the nearest Justice of the peace. So help me God.

PETER DEVEAUX
 JN^o CUNNINGHAM
 JOHN BILBO.
 MYRICK DAVIES
 SAM^l STERK S. E. C.
 RICH^d HOWLEY
 GOVERNOR & C
 GEORGE WELLS President
 H. WELLS
 JOHN LINDSAY.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly ordained a to be taken by the inhabitants of this State (except as therein excepted) and have recommended to His Honor the Governor and the Executive Council to appoint one or more Justices of the peace in and for every County within the Government of this State to administer the same.

ORDERED, that George Seigar and Samuel Sterk Esq^a administer the same to the inhabitants in and about Augusta, to be by them subscribed; William Candler and William Jackson for the upper parts of the said County; Hugh M^cGee and George

Wyche for the lower parts; For the County of Wilkes, Absolern Biddle and John Hill for the South side of little river; Barnard Heard and Col^o Downes for Capt. Williamsons & Austins Companies; Henry Jones & Richard Aycock for Cap^t George Dooley & John Stewarts companies; and John Gordon and Thomas Carter for the upper parts of the said County. For the County of Burk Colo. John Twiggs and Daniel M^cMurphy.

ORDERED, That a copy of the said act be sent to each of the said Justices as soon as possible.

An account of Samuel Sterk being presented to the Board, amounting to one thousand dollars,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to draw on the Treasury for the said sum.

WHEREAS, there are a number of negroes in the custody of Mr. Robert Bonner, belonging (as it is said) to sundry disaffected persons who have joined the enemy.

ORDERED, That Mess^rs Deveau, Davies & Cunningham be a committee to report to His Honor, the Governor and the Honorable the Executive Council, on Tuesday next, such information as they shall receive touching the persons to whom they are said to belong.

The petition of Humphry Wells Jun^r, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, Director General of hospitals in this State was laid before the Board & read.

ORDERED, That Mr. President, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Bilbo be a committee to prepare instructions for the said Director General, and report the same on Tuesday next.

The Board met

January 29th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President
Myrick Davies
John Bilbo,

John Lindsay
John Cunningham

WHEREAS, on the information of Sarah Dunn, it appears several gross violations of both public order and law, have been committed by Ignatius Few and Aspey; And to the end of promoting public Justice, the only support and security of all public rights which the citizens of the State are entitled to, until the same becomes forfeited by a regular and due course of law.

RESOLVED, That every attempt made, or to be made by individuals, to invade the property or rights of any of the citizens of this State, without being legally authorized to do the same, tends to the destroying and overturning of the laws which alone can give security and freedom to the inhabitants.

ORDERED, That if any person or persons shall without lawful authority, take away, molest or disturb the property or any part thereof, belonging to Sarah Dunn, or her children he shall be considered a violator of the laws of this State.

ORDERED, That Ignatius Few and Aspey do forthwith restore unto the said Sarah Dunn all the property which they have taken from her.

ORDERED, That the said Ignatius Few and Aspey do attend this Board on Friday the fourth day of February next.

The Board met

February 1st 1780

Present

His Honor the President

John Cunningham

Peter Deveaux

Humphry Wells

John Bilbo,

Myrick Davies

Daniel M^cMurphy

John Lindsay

The Board being informed that Major * * * * *

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to write to; and send off an express to Joseph Clay Esq^r Deputy Pay Master General, for the States of South Carolina and Georgia; and authorize some person to receive the sum of five hundred and ninety seven thousand dollars Monies of this State, in his hands.

The following letter was sent to Joseph Clay Esq^r Deputy Pay Master General for the States of South Carolina and Georgia.

Augusta 1st February 1780.

SIR,

Your letter of the ultimo informing that the public monies in your hands were ready to be paid to the order of Government. could not fail giving satisfaction, as the safety and welfare of the State were dependent upon it;

I have therefore, taken instant measures to have the same brought up; and do request you will pay the sum of five hundred and ninety seven Thousand dollars to John Hardy Esq^r

one of the Treasurers, whose receipt, and this order, shall be your sufficient discharge for that sum.

I am Your Ob^t Serv^t

JOSEPH CLAY Esq^r }
Deputy Pay Master Genl }

The Board being informed that Major General Lincoln had given orders for the removal of the confederal Troops out of the State, and also, that Brigadier General Williamson is about collecting the Militia of his Brigade for the defence of the Western frontiers. And whereas, the enemy being reinforced in this State, and the same much exposed to ravage and depredation; And the Militia thereof not being collected,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to Brigadier General Williamson, and request that he will move his Brigade into this State, as soon as possible, where the common defence will be more certainly effected.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to Col^o Parker, and that he be requested not to move all the Virginia Troops out of this State until His Honor the Governor shall hear from Brigadier General Williamson. And also that he be informed, that as this Board deem such delay necessary for the safety of this State, he shall be indemnified for the same.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue his proclamation for calling out and embodying the militia of the State; and directing such other measures as may be most conducive to the public safety.

WHEREAS, from the events of war, it may so happen, that the Ministers of Government of this State, might not be able to do or transact the business of the State within the limits of the same. Therefore,

RESOLVED unanimously, that His Honor the Governor, or in his absence the President & Executive Council, may do, and transact all and every business of Government, in as full, ample and authoritative manner, in any other State within the confederation, touching and respecting this State, as tho' it had been done and transacted within the limits of the State.

Messr^s Deveaux, Cunningham and Davis, the Committee appointed to report to the Board, the property of some negroes (touching the persons to whom they are said to belong) in the hands of Mr. Robert Bonner

The Committee report,

- That a negroe man named Tom, is the property of James Story, now with the enemy, and a wench named Charity, with three children, the property of John Mathews, which said negroes, your Committee are of opinion ought to be sold at public auction for the benefit of the State.

ORDERED, That the said negroes be sold at public auction tomorrow at twelve O'Clock, for cash only; and that Messr^s Cunningham and Davis superintend the sale. And in case it should appear at a future day that they are private property and belong to a friend, of these States, that the Treasury pay the amount of the money to such friendly citizens of these States.

February 2nd 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Delegate Honbl. Col^o Walton

John Lindsay

Peter Deveaux

Humphry Wells

Daniel McMurphy

John Cunningham

Myrick Davis

John Bilbo.

The following proclamation was issued by His Honor the Governor,

By His Honor Richard Howley Esq. Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief of the said State.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by information made before the Council it appears that the British Troops in Savannah have received a reinforcement from New York; To the end therefore, that the good people of this State may have notice of the same, and that proper exertions may be made for repelling the common enemy of our rights and liberties; who thro' the bravery and fortitude of our fellow citizens in the Northern States, have been compelled to flee from thence and are now attempting to wreak the effects of their disappointment and malice on this State, as also our Sister State Carolina, notwithstanding the various demonstrations of providence exhibited in our behalf, and tending to shew the unrighteousness of their cause.

I do therefore, with the advice and consent of the Honbl. the Executive Council, issue this, my proclamation commanding and requiring the good people of this State to stand firm to their

duty, and exert themselves in support and defence of the great and glorious independency of the United States; and also to remember with gratitude to Heaven, that the almighty ruler of all human affairs hath been pleased to raise up the spirit and might of the two greatest powers in the World, (France and Spain) to join with them and oppose and destroy the persecutor of their liberties and immunities

Given under my hand, and the great Seal of the said State, at Augusta, the second day of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and eighty; and in the fourth year of the independence of North America.

RICH^d HOWLEY

By His Honors command

SAM^l STERK Sec^y

February 3^d 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honbl. Col^o Walton

John Lindsay

Humphry Wells

John Cunningham

Myrick Davis.

WHEREAS, it is not only our duty, but the common safety requires that every exertion should be made against the enemy.

RESOLVED therefore, That His Honor the Governor be request-

ed to issue orders for embodying one half the Militia of this State immediately; and that the same rendezvous at Augusta, or any other place which he shall direct.

RESOLVED also, that it be further recommended to His Honor the Governor, to give directions to Col. Twiggs to get as many of the men belonging to his regiment and the separate companies under his command as well as Volunteers and take post at Augusta; and that the barracks lately occupied by Col^o Parker, be kept to receive them.

WHEREAS, Major General Lincoln, notwithstanding various and repeated applications, remonstrances and solicitations; and notwithstanding the most positive, certain and unquestionable information that the enemy were strongly reinforced in this State, and a perfect knowledge of the extent frontier and exposed situation of it, has removed the Confederate Troops out of the same.

RESOLVED therefore, that the said Major General Lincoln, stands answerable, for all the consequences which may follow that unadvised measure.

AND WHEREAS, the inhabitants of this State, not being embodied, and from the distant habitations it cannot be done immediately, and the Confederate Officers now leaving this State,—Being of opinion that the Town of Augusta, the present Seat of Government may be surprized by twenty men; by which the Members of Government might be Masedred or captured; and it being thence unsafe and impolitic for the Governor and Council to remain thus exposed; And it being therefore necessary that a place should be pointed out in time for their meeting in some other State or place,

RESOLVED therefore, that Herds Fort, in Wilkes County, be the place of meeting for transacting the business of the Government of this State, as soon after the leaving Augusta as may be.

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AND WHEREAS, the Confederal Troops in this department may be thrown into the Garrison of Charleston contrary to the well known and uniform place of opposition by the United States to the British Arms and contrary to the sence of this Board,

RESOLVED therefore, that in the judgement of this Board, that the min of the Southern Army depends upon this measure.

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary that a public enquiry should be made into the cause of such known and probable mischiefs.

RESOLVED therefore, that the Delegates for this State be requested and directed to proceed forthwith to Congress, and promote by every means in their power such enquiry, as well for the satisfaction and information of the good people of this State, as of the United States.

February 5th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President

John Lindsay

John Bilbo.

John Cunningham

Daniel McMurphy

Myrick Davis

WHEREAS, the Board on the third instant resolved that when it should be necessary to remove the Seat of Government, the same should be adjourned to Herds Fort in the County of Wilkes; And whereas, the necessity of such adjournment now exists and evidently appears,

RESOLVED therefore, that this Board be and stand adjourned

to the said Heards Fort in the County of Wilkes in this State, for the transacting of business, and the execution of the laws of the same.

AND WHEREAS, the late General Assembly of this State, on the eleventh day of January last

RESOLVED.

House of Assembly Jan^r 11. 1780.

RESOLVED therefore, that it is now the clearest, unanimous and most decided sence of this Board, that His Honor the Governor should go, as soon as possible to Congress, agreeable to the intent of the said resolution.

RESOLVED also unanimously, that the Honorable George Wells Esq^r the President, with the members of this Board, are fully competent to the transaction of all public business, as effectually as tho' the Governor was in the State.

ORDERED, That Samuel Sterk Esq. be appointed one of the signers to the money of the emission of the fourth of May 1778. And that he be allowed for his trouble, two and half per cent.

February 8th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President
John Bilbo.
Myrick Davis.

John Lindsay
John Cunningham

George Seigar Esq. waited on the Board and qualified as

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Register of Probates for the County of Richmond. He also qualified at the same time as Deputy Surveyor General for the said State.

WHEREAS, Negroes and other property belonging to persons in arms against the United States, were taken during the Siege of Savannah.

ORDERED, That the same be sold, giving at least fifteen days notice, for the benefit of the men then on duty under the Command of Col^o John Dooly.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board by Colonel John Dooly that a number of men may be had from the State of South Carolina to Garrison two forts upon the western frontiers of this State; provided they were not compelled to do any other duty,

ORDERED, That the said Colonel John Dooly do appoint the Officers for two Companies, and that they be allowed two dollars per day exclusive of the Continental pay and rations.

February 10th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President
John Heard
D. McMurphy

John Lindsay
Myrick Davis.
John Bilbo

A petition of a number of the inhabitants of the upper battalion of Richmond County being laid before the Board, praying

that a new election of Officers for the said battalion should immediately take place.

ORDERED, That William Candler, Robert Jones, David Robertson, Nathan Harris, James Oliver and James Cone do attend this Board on Thursday the seventeenth instant to make known their objections against the Officers now in command and offer reasons, if any, in support of their petition.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers receive from Colonel Farret the sum of two thousand, two hundred and seventeen pounds, seventeen shillings and one penny, Georgia currency, the same being due from him to this State, for sundry negroes purchased at the sales of the confiscated estates & give him a sufficient receipt for the same.

ORDERED, That William Hammett return to the widows Whatley, one hundred and ninety nine bushels and half of corn, which was taken from them by the said Hammett for public use.

His Honor the Governor drew orders on His Excellency Samuel Huntington Esq; President of Congress, in favor of the following persons, who were appointed, by the Honbl. House of Assembly, Delegates for this State.

Honble. Col. Walton, ten thousand dollars.

Honble. Edward Telfair, Esq. ten thousand dollars

Honble. W^m Few Esq. ten thousand dollars

Also orders upon the Treasury of this State for the following sums.

Honble. Col. Walton, twenty thousand dollars.

Honble. Edward Telfair Esq. twenty thousand dollars

Honble. W^m Few Esq. twenty thousand dollars.



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An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the Governor in favor of Samuel Sterk for the following sums viz;

For one thousand dollars for signing and taking up the reconciliation money, as appears by the certificate of James Habersham and Humphry Wells, the Committee appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly.

Also for four hundred dollars, in full for his services to the late Government, as appears by the certificate of the Honorable Col. Walton.

The Committee appointed to superintend the sale of the negroes in the possession of Robert Bonner, belonging (as it is said) to persons who have joined the enemy, do report thereon,

That a negroe wench and two children, late property of John Watkins, were sold at public sale to Daniel M^cMurphy for 7055 dollars; and a negroe man to Jn^o Cunningham for 3230.

February 11th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
Stephen Heard	John Bilbo
Humphry Wells	Myrick Davis.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board, by John Sills, that he has been illegally deprived of seven cows and calves, by Ignatius Few, and four cows and calves by John Bates

RESOLVED, That the said Ignatius Few and John Bates do instantly restore the said cattle together with the bills of Sale, to the said John Sills, and that it be recommended to the Attorney General, to prosecute such illegal acts.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board by John Sills, that he has been illegally deprived of a negoe girl and a ten pound note, extorted from him by Thomas Ashby, under pretext of payment for a horse lost, or pretended to be lost, by the said Ashby.

RESOLVED unanimously, that the said Thomas Ashby do instantly restore the said negroe girl, together with the bill of Sale therefor; and the said note, to the said John Sills; and that it be recommended to the Attorney General to prosecute such illegal acts.

An order was drawn on the Treasury in favor of John Lindsay Esq. for two thousand, eight hundred and fifty dollars, for subsistence as a prisoner from the first January 1779. to the eighteen October 1779. at three hundred dollars per month.

February 12th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard
John Cunningham

John Lindsay
Myrick Davis.

RESOLVED, That a Nolli prosequi do issue to the Attorney General on the informations against Andrew M^cLean Esq. to stay all further proceedings against him on the said informations

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint a proper person to proceed to Charleston and purchase there one thousand bushels of salt for public use, and to store the same in such secure place as he may direct.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint a proper person to purchase one hundred and fifty pair of pistols, and one hundred and fifty swords for the use of this State.

RESOLVED, That the owners of such waggons and teams as may be in future taken into the service of this State be allowed for the hire thereof, twelve dollars and one third per day, and the accustomed allowance of forage for their horses; and that each driver be allowed two dollars per day and one ration.

And that such of the poor Militia men, doing duty in the militia of this State, who shall faithfully serve the term out, for which they may be drafted shall, on producing a certificate thereof from their Commanding Officer, be entitled to one bushel of salt over and above their pay.

ORDERED, That a dedimus do issue to Col^d William Downes, for qualifying the Sheriff and all other Officers in Wilkes County; and return the same to this Board as soon as convenient, with an account of his proceedings thereon.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Edmund Bugg be allowed at the rate of ten dollars per bushel for any corn furnished by him heretofore to the Continental Commissary of forage and at the rate of twenty dollars per hundred for corn blades; it appearing to the Board that the prices allowed by the Assembly were too low, and would be a great hardship and distress on him.

Monday 14th Feb^r 1780.

The Board met

Present

Mr. President

Stephen Heard
John Bilbo
Myrick Davis.

John Cunningham
Humphry Wells

WHEREAS, a caveat, John Dooly against Thomas Lee, was heretofore determined respecting a tract of land in Wilkes County, and an order passed to dispossess the said Dooly, and put the said Lee in full possession thereof

AND WHEREAS, it appears that the said John Dooly still holds forcible possession of the said land.

ORDERED, That Benjⁿ Catchings, W^m Downes and John Gorain Esq^r do issue process for putting the said Thomas Lee in possession of his land; and that they call Lieutenant Col^o Elijaⁿ Clark to enforce this order with the Militia of Wilkes County, or such part as may be deemed necessary, that are not on marching orders.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers do receive from James Jackson and Samuel Sterk Esq^r a sum of Georgia money in their hands belonging to the State, and ordered to be by them signed agreeable to law.

Tuesday 15th Feb^y 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

John Cunningham
Myrick Davies.

Stephen Heard

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board from information that Augustine Banyers of Augusta in the State of Georgia, hath lost a negroe man slave named Sam, which he supposes and believes to be in the State of South Carolina,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President be requested to give the said Augustin Banyers every assistance in his power for the recovery of the said slave.

Wednesday 16th 1780.

The Honorable Stephen Heard, John Cunningham and John Bilbo proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, on account of the death of the Honorable George Wells; when the Honble. Humphry Wells Esq. was unanimously elected.

RESOLVED, that the President and Members of this Board will attend the funeral of the late President at two O'Clock to-morrow.

Thursday 17th Feb^r 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor

Humphry Wells Esq. President

John Cunningham
John Bilbo

Stephen Heard

WHEREAS, it appears from information made to this Board that the late Honble. George Wells Esq. did depart this life untimely and on such a sudden that he had no opportunity of settling any of his worldly affairs, which may be a cause, unless by some means prevented, of his just creditors suffering thereby.

RESOLVED, therefore, that Humphry Wells Esq. be hereby empowered to take into his possession all the estate belonging to the said George Wells, until a proper administration can be had thereon.

Friday 18th Feb^r 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jn^o Cunningham
Stephen Heard

John Lindsay
Myrick Davis.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a President in the room

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of the Honorable George Wells Esq. deceased, when it appeared that the Honorable Stephen Heard Esq. was appointed to fill that station for the remainder of the year.

Tuesday 22nd 1780.

The Board met

Present

Mr. President

Myrick Davis.

John Cunningham

John Lindsay

John Bilbo

A petition of Thomas Lee was presented to the Board setting forth, that having received an order of Council dated 14th Feb^y 1780. as well as an order of the Council of 1778. for dispossessing Colo. John Dooly of a certain tract of land in Wilkes County, and that the works was properly returned into the office, in order that a grant might pass to him for the same, and that the papers, falling into the hands of the enemy, belonging to that office, has been the means of depriving him of it—

ORDERED, That the prayer of the same be granted and that Colo. William Downes and John Graham Esqrs. do resurvey the said tract of land and return a plat thereof into the proper Office; and that the said resurvey be made agreeable to the original Survey.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board by Mary Young, that she has been illegally deprived of the following negroes, viz, Hannah and her two Children, by John Garnet, William Lucas and Ephraim Darling. and that they were carried by the said persons into South Carolina,

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Brigadier General Williamson be requested to give the said Mary Young every assistance in his power for the recovery of her said negroes.

February 25th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President
Myrick Davis
John Bilbo

John Lindsay
John Cunningham

RESOLVED, That the following rules be adopted for the government of the Executive Council.

First—That for the dispatching all business of an Executive nature, the Council meet on every Tuesday and Friday unless in cases of emergency, when the Governor or President may at any time summon a Council to meet immediately; that one member from each County stay in or near Town in rotation as the Constitution directs.

Second—That for the ease of the members of Council, while the Legislature sits, two of the said Members meet every day in rotation, and attend regularly, during the hours the Assembly sits, in the Council room for the purposes of the receiving bills and Messages sent to them by the Assembly; that the said Members lay all matters so received by them, before the Board on the days of their meeting; and that the Board immediately or within five days from the time of their being received return an answer to the Assembly.

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Third—That each Member not attending agreeable to the times appointed, or when sent for, shall forfeit a sum, not exceeding fifty dollars.

A petition of Francis Settles was presented to the Board and read.

ORDERED, that he be referred to the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Continental Troops in this State for payment.

WHEREAS, an order passed in Council on the fourteenth of February instant for dispossessing Colonel John Dooly of a certain tract of land in Wilkes County which was heretofore determined, on a caveat, by the President and Council in 1778. and an order issued on the same day to three Justices of the said County for putting Thomas Lee in possession; and ordering them to call on Lieut Col^o Clark, in case it should appear necessary to enforce the said order, for dispossessing the said Dooly, with such part of the Militia of that County as were not then under Marching orders.

Whereupon the Board proceeded to reconsider the said order, and

RESOLVED, That the said Thomas Lee be referred to his remedy at law.

AND WHEREAS, the said Thomas Lee presented a petition to the Board, on the 24th Instant, praying that a resurvey might be ordered, of the said tract of land, as the former works were returned to the proper office, in order that a grant might pass to him for the same, but that the papers falling into the hands of the enemy, had been the means of depriving him of it:

AND WHEREAS, by the late law it is enacted, that whereas, a number of warrants and returns of plats may be lost in our late confused state, for remedy whereof, that when it shall appear

upon oath that any such paper or description of land may be lost, that grants shall pass for the same. and Whereas, it does not appear to this Board that any such oath has been made by the said Thomas Lee,

RESOLVED, That Colonel William Downes and John Graham Esq. be ordered not to proceed in the said resurvey until the terms of the act be fully complied with and the further orders of this Board, notwithstanding the former order made.

WHEREAS, in and by an act of the General Assembly, entitled "an Act for the more speedy and effectual settling and strengthening this State" it is among other things enacted that a land Office be immediately opened for the purpose of granting lands under the following regulations,

that every citizen of this State, as well as any Citizen of any other State, shall be entitled to a grant of land in the following manner, to be laid out anywhere in this State not in the possession of the Indians: provided, that every such person before he shall obtain such grant, shall bring the whole of his family into the State, and himself take and subscribe the oath of Government: And provided also, that he shall give security to his Honor the Governor and Council for Settling the same within nine months thereafter, Viz, two hundred acres of land for the head of a family, and fifty Acres for each member of the same whether white or black.

RESOLVED, That the said Office be immediately opened under the foregoing regulations, and that the same be made known to the people at large.

RESOLVED also, That the Justices in each County be made acquainted with the above resolution, by the Secretary of this Board.

March 2nd 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President
Myrick Davis

John Lindsay
John Cunningham

ORDERED, That James McLean and William Hammett Esqrs. do superintend the distribution of the public salt in Wilkes County, which is to be in the following viz, one quart for each head of a family; and three bushels for each of the Forts on the Western Frontiers. Provided that none be distributed to those who have lately had, and it shall appear to the said James McLean and William Hammett are not destitute of the article.

ORDERED, That the said persons do take an oath to follow the above regulations.

Information being given, that several persons possessing large quantities of provision and forage have refused to dispose of the same under various pretences whereby the public service is greatly injured to prevent which,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Commanding Officer of the Troops in this State for the time being, be empowered to issue press warrants for such quantities of the above Articles as the service shall require, giving proper certificates for the same; in case such persons shall refuse to dispose of the same.

RESOLVED, That John Gorham Esq. do act as Surveyor General of this State; Colonel Joseph Pannell having declined his appointment to that office.

ORDERED, That James McLean be allowed the ballance of

eleven hundred and eighty five dollars, on his account against the State.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor draw on the Treasurers for nine hundred and twenty dollars in favor of Mr. James McLean for his trouble in conducting the waggons to and from Charleston.

March 3^d 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President

Myrick Davis

John Lindsay

John Cunningham

The following proclamation was issued by Honor the Governor, viz.

GEORGLA.

By His Honor Richard Howley Esq. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, by an act passed on the last meeting of the General Assembly, it was ordained that the Governor should take proper measures, for preventing as much as possible the illegal practice of plundering, whereby many families are greatly distressed without any benefit to the cause of the State. And Whereas, a line was laid down by the aforesaid law, and a clause of the same declaring it felony for any person or persons, under any pretence whatever, to plunder or take away from any of the inhabitants of this State within the said line, any property; and ordering all such as are not well affected to the confederal alliance to remain

without the same. I do therefore, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, issue this my proclamation, forbidding all and every person from such illegal and shameful practices, which reflect a disgrace on the Sacred cause of America, and assimilate it to the iniquity of that of our enemies.

And, I further order and require, that every person well affected to the cause of the United States, will repair without loss of time to proper places within a line from Hudson's Ferry to Ogechee, and there remain quiet demeaning themselves as good citizens of the State.

Given &C.

RESOLVED, That a nolle prosequi do issue to the Attorney General, on the information against James Greirson Esq^r to stay all further proceedings against him on the same.

March 22^d 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

John Bilbo

Humphry Wells

John Cunningham

Myrick Davis

The petition of Mr. Adam Tate was presented to the Board, setting forth that he formerly traded to the Indian Nation to the year 1773, at which time he returned to this State (then province) from whence he went to the place of his nativity North Carolina, where he resided in the year 1775, at which time his concerns not being altogether settled in West Florida, he went

here, and returned last August to this place, and from thence to North Carolina to become a citizen of that State, but was rejected on a supposition of his being a certain David Tate who was a Commissary or Agent in the Creek Nation on the part and behalf of his Britanick Majesty.

AND WHEREAS, it appears by the certificate of a number of respectable citizens of this State, as also from the affidavit of Martin Weatherford, the said Adam Tate is not the supposed David Tait who was a Commissary or deputy superintendent of Indian affairs as aforesaid; but that he has always been esteemed a true friend to these United State. And this Board being willing to do justice to the said Adam Tate upon the aforesaid certificate and information produced, in order that he may be entitled to all the liberties and priviledges of a citizen

RESOLVED, that the President be requested to give the said Adam Tate a certificate under his hand and the great Seal of the said State, in order that he may return to the State of North Carolina, and produce the same to the governing power of that State; that they may do therein as to them may seem most meet, this board being of opinion, that the said Adam Tate is a true friend to the American cause.

GEORGIA.

By His Honor Stephen Heard Esq. President of the Honorable the Executive Council of the Said State.

Agreable to the request contained in the aforesaid resolution of the Hon^{ble} the Executive Council of the said State I do hereby certify that the said Adam Tate is not the said supposed David Tait a Commissary, or Superintendent of Indian affairs, on the part and behalf of his Britanick Majesty; but that he has de-

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meaned himself as a good and faithful friend to the American cause, since the commencement of the same as has appeared to us.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the said State, at Augusta the sixteenth day of March 1780, and in the fourth year of American Independence.

STEPHEN HEARD

By His Honors command

SAM^l STIRK/ S. E. C.

March 23rd 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	Humphry Wells
John Cunningham	John Bilbo
Myrick Davis	Peter Devereux

An order was drawn by His Honor the Governor, on the Treasurers in favor of James Simpson, for the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars, being money allowed by the Assembly for the support of a family distressed by the enemy.

A petition signed by a number of the inhabitants of the County of Burke, was presented to the Board and read, whereupon,

RESOLVED, That the merits of the said petition be referred to Col^o John Twiggs, and that such persons who have signed the same, and are known to be friends of these States, that he render them every service in his power to prevent for the future, the

illegal practice of plundering them, which it is said has been the case by persons from the back Country. And if any of the said signers should refuse to take the oath prescribed by the late law, that he make known the same, to this Board, that proper steps may be taken against them. And if it should appear proper at this time to the said Colonel John Twiggs to give out ammunition to any of them, that he be empowered to give such quantity to each as he may deem necessary.

March 24th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President

Peter Deveaux

Myrick Davis

John Lindsay

John Cunningham

Humphry Wells.

WHEREAS, it appears that several negroes have been taken out of the state, belonging to various persons; And whereas, such illegal and scandalous practices tend to the ruin and dishonor of the State

RESOLVED, That Blessingame Harvey be empowered and authorized to take up all such negroes as he shall find to be conveyed out of the State as aforesaid, and have them brought back, that the suffering and distressed owners may have such as shall not appear to be forfeited agreeable to the laws and ordinances of the State; And that it be recommended to the Magistrates of the States of North and South Carolina to give all necessary aid to the said Blessingame Harvey in the executing this resolve.

WHEREAS, a representation has been made to this Board by Captain George Robertson, of the State of South Carolina, of



the melancholy situation of John Grant who had his House robb'd, seven negroes plundered and himself wounded by the enemy. And that the remainder of his negroes were taken from him prior to that by Col. Benj. Few; by all which treatment he is reduced to a state of the most languishing distress.

AND WHEREAS, it appears that the said negroes which were taken from him by the said Col. Few, are advertised to be sold, on Saturday the 25. instant; in order therefore, that the unhappy, and much injured man may be preserved from total ruin, and his family from perishing, to the great dishonor of all public justice and humanity.

RESOLVED, That the sale of the said negroes be postponed until the next sitting of the General Assembly or to further orders of this Board, that the said John Grant may have an opportunity of having his case properly stated and his negroes returned.

His Honor the Governor, laid before the Board a letter from the Hon'ble Brigadier General Williamson setting forth the great want, the Quarter Master and Commissary in the confederal line, were in for money to supply the demands of the army now in this State; as also an extract of a letter from General Lincoln requiring him to apply to the Governing Powers of this State, for a loan until a Supply arrives from Congress; whereupon,

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be lent to the said Quarter Master and Commissary for the use of their departments, taking their receipts to return the said sum as soon as possible into the Treasury of this State.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by his honor the Governor, in favor of Ann Brown, relict of James Brown, deceased, for the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars, being money allowed by the Assembly for the support of a family distressed by the enemy.

March 25th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President John Cunningham.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the Governor in favor of Captain Barron for three thousand and seventeen dollars, being the pay of himself and company, for services rendered the United States from 22nd day of April 1779, to the 18. August 1779, and advanced out of the Treasury of this State on account of the United States.

March 21st 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Lindsay

Peter Deveaux

Humphry Wells

John Cunningham

D. M^cMurphy.

The petition of William Candler was presented to the Board and read; praying that a Committee of the Board might be appointed to examine his accounts this State, with the Auditor General; and report their opinion on the same as soon as the nature of the case will admit.

RESOLVED, That the prayer of the petition cannot be granted.

The petition of John Garnett was read, setting forth that one Thomas Whitehead owes to the Petitioner the sum of 5000 dollars, which he promised to pay to your petitioner, if he procured and delivered to him a negroe who had been taken from the said Whitehead by persons having no authority so to do; that the said Garnett procured and delivered to him the said negroe, but that the said Whitehead has since the delivery joined the British Troops and taken almost the whole of his property within their line, he therefore prays that he may be appointed a Commissioner to take charge of the said Whiteheads estate until the Legislature can take such steps to secure the same.

RESOLVED, That the said John Garnett do deliver unto Sam^l Stirk Esq all the property belonging to the said Whitehead, to be disposed of as the General Assembly may think fit.

Application being made to the Board, by the Continental Commissary of purchases, for the loan of a sum of money to supply the demands of the Army,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to draw an order on the Treasurers in his favor for ten thousand continental dollars, taking his receipt for the same & return the said sum into the Treasury.

April 23th 1780

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President

Myrick Davies

John Cunningham

Caleb Howell.

Humphry Wells

The petition of Thomas Lee and the certificate of the Chief Justice was presented to the Board and read, praying that a resurvey of a tract of land whereon John Dooley lives, and which was heretofore determined on a Caveat entered against him and given in his, the said Lee's favor

ORDERED, That a resurvey do take place, and that the same be returned into the Surveyor Generals Office, and there remain until the further order of this Board.

The petition of William Dukes was read setting forth (See same).

ORDERED, That this day week Blessingame Harvey do attend this Board in order to make his defence to the same, with such witnesses as may be necessary.

WHEREAS, several complaints have been made to this Board by sundry persons against Col^o John Dooly and Major Smith, who have deprived them of their cattle and other property, and several of the said persons being well affected to the American cause whereby such illegal practices tend to the infamy and degradation of the same;

ORDERED, That they do attend this Board on the fifth day of May next, in order that the circumstances may be enquired into.

May 5th 1780

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President
Humphry Wells
——— Howell
Myrick Davis

John Lindsay
Daniel M^cMurphy
Peter Deveaux
John Cunningham.

WHEREAS, Blessingame Harvey hath this day appeared to answer the complaint made against him by William Dukes relative to two negroes.

ORDERED, That the determination of this matter be referred till this day fortnight.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to take immediate measures for erecting redoubts and other plans of defence for the Town of Augusta, at such places as he shall judge most necessary for the public safety.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation requiring all persons who have located lands in such parts of this State and have not settled the same, to come in agreeable to the terms of the act in that case made & provided, to settle the same under the penalties therein contained—

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint a future day for entering caveats by persons who have, or pretend to have titles or rights to lands in Wilkes, Richmond and Burke Counties, to shew cause, if any they can, why grants should not pass to persons claiming the same.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to



appoint future and stated days for signing grants to the inhabitants of the aforesaid Counties, as well as of the other Counties of this State, and all other persons claiming grants for tracts or lots of land in the same.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to His Honor the Governor, to write to Major General Lincoln relative to the distress that the planters in this State have suffered, by the Continental Officers, in taking their property without giving them the least satisfaction in payment for the same. And that it be recommended to him to have these grievances redressed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED, That the following persons from henceforth receive the several fees hereinafter mentioned as fees of Office for doing the matters of business mentioned opposite to such fees; and that no public Officer his deputy or agent, or person acting as such shall on any pretence whatever, demand or receive any further or other fees than is allowed in the table, any usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

GOVERNORS FEES.

	Dollars
Warrant for land signing same.....	16.
Every grant signed and sealed.....	60.
Signing and Sealing a testimonial.....	40.
Signing a Marriage license.....	80.
The Great Seal to any paper.....	14.
A Dedimus Potestatem	40.

SECRETARY'S FEES.

A Warrant for land	
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Dollars

Filing the Fiat

A grant for land, for preparing the wax & affix-
ing the same for the Seal, if five hundred acres
or under

If above five hundred acres.....

Letters of Guardianship

A testimonial with the Great Seal.....

Every search

Recording or copying any deed Per copy sheet....

A Marriage license and bond:.....

Entering satisfaction on Mortgage.....

Entering a brand or mark.....

Preparing and countersigning a Dedimus Potes-
tatem

A Commission for a place of profit amounting to
the value of fifteen pounds per annum or up-
wards

If under that Value

Preparing the wax and attending the fixing the
Great Seal to any paper.....

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Drawing & reading a petition.....

An order on that petition.....

The Copy of any paper exceeding two copy sheets
per copy

Dollars

The copy of any paper not exceeding two copy }
 sheets }

A citation of summons

Entering any paper per copy sheet, or copies of }
 them }

Every oath in Council (State oaths excepted)

Reading, countersigning & entering all grants }
 signed in Council }

Attending and entering the minutes on caveats }
 for land & order thereon }

Reading reasons or any written evidences relating }
 thereto }

Attend^e & administering State oaths to any per- }
 son admitted to any place of profit, and giving }
 certificate thereof if required for a place up- }
 wards of fifteen pounds pr. An. }

A place of that value or under

For drawing, countersigning and Sealing Militia }
 Commissions }

For every order on the Treasurers drawn by }
 direction of the Governor in Council }

THE SURVEYOR GENERALS FEES.

For a copy of every warrant and a precept thereon

For a new precept or prolonging an old one

For every hundred acres of land surveyed

Dollars

For each plat, record of that plat, and certificate }
thereon }

For the Survey of a Town lot.....

For a plat of a Town lot, recorded & certificate.
of same

For an attested copy of plat.....

For a Search (that is every different name)....

For a certificate.....

For business done by special order of Council,
not herein provided for..... }

For a copy of a warrant without a precept, and }
certifying the same

FEES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF GRANTS.

Every Audit of a Grant for land.....

Every search

THE REGISTER OF GRANTS FEES.

Registering any Grant per copy sheet.....

A certified copy of any grant per copy sheet.....

Every search

THE DEPUTY SURVEYORS FEES.

For every survey under 20 miles from his place }
of abode

Also, for every survey per hundred acres.....

Dollars

Also, for a plat of each survey, certified and re-
turned to the Surveyor Generals' Office.....}

For every survey above twenty miles from his
place of abode, for every 20 miles exceeding
that distance}

For running out a Town Lot if cleared.....

If not cleared

For a certificate of the same returned to the Sur-
veyor Generals' Office

Tuesday 9th May 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President

Humphry Wells

John Lindsay

Caleb Howell

Peter Deveaux

Myrick Davies.

John Cunningham

RESOLVED, That Friday, the eighteenth instant be the day for hearing such caveats as may have been entered with the Clerk of this Board, and every Friday following be the day for the hearing of such caveats as may in future may be entered after the eighteenth instant as aforesaid.

RESOLVED also, That Tuesday the twenty second instant be the day for signing grants for lands, where no contested title

shall appear; and to continue every Tuesday until the same is finally completed; and that on the said day lands will be ordered to any person petitioning for the same provided the application is agreeable to a former order of this Board.

RESOLVED also, That all persons claiming grants for lands do, on the twenty second instant, and every day Council shall be held after that time, apply themselves or by their Deputy for the same.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the close investiture of Charleston by the enemy, and the absolute necessity there is, of opening a communication between the Country and that Town, the taking of which appears to be the principal and only object of the enemy; and on the preservation whereof, the general safety in a great measure depends; And whereas, by a report of a Council of Officers, convened by His Honor the Governor, it appears that the militia of this State are adequate to the defence of the same, more especially as large drafts have been lately made from the regular forces of the Enemy in the lower parts of this State and sent to Charleston.

RESOLVED, That the militia belonging to South Carolina and now in this State, do immediately proceed to the assistance of Charleston, except the independent Companies of the aforesaid State.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to His Honor the Governor, to consider what further aid of the militia, belonging to the State, the safety of the same, and the circumstances of the enemy's force will admit of, to be sent for the assistance of Charleston.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Board be returned to Brigadier General Williamson, for his past attention to this State, and that His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish the Governor of South Carolina with a copy of these resolves.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to take proper measures for having brought into this State the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, sent by an escort by the Board of War, from Congress, and which are now at Camden.

RESOLVED, That Mr. President, Mess^{rs} Lindsay, Howell, Deveaux and Wells be a committee to fix the fees of office to be taken by the public officers of this State, and report thereon on Friday next.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Board, by the Commissioners appointed to administer the Test, to the inhabitants in and about the Town of Augusta, that William Manson and Andrew Johnston have refused to take and subscribe the Test when summoned so to do.

ORDERED That the said William Manson and Andrew Johnston do attend on this Board on Friday next, to shew cause why the law ordaining and enjoining a Test, should not be executed with respect to them.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Board by Mary Sizemore, that she has since the departure of her husband, who has joined the British Troops, been plundered by a number of persons of the property she had in possession; and prays that proper persons may be appointed to take charge of the same in order that justice may be administered to his creditors.

RESOLVED, That Alexander Ottrey and Henry Dukes be appointed Commissioners to take charge of the property of William Sizemore, and require all persons having in their possession any part of the same to deliver it into their hands.

ORDERED, That David Emanuel be appointed one of the Commissioners for administering the Test to the inhabitants of the County of Burke in the room of Daniel M^cMurphy Esq.

The Board met

May 12th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President

Mr. Wells,

Mr. Howell

Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Davis

Mr. Deveaux

Mr. Cunningham.

William Manson appeared before the Board agreeable to order of the ninth of May, and having declared that he could not, on account of conscientious scruples, take and subscribe the Test, as he proposed to spend the remainder of his days in Great Britain.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor take proper measures for removing the said William Manson within the enemy's Lines, and that he be allowed a proper time for disposing of his effects .

Andrew Johnston having appeared agreeable to order

ORDERED, That it be referr'd until Tuesday next for consideration.

THE REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS

The Board met

May 16th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President

Mr. Wells.

Mr. Howell

Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Davis

Mr. Deveaux

Mr. Cunningham.

WHEREAS, a petition was presented and read; signed by a number of the inhabitants residing in and about the Town of Augusta, praying the Board to suspend the operation of the law enjoining a Test, with respect to Doctor Andrew Johnston, and the Board being inclined from humanity as well as an attention to the names of the persons subscribed to the said petition, many of whom merit great consideration.

RESOLVED, That all further proceedings in the case of the said Doctor Andrew Johnston be postponed until the meeting of the Assembly.

The Board met

May 19th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President.

Mr. Howell

Mr. Lindsay

John Cunningham

Mr. Deveaux

Mr. Davies

George Wyche and Hugh M^cGee appeared before the Board

and qualified as Commissioners for administering the Test to the inhabitants of the lower parts of the County of Richmond.

The aforesaid persons likewise qualified as Magistrates for the said County.

Mr. Dukes and Mr. Harvey having attended agreeable to the order of the fifth of May instant, by their Council and having been heard relative to the matters set forth his petition

RESOLVED, That the said William Dukes be referred to a Court of law for his remedy.

May 23^d 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President

Mr. Davis

Mr. Cunningham

Mr. Lindsay.

Mr. Wells

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that His Honor the Governor should retire to some place of safety, either South or North Carolina, as from a longer delay his situation might endanger the liberty of his person—

RESOLVED, That the public monies be placed in the hands of the President and be paid off, as the occasion of public service may require, under his direction; and that of the Executive Council, in the absence of His Honor the Governor—

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be advanced

out of the Treasury of this State, to the Continental Officers, for bearing their expences in their journey to the Northward and that His Honor the Governor draw in favor of Lieutenant Colonel Moore for the same.

May 24th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

Mr. Wells

Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Davies.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay into the hands of Colonel John Dooly, twenty thousand dollars, the same being advanced to him by the State for the payment of the Troops under his command, taking his receipt to be accountable for the same, and return it into the Treasury as soon as he can obtain money from the confederal Chest.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the President in favor of Doctor Humphry Wells for medicine purchased for the Director General of the Hospitals in this State, for two thousand, five hundred and twenty six dollars.

Also His Honor the President drew an order on the Treasury in favor of Samuel Sterk for two thousand dollars in part of his Salarary as Secretary to this Board.

Also an order on the Treasury in favor of John Lindsay Esq. (a Member of this Board, for two thousand, four hundred and ninety for his attendance from the 12th Feb^r 1780 to the 26th May Inst.—

May 25. 1780

Present

His Honor the President

Mr. Wells

Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Davies.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the President in favor of Titus Hollinger for six hundred dollars for house rent for the Treasury and Secretary of States Officer.

An order was drawn in favor of John Milledge Esq. Attorney General, for three thousand dollars, in part payment of his Salary allowed him by the House of Assembly.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay into the hands of Colonel John Twiggs twenty thousand dollars * * * * *

RESOLVED, That an order be drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the President, in favor of Colonel John Twiggs the same to be advanced to him as a loan by this State for the use of the Continent, for the payment of persons employed in secret services.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President be requested to draw on the Treasury in favor of the Continental Quarter Master, Richard Wylley Esq. for eight thousand dollars, for the use of this Department, taking his receipt to return the said sum as soon as possible into the Treasury of this State.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President be requested to draw on the Treasury in favor of the Honble. Brigadier General Williamson for ten thousand dollars, taking his receipt to return that sum as soon as possible into the Treasury of this State.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President, be requested to

draw on the Treasury in favor of the Continental Commissary Seth John Cuthbert, for fifteen thousand dollars, for the use of his Department; taking his receipt to return the said sum as soon as possible, in to the Treasury of this State.

Augusta 19th August 1781.

This day, the Executive Council, chosen by the Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met; proceeded to the choice of a President: when Myrick Davies Esquire was unanimously chosen.

Present

Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot
Joseph Woodruff	Humphry Wells
James Jones	Daniel Coleman

ORDERED, That Humphry Wells and Charles Odingsel be a Committee to employ a door keeper.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Humphry Wells
Charles Odingsel	James Jones
Daniel Coleman	

The petition of Abenton & Rachel Felps was laid before the Board and read.

RESOLVED, it is the opinion of this Board, that the prayer of the petition comes under the cognizance of the Courts of Justice, and that this Board can take no order in the matter.

The House adjourned till to-morrow 9 O'Clock.

August 20th 1781.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Humphry Wells
Charles Odingsel	James Jones
Daniel Coleman	

A Bill for the regulation of the Militia of this State being sent by the Honble. the House of Assembly; the Council proceeded to take the same into consideration, return'd with amendment—

A Bill for making certain persons citizens, and for burying in oblivion, the crime of the British protection, was laid before the Board, by a Committee from the House of Assembly, for their consideration, was approved of.

ORDERED, That James Jones and Charles Odingsel Esquires, be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly, with the foregoing bills, with the proposed amendment.

A Bill for the prevention of internal conspiracies and other purposes, was brought before the Board by a Committee of the House of Assembly,

The Board upon considering the bill proposed, that an oath be annexed to the said bill, to be taken by the several Committees.

ORDERED, That Mr. Coleman and Doctor Wells do wait on the Honorable House of Assembly with the said Bill.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

Wednesday August 22nd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Daniel Coleman
Humphry Wells	Charles Odingsel.

An act to continue the several acts heretofore made, was laid before the Board, taken in to consideration and approved of.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to wait on the Honorable House of Assembly with said act; and that Messrs Ravot & Woodruff be that Committee.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Abraham Ravot
Humphry Wells	Charles Odingsel
Daniel Coleman	Joseph Woodruff
James Jones.	

Agreeable to a resolve of the Honble the House of Assembly His Honor the Governor proceeded to qualify the Justices, for the different Counties within this State, when the following Gentlemen were duly qualified.

The House adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Thursday, August 23rd 1781.

The House met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis

Humphry Wells

Daniel Coleman

Joseph Woodruff

Charles Odingsel

Two letters from Col^o Clark, one to His Honor the Governor, and the other to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, was laid before the Board and read.

WHEREAS, disputes have arisen concerning the Col^o Woodruffs appointment as Deputy Q. M. Genl.

ORDERED, That Col^o Woodruff be requested to act as Deputy Q. Master Genl. for this State, untill such time as the matter can be properly elucidated, and that he be empowered to employ assistants.

ORDERED, That Col^o Woodruff be requested to apply to the Commissioners of sequestered Estates, for such Negroes and other articles belonging to them as he may want for his Department.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis

Joseph Woodruff

Humphry Wells

Charles Odingsel

Abraham Ravot

Daniel Coleman

ORDERED, That a General Muster of the Militia of this State, be on Thursday the 30th Instant, and that a draft be made of one half of the same, and that they hold themselves in readiness to march at a minutes warning.

ORDERED, That the D. Q. Master General, do immediately proceed to make every exertion in collecting horses, Waggon & every other Material necessary in his Department.

WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary that the Commissary and Quarter Master, do immediately provide necessaries for the support of an Army.

RESOLVED, That they have power to impress all articles which shall be wanted in their several departments, and cannot otherwise be had, giving certificates to the persons from whom such articles are impressed, specifying the quantity and quality and in case of cattle where the owners cannot immediately be found, they are to keep an account of the marks, brands & age thereof.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday August 24th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Daniel Coleman
Joseph Woodruff	Abraham Ravot
Charles Odingsel.	

ORDERED, George Walton D. C. General do immediately apply to the late acting Deputy Commissary General for all public stores he may have in his possession.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
Charles Odingsel	Joseph Woodruff
Daniel Coleman.	

ORDERED, That Mr. Chesley Bostick, late acting Deputy Q. M. & Commissary General, deliver all public stores in his possession to the Deputy Q. M. & Commissary General or their order.

WHEREAS, the daily depredations committed in this neighborhood convinces this Board of the necessity of immediately putting in Execution the act of Assembly, entitled An act for the prevention of internal conspiracies & for empowering certain Committees therein named, to examine into the conduct of certain suspicious persons.

ORDERED, That the Committees for the several Counties do proceed to put the said act, immediately into execution.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Sunday August 26th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Humphry Wells

Joseph Woodruff
Daniel Coleman

On information rec^d by His Honor the Governor, that the enemy are now embodied to march against this post, it is the opinion of this Board that the draught of one half the militia of this State, be immediately made and embodied at the Station on Spirit Creek, and that His Honor the Governor do issue orders.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10. O'Clock

Monday 27th August 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Daniel Coleman

Joseph Woodruff
Charles Odingsel

On an appeal of Samuel and Judah Lyons, who was ordered off by the Committee of the County of Richmond, before this Board.

ORDERED, That they have leave to carry the said negro woman down with them.

The Board adjourned.

Wednesday August 29th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis
Joseph Woodruff
Daniel Coleman
Humphry Wells

Jonathan Bryan
Abraham Ravot
Charles Odingsel

Doubts arising whether Mr. John Wilkinson, appointed Justice of the peace, and Register of Probates for the County of

Richmond, by the late Assembly, be admitted to take the oaths of Office,

Resolved in the negative.

The petition of Mrs. Mackey was laid before the Board & read. No. 1.

The petition of Mary Ingram and Elizabeth Douglass was laid before the Board and read No. 2.

The petition of Elizabeth Mode was laid before the Board and read—No. 3.

ORDERED, That the Committee for the County of Richmond do, on Friday next, lay before this Board, the reasons and evidence which influenced them to order the said Petitioners within the British lines.

RESOLVED, That Major John S. Eustace be appointed Adjutant General for this State, with the rank of Colonel.

WHEREAS, from information it appears that the Delegates for this State in Congress have obtained an order on Joseph Clay Esq^r Deputy Pay Master General, to the army in the Southern States for £1500 Sterling, in bills of exchange on France, for the purpose of procuring cloathing and other necessary supplies for the militia in actual service belonging to the said State.

RESOLVED, That the said Joseph Clay Esq. be desired and empowered to negotiate the said bills, and to apply two thirds of the avails thereof, in purchasing cloathing and other necessaries for the said Militia, and to transmit the remainder to the Treasury of this State.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 10. O'Clock.

August 30th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis

Daniel Coleman

Charles Odingsel

Abraham Ravot

Jenkin Davis

James Bryan, Esquire Treasurer for this State, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, waited on the Board and took and subscribed the following oath Viz,

I, A. B. appointed Treasurer of this State, do solemnly and sincerely swear and declare in the presence of Almighty God, that I will during my continuance therein; well, faithfully and honestly, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the Office of Treasurer of this State; And that I will not on any occasion or pretence, apply any monies, which shall or may be in my hands, belonging to this State to any private uses or purposes whatsoever— So help me God—

JAMES BRYAN Treasurer.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10. O'Clock.



Friday 31st August 1781

The Board met

Present

His Honor: the Governor

Myrick Davis

Jenkin Davis

Daniel Coleman

Humphry Wells

Jonathan Bryan

Joseph Woodruff

Charles Odingsel

Abraham Ravot

The petition of Jane Oliver & Sarah Johnson was laid before the Board and read.

ORDERED, That the Committee be desired to lay before the Board this afternoon, at three O'Clock the reasons and evidence that influenced them to order the above petitioners off.

Committee of Richmond County for ordering off suspected persons

Reports,

On the petition of Mrs. Mary Mackey.

ORDERED, That the prayer of the petition be granted

On the petition of Mrs. Douglass & Mrs. Ingram

The prayer of the said petition can by no means be granted in any respect.

On the petition of Elizabeth Mode.

The prayer of the petition cannot be granted.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners for the County of Richmond, do deliver to the Commissary of issues one Hhd. of Tobacco for public use.

The Board adjourned till five O'Clock.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

The Committee report.

On the petition of Jane Oliver and Sarah Johnson, That neither of them can be admitted, as having connections in the British lines.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday September 4th 1781.

The Board met according to adjournment

Myrick Davis Esquire President

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot.

Jenkin Davis
Humphry Wells

The petition of John Wilkinson was laid before the Board and read.

This Board is of opinion that the act alluded to does by no means hinder Mr. Wilkinson from doing his duty as a Soldier, as that would be the likeliest thing to clear him of any charge that might be brought against him in consequence thereof. They are further of opinion that the prayer of the said petition does not come under their jurisdiction.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Thursday 6th September.

The Board met

Present

Myrick Davis Esquire	James Jones.
Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Jenkin Davis

A letter being rec^d from Major General Greene directed to His Honor the Governor,

ORDERED, That the same be read.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday September 7th 1781.

The Board met

President Myrick Davis Esquire

Charles Odingsel	Joseph Woodruff
James Jones	Abraham Ravot
Jenkin Davis	

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday September 11th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis
Humphry Wells
Jonathan Bryan

Jenkin Davis
Joseph Woodruff

A letter from Lieut. Colonel Jackson was laid before the Board and read.

RESOLVED, That Lieut Col^o Jackson be empowered to purchase, one hundred Dragoon Horses for the use of his corps, and that he give certificates on this State for the same, payable in four months, with interest from the date which certificates shall be paid out of the monies arising from the sales of the sequestered and absentees estates; or received as specie by the Treasury in payment of Taxes. And that he be allowed to give a sum not exceeding thirty pounds sterling for each horse.

ORDERED, That the D. Q. M. General for this State, be empowered to purchase horses, such as may be wanted, for the use of his Department, giving certificates as above mentioned—

The Board adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 O'Clock

Wednesday 12th September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis
Humphry Wells

Jonathan Bryan
Jenkin Davis

A Letter from Major Stirk was laid before the Board and read.

ORDERED, That the consideration be postponed.

The necessity of procuring arms, for the use of this State, appears so fully to this Board, it is therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to appoint such persons as he may think necessary, to procure, or if not otherwise to be had, to impress iron, steel or any other requisite in order to forward the same. And that he be likewise empowered to employ a sufficient number of persons to work the same into arms for the purpose above mentioned; giving certificates for all articles so procured, payable in four months, out of the monies arising from the sales of sequestered estates.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Friday September 14th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Abraham Ravot
Charles Odingsel	Jonathan Bryan
Daniel Coleman	Jenkin Davis
Joseph Woodruff	Humphry Wells.

A Letter from Major Stirk was laid before the Board and read—postponed.

As a Register of Probates has not yet qualified for the County of Richmond, therefore

ORDERED, That all persons who have any property in their hands, belonging to the Estate of Mr. James Goldwire, deceased, do deliver the same to Mr. Abraham Marshal appointed an Executor to the last will & testament of said deceased.

The petition of Judah Hicombotom was laid before the Board—Inadmissible.

The Board adjourned till Monday 9 O'Clock.

Monday 17th September 1781.

Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jenkin Davis

Charles Odingsel

Jonathan Bryan

Daniel Coleman

Abraham Ravot.

ORDERED, That Col^o William Few pay into the hands of His Honor the Governor the money brought by him from Congress to be applied as necessity may require.

The sum of seven hundred and seventy dollars was paid by Col^o W^m Few into the hands of the Governor.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be desired to send a talk to the Creek Indians, and likewise to write a letter to the Governor of Pensacola.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor enquire into the state of Colonel Jacksons Regiment and give such orders as may appear necessary, in order to cloath the same.

A Letter from Col^o Eustace was laid before the Board and read— postponed.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday 18. September 1781.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Abraham Ravot	Daniel Coleman
Jenkin Davis	James Jones
Charles Odingsel	Humphry Wells

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Saturday 22nd September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
Daniel Coleman	Humphry Wells
Charles Odingsel.	

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to supply Mr. Odingsel with a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing salt for the use of the Troops of this State; and order a number of pack horses to be sent with an escort, for the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

THE REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS

Monday 24th September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan

Abraham Ravot

Humphry Wells

Dan^l Coleman

Charles Odingsel

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered and requested to order a draft of one half the militia that remain undrafted in Burk and Richmond Counties and one third of the whole militia of Wilkes County and march them to join Gen^l Twiggs.

The Board adjourned till Wednesday 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday 26th September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan

Abraham Ravot

Daniel Coleman

Charles Odingsel

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write a letter to Major General Greene representing the situation of this State, and soliciting of him such aid from the Continental army as can be spared.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor supply Major

Charles Odingsel with ten guineas, and General Twiggs with twenty guineas for the service of this State.

The petition of William Tarvin was laid before the Board and read—Not granted.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Friday September 28th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Daniel Coleman

Jenkin Davis
Abraham Ravot

Colonel Jackson having represented to this Board, that horses cannot be obtained fit for service, at the price limited in a resolve of the 7th Instant.

RESOLVED, That he be authorized to give a sum not exceeding forty five pounds sterling for each horse as Specified in the aforementioned resolved.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation, setting apart a day of public thanksgiving for the late success of the American arms.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday October 2nd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Humphry Wells
James Jones.

Daniel Coleman
Abraham Ravot

The petition of Abbington Felps was laid before the Board and read—granted provided the appeal was lawfully made.

The petition of Martha Hooker was laid before the Board and read— Thereon

ORDERED, That the Committee of Burk County be requested to lay before this Board the reasons why they ordered Mrs. Martha Hooker within the British Lines, she having appealed.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday October 3rd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Daniel Coleman
Humphry Wells

Abraham Ravot
James Jones.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to march, immediately, the remaining part of the

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militia of Richmond & Burk Counties to join General Twiggs, in order to relieve the remainder of those first drafted from the said Counties.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to send as soon as possible two men with a talk to the Creek Indians & a letter which they are to forward to the Governor of Pensacola, and that they take and subscribe the following oath— I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will to the best of my knowledge fulfil the the instructions which is given me by His Honor the Governor of this State, and that I will not by any means give or cause to be given any other talk to the Creek Indians, than that which is given me by him— So help me God.

RICH^d HENDERSON
JOHN ANDERSON

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Friday October 5th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jonathan Bryan

Humphry Wells

Jenkin Davis

James Jones.

ORDERED, That Thursday the 18th Instant September be a day of public thanksgiving & prayer; and that notice be given thereof—

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to

issue a press warrant, to impress any horses which may be found in any of the cornfields belonging to the sequestered Estates, of which all persons are required to take particular notice.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday October 9th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jenkin Davis

Jonathan Bryan

Abraham Ravot

The Board adjourned till Tuesday at Head Quarters in Burk County. — — — —

Howells plantation in Burk County

Tuesday October 16th

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jenkin Davis

Abraham Ravot

James Jones.

ORDERED, That a number of Militia Dragoons and mounted Infantry be immediately raised for the service of this State, to be enroled for three months and subject to the regulations of the militia law, provided that each Dragoon do furnish himself

with a good horse, sword and pistols, and each of the Infantry do furnish himself with a good horse and gun, that each Company consist of at least thirty privates, a Captain and Lieutenant— It is however not to be understood that any officer is to take a man out of a draft untill he has at least twenty men enrolled and equipt for service, at which time, General Twiggs, or in his absence, the officer next in Command, shall review them, when the term of their enrolment shall commence. And His Honor the Governor is hereby requested & empowered to issue recruiting orders for that purpose.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Camp, Wednesday October 17th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Abraham Ravot

Jenkin Davis

James Jones

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor pay Mrs. Werat six pounds 10/6. specie for Two lbs of flour for his household use, and charge the same to acc^t of this State.

ORDERED, That Col^o John Martin be appointed Commissary of Military Stores in the room of Major Stirk who has resigned.

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Camp. Friday 19th October 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jenkin Davis

Daniel Coleman

James Jones

Abraham Ravot Esq^{rs}

WHEREAS, the freeholders of the County of Richmond neglected to appoint a Sheriff for the same, at the last general election. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Lewis Gardner Esquire be appointed to that post.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Burke County was laid before the Board and read. Referred to the Board of Commissioners, and request they report thereon, on Tuesday next.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor issue a dedimus to the Honble. William Few & John Germany Esq^{rs} or either of them, to qualify the Magistrates of Richmond County; and that the Court of said County, have power to appoint a Clerk for the time present.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Camp, Saturday October 20th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Abraham Ravot

Daniel Coleman

James Jones

Jenkin Davis Esquires

WHEREAS, there is but one brigade in the field, there appears to be no occasion for an Adjutant General, therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to discharge Col^o John Skey Eustace, appointed Adjutant General of Militia by this Board the 29th of August last—

ORDERED, That the Commissary of issues at Augusta, furnish the waggons from Wilkes County with a load of corn for each, taking a receipt for the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next.

Monday October 22nd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davies

Abraham Ravot

Jenkin Davis

Daniel Coleman

James Jones.

WHEREAS, There is an immediate necessity for a Commissary of hides and tallow, it is therefore,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Lemuel Lanier be appointed for that purpose, and that the Commissioners of sequestered Estates do furnish a negro to assist him in the business.

This Board having taken into consideration the petition of Mrs. Martha Hooker, of the 29th September, with the report of the Committee of Burke County thereon, it is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the prayer of said petition be granted and as it appears since that time, that her husband Nathan Hooker is dead, it is therefore recommended to Commissioners of sequestered estates, to postpone the sale of the personal estate of the said Nathan Hooker until the meeting of the next Genl. Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Tuesday October 23rd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Abraham Ravot

James Jones.

Jenkin Davis

Daniel Coleman

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order an escort of twenty five men and two waggons to be ready at Augusta, to proceed to head quarters, as soon as possible, with Colo. William Few, in order to procure a supply of ammunition &C.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday October 24th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jenkin Davis

James Jones

Daniel Coleman

Abraham Ravot Esquires

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order, immediately, the whole of the militia of this State to join camp as soon as they can possibly be collected—

The Board adjourned till Friday morning—

October 26th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Abraham Ravot

Jenkin Davis

James Jones.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish Col^o Martin Com^r of Military Stores, with a sum of money in order to enable him to purchase one hundred weight of lead for the use of the troops of this State.

The Board adjourned to Augusta on Tuesday next at 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday October 30th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jonathan Bryan

Joseph Woodruff

Abraham Ravot

James Jones

Humphry Wells

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be allowed to apply twenty guineas of the money in his hands, to his own private use, he to be accountable for the same.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday 31st October 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Joseph Woodruff

Humphry Wells .

Jonathan Bryan

James Jones.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor issue a special Commission of Oyer and terminer to His Honor the Chief Justice, or the Senior Assistant Justice, appointing Monday the 12th day of November next, for trial of all criminals within the County of Richmond; and that the same be convened at Augusta.

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday November 6th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis

Jonathan Bryan

Joseph Woodruff

James Jones

Humphry Wells

Daniel Coleman.

ORDERED, That Mr. William Lord be appointed Commissary of hides & tallow, in place of Mr. Lam^l Lanier who has declined serving.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor let Col^o Woodruff have twenty four dollars, for the use of his department.

Adjourned till Friday next.

Friday November 9th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan

Daniel Coleman

Jenkin Davis

Joseph Woodruff

James Jones

ORDERED, That His Honor pay Mr. Daniellys acct. for riding express to & from Philadelphia, out of the public money in his hands, taking his receipt.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and

empowered to order the remainder of the Militia of the County of Richmond to march to camp, in order to relieve those now on duty. Any Company is to have credit for what men are enrolled in the three months service, which belong to their respective districts.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered and requested to pay Mr. Lindsay four pounds sterling in part of his annuity.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next.

Tuesday November 13th 1781.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff
James Jones
Charles Odingsel

Jenkin Davis
W^m Gibbons
Daniel Coleman

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to the Commissaries to employ drivers for collecting the cattle from the S^o side of Ogechee, and that General Twiggs be requested to cover the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to the purchasing Commissary that they collect no breeding cattle for the Slaughter and that they collect cattle in such manner as will be least distressing to any of the inhabitants of this State.

ORDERED, That Col^o Jackson be ordered to make a return, to His Honor the Governor, of his legion at this post with a

particular description of all artificers, women, children, &c. And that His Honor the Governor take such measures thereon as he may think necessary.

ORDERED, That Mr. Nathaniel Hicks be allowed to draw five rations, Mrs. Wereat rations, Mrs. Zebray two rations, she being in distress.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning—

Wednesday November 14th 1781.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff
William Gibbons.

Daniel Coleman
Charles Odingsel

RESOLVED, That the following regulations be immediately adopted by the forage Masters department

That the Councillors draw two rations.

Cheif Justice two

All persons having a certificate from His Honor the Governor, of his being in public service, agreeable to his order—

The Continental and Militia Officers agreeable to the Continental regulations for the Departnt.. And that six quarts of corn be deemed a ration.

ORDERED, That the salt purchased by Major Odingsel be put into the hands of the Commissary of Military Stores and issued to none, except by an order, from His Honor the Governor.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor furnish Major Odingsel with the sum of twenty guineas in specie for the purpose of purchasing salt for the use of the Militia of this State.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Thursday 15th November 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan

William Gibbons

Humphry Wells

Daniel Coleman

Charles Odingsel.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor furnish Doct. Dunwoodie with four half Johannases for the purpose of providing necessaries for the use of the sick in the Hospitals of this State.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Friday November 16th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Joseph Woodruff

William Gibbons

James Jones

Humphry Wells.

Daniel Coleman

ORDERED, That the issuing Commissary supply the women &

children of Col^o Jacksons Legion with twenty five & half rations daily.

ORDERED, That Mr. Lawson have an order for three bushels of corn weekly, & Mr. Patterson two bushels weekly they to be accountable.

ORDERED, That notice be given to the Electors, for the Counties in Alarm, that they meet at Augusta, in order to elect members to represent them in General Assembly of the State.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 O'Clock.

Sunday evening 18th November 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Daniel Coleman
Jenkin Davis

William Gibbons
Joseph Woodruff

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order Genl. Twiggs with what men is with him in Camp & Col^o M'Kay with those of the three months service to repair immediately to Augusta. And that Col^o Martin be ordered to collect as soon as possible the whole of his battalion to meet at this post.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Monday November 19th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
William Gibbons

Daniel Coleman
Joseph Woodruff

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to countermand the orders sent last night to L^t Col^o M^cKay.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday November 20th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Daniel Coleman
Joseph Woodruff

William Gibbons
James Jones

ORDERED, That Col^o M^cMurphy be permitted to draw rations for his family agreeable to the regulations of Council, he to be accountable.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday November 21st 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Jenkin Davis

William Gibbons
James Jones

Information being made to Council that a quantity of public hides, was put into the hands of S^r Patrick Houston to be tanned on halves, & that a small part only have been received, Therefore,

ORDERED That His Honor the Governor be desired to apply to the commanding officer in South Carolina for the remainder of the said leather.

On application of Col^o M^cIntosh

ORDERED That His Honor the Governor give orders for Col^o M^cIntosh to receive five bushels of corn, he to be accountable.

On application

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be directed to give an order to Mrs Emely Horn for two bushels of corn & 30^{lb} beef per month (she being an object of charity) till otherways ordered by this Board. And that the Attorney Genl. be allowed to draw the same rations as one of the Executive Council.

It appears to this Board absolutely necessary that a number of public horses therefore,

ORDERED, That the D. Q. M. Genl. or his Deputy be empowered to purchase a number of horses to be paid for in cattle

belonging to the sequestered estates, at such time and place as shall be agreed on, the horses not to exceed the value of ten likely cows & calves each, & that the persons who purchases shall make report of every such purchase to the Governor and Council.

Friday November 23rd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Jenkin Davis
William Gibbons

Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot
James Jones.

RESOLVED, That the Council approve of the orders given by His Honor the Governor for aiding S^o Carolina in the present emergency.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next.

Sunday morning Nov^r 25th 81.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff

Abraham Ravot
William Gibbons

On application of Messr^s Joel Philips & Edw^d (recommended by Mr. Lindsay) for a supply of corn for their families

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ORDERED, That they be furnished with half a bushel of corn p^r Mo. for each white in their families for two months; they to be accountable.

Adjourned till Tuesday morning.

Monday November 26th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
James Jones.

William Gibbons

WHEREAS, some doubts may arise respecting the place for holding the annual election in the County of Richmond.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the Magistrates and electors of the aforesaid County to meet at Brownsborough on the first tuesday in December next, there to elect their Representatives in General Assembly & civil officers for the ensuing year.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

27th November 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
William Gibbons
Humphry Wells

Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot
James Jones.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to pay Messrs Henderson & Anderson the sum of five half Johanneses each, for their services in going to the Indian Nation.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Lam^l Lanier & Mr. Archibald Bealle have an order to draw rations & forage they to be accountable.

The Board adjourned till Friday next.

Friday November 30th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Humphry Wells
James Jones

Joseph Woodruff
William Gibbons
Abraham Ravot

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to raise such a number of Militia as he may judge necessary in order to intercept any party or parties of Indians that may be going to or from Savannah.

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RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order a scout from Col^o Clark & Dunns Regiment to keep a lookout on this side the Oconee River to be relieved from time to time, until further orders from this Board.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to inform Col^o Clark, by letter, that such distressed persons as make application, having a certificate from the commanding officer of the district, of the number and situation of his family, will be supplied with corn in such manner as will be most convenient; And that the same instructions be given Col^o Dunn as far as will be necessary in distributing to the poor, and distressed of his regiment.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Tuesday morning 4th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Will. Gibbons.

Jos. Woodruff.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered immediately to order out all the militia of this State, in order to oppose the enemy who are now marching towards this port.

The Board adjourned till Monday next.

Monday December 10th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis

William Gibbons

Abraham Ravot

Joseph Woodruff

James Jones

Charles Odingsel

Jonathan Bryan.

WHEREAS, There are great abuses in the Q. Masters department, by officers foraging their crops at the different plantations, whereby great waste is made in issuing the same. therefore,

RESOLVED, That the D. Q. Master General do appoint an assistant, whose business it shall be to collect forage & provisions, and issue the same at a magazine to be established at or near Spirit-Creek.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor take such measures as will recompense the Indians, in some manner, (who came down with intelligence) for the horses they have lost, And that he direct Col^o McMurphy to give them such presents as he may have it in his power to do.—

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor pay the Secretary five guineas in part of his salary.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Tuesday 11th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff
William Gibbons
Jenkin Davis

Abraham Ravot.
Charles Odingsel
James Jones.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order a draft of one third of the Militia of this State; to be rendezvous'd at Spirit-Creek as soon as possible to be marched on foot.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to take measures for conveying the body of the late Myrick Davis Esq. President of the Executive Council, to this place; and that Mr. Lewis be requested to prepare a proper discourse for his interment. And this Board will attend the same.

ORDERED, That Col^o Johnston have leave to draw two rations, he to be accountable. And that Col^o M^cIntosh have leave to draw forage for two horses, to be accountable.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to take measures for releiving the family of the late Myrick Davis Esq. should they be in need.

The Board adjourned till Friday next.

Monday 17th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Joseph Woodruff.

Daniel Coleman
William Gibbons.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order one half instead of one third of the Militia to be immediately drafted and ordered to rendezvous at Spirit-Creek.

Friday December 21st 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Joseph Woodruff.
Charles Odingsel

William Gibbons.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order twenty bushels of for the relief of Benj^a Hart he having a recommendation from Col^o Clark.

The Board adjourned.

Monday December 24th

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Charles Odingsel

William Gibbons

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to order the present draft of militia to be marched as mounted infantry.

The Board adjourned.

28th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan

Joseph Woodruff

William Gibbons

Charles Odingsel

RESOLVED, That His Honor be requested & empowered to order two pack horses to be immediately furnished to send to General Greene for a small supply of ammunition and that His Honor write Gen^l Greene on the occasion.

Augusta Wednesday 2nd January 1782.

The Executive Council for the State of Georgia met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Thomas Lewis
Charles Odingsel	Jenkin Davis
Holman Freeman	Benjamin Andrews
Abraham Ravot	William Glascock
James Maxwell	Andrew Burns.
Jonathan Bryan.	

The Board proceeded to ballot for a President when, on casting up the pole, it appeared that Stephen Heard Esquire was duly elected.—

The Board adjourned.

Thursday January 3rd 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	Thomas Lewis
William Glascock	Andrew Burns
Abraham Ravot	Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Andrew	James Maxwell.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when Mr. Abraham Jones was unanimously chosen.

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Henderson, (the Indian Interpreter) has lately been plundered by the emissaries of our enemies, and his family being now in the greatest distress therefore,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Henderson be allowed to draw three rations untill something further can be done for him—

RESOLVED, That Mr. Andrews, Mr. Davis & Mr. Odingsel be a committee to draw up rules for the government of this Board, and report to-morrow.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow ten O'Clock.

Friday January 4th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard
Andrew Burns
James Maxwell
Jonathan Bryan

William Glascock
Benjamin Andrew
Thomas Lewis.

Mr. Andrews from the Committee to draw up rules for the government of this Board, reported the same, which was agreed to and is as follows.

First—That every Member sit uncovered when his honor the Governor or President takes the chair.

Second—That every Member attend at the hour to which the Board stands adjourned, on default to be fined in the sum of one dollar, unless a reasonable excuse being approved of by the Board.

Third—That when a Member rises to Speak he shall not be interrupted.

Fourth—That no Member shall absent himself from this Board without first obtaining leave, any one so absenting himself shall be fined one dollar.

Fifth—That no Member shall make use of any indecent language before the Board, any one so offending shall for every such offence forfeit two dollars.

Sixth—That when the Board is adjourned no Member shall quit his seat until His Honor the Governor or President leaves the chair.

Seventh—That any Member having any thing to communicate to the Board, shall do it standing & address himself to the chair.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow afternoon.—

Saturday January 5th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Andrew

William Glascock

James Maxwell

Thomas Lewis Sen^r

Jonathan Bryan

Andrew Burns

Abraham Ravot

Charles Odingsel.

It appears to this Board, by the deposition of James Rusin that the Indians & Tories have been & are now doing mischief in the upper part of this State. Therefore,

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RESOLVED, That Lieut Col^o Cunningham be immediately directed to proceed as speedily as possible with what men he has at Spirit-Creek, to Wilkes County, and that General Twiggs be made acquainted with the same; And likewise that Col^o Cunningham be supplied with a small quantity of ammunition for the men under his command.

The Board adjourned till Monday 10 O'Clock.

Monday January 7th 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard
Charles Odingsel
James Maxwell
William Glascock
Abraham Ravot

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Andrews
Thomas Lewis
Andrew Burns
Holman Freeman

ORDERED That His Honour the Governor be empowered and requested to supply Col^o Jackson with what ammunition he can spare from this post.

Major Deveaux from the House of Assembly waited on the Board with an ordinance empowering His Honor the Governor to issue a proclamation ordering all officers &C. was read— recommend that the words “in General Assembly met” be inserted in the said ordinance.

ORDERED, That Mr. Odingsel & Mr. Burns be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the ordinance and proposed amendment.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10. O'Clock.

Tuesday January 8th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Andrew	James Maxwell
Thomas Lewis	Holman Freeman
Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot
William Glascock	Andrew Burns.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to supply Capt Alexander with what ammunition he can spare; for the use of Wilkes County Militia.

RESOLVED, That this Board do approve of the conduct of His Honor the Governor respecting the orders given Lieut Col^o Mc-Kay in an expedition to the Southward.—

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday January 9th 1782.

The Board met

President, Stephen Heard

Benjamin Andrew	Andrew Burns
William Glascock	Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis	Charles Odingsel
James Maxwell	

Two bills, by a Committee from the House of Assembly was

laid before the Board, viz, a Bill entitled "An act to repeal an act to draw a line &C. and a bill entitled an act to relieve distressed citizens of this State &C. was read and approved of.

ORDERED, That Mr. Ravot & Mr. Lewis be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the said bills.

On the report of a Committee appointed to take into consideration the situation of the State, the House of Assembly came to the following order, which was transmitted by them to His Honor the Governor., Viz,

House of Assembly January 7th 1782.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be desired to dispose of the Carolina State Troops, now under the command of Major Moore, as may best tend the benefit and interest of this Country.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Thursday January 10th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Holman Freeman
Jonathan Bryan	Charles Odingsel
William Glascock	Andrew Burns
Benjamin Andrew	James Maxwell
Thomas Lewis	Abraham Ravot.

The head warrior of the Talesus having come down to bring intelligence & in order to enquire the news and what damage had been lately done.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to prepare a talk to give him to-morrow.—

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested one ration daily to be issued to Mrs. Findley, she being an object of charity—

A memorandum of sundry articles being drawn up to be recommended to the Honbl. Assembly

RESOLVED, That Mr. Burnes and Mr. Freeman be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the same.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Friday January 11th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard

William Glascock

Jon. Bryan

Charles Odingsel

Andrew Burnes

James Maxwell

Benjamin Andrew

Hugh Lawson

Thomas Lewis

Abraham Ravot.

Holman Freeman

The petition of Charles Waters, referred by the Honble. the House of Assembly, to this Board, was read.

ORDERED, That the consideration of the said petition be postponed until monday next—Mr. Heard in the Chair—

Major Deveaux, (a Committee, from the House of Assembly waited on the Board with a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act for burying in oblivion certain high crimes &C. the same was read and approved.

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ORDERED, That Mr. Lewis & Mr. Lawson be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the said bill.

Col^o Jackson with the bill entitled an act for the confiscating the estates &C. waited on the Board, the same was read (an amendment recommended.

ORDERED, That Major Odingsel & Mr. Freeman be a committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the same.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 O'Clock.

Saturday January 12th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard
Benjamin Andrew
Abraham Ravot
Andrew Burns

James Maxwell
William Glascock
Charles Odingsel
Thomas Lewis.

ORDERED, That Mr. Freeman & Mr. Odingsel be a committee to wait on the Honble Assembly with some recommendations from this Board.

ORDERED, That Col^o Burns & Mr. Ravot be a committee to wait on the House of Assembly with a recommendation from this Board.

Adjourned till 4. o'clock

Met according to adjournment

Adjourned till monday morning.

Monday January 14th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard
Joseph Woodruff
William Glascock
Abraham Ravot

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Andrew Burnes
Thomas Lewis

Mr. Gibbons, Speaker of the Honorable House of Assembly laid a letter before this Board, from him to the president of Congress, which was read.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to supply Col^o Dunn with twenty doz. cartridges for the use of the upper battalion of Richmond County.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the D. Q. Master General to furnish Mr. Branham with three houses for secret service.

In compliance of an order of the Honoble. the House of Assembly, His Honor the Governor is hereby requested and empowered to affix the Great Seal of this State to a power authorizing James Miller to take into his possession sundry negroes & C. & applying them as therein directed—

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday January 15th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard

Joseph Woodruff

William Glascock

Jonathan Bryan

Charles Odingsel

Abraham Ravot

Thomas Lewis.

WHEREAS, many negroes and other property belonging to this State, have been clandestinely conveyed out of the same into the Northern States;

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to authorize Mr. Blassingame Harvey to make strict search and enquiry after the said negroes & other property so taken as aforesaid, and take the same into his possession, and make a return to the Governor & Council of this place, of the same.—

ORDERED, That Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Heard be a committee to examine into the state of Col^o Jacksons Legion & report the same to this Board.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday January 16th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
William Glascock	Thomas Lewis
Charles Odingsel	Stephen Heard.
Joseph Wooruff	

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to Col^o McKay requesting his attendance with all the officers of his corps on Friday next at this place.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Gov. be authorized to employ a negro fellow named _____ belonging to the estate of Andrew McLean, if it appears that the said negro has not been hired out before, by the Commissioners of sequestered estates.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to give Mr. Dollar an order for a negro wench hired by him from the Commissioners of sequestered estates, which negro is now in the possession of Mr. Joshua Inman.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Thursday January 17th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard
Joseph Woodruff
Thomas Lewis
Jonathan Bryan

Abraham Ravot
William Glascock
Charles Odingsel.

WHEREAS it appears necessary that an agent should be appointed for each County for the purpose of procuring an exact return of all property belonging to the sequestered estates, and make a report of the same to this Board as soon as possible, agreeable to an order of the House of Assembly therefore,

RESOLVED, That John Lindsay Esquire for the County of Wilkes, Arch^d Beale for Richmond, Lem^l Lanier for Burke, Caleb Howell for Effingham, James Bryan for Chatham, & John Baker for Liberty & they be & are hereby appointed agents for the purpose aforesaid.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write circular letters to the above named agents, informing them of their appointment, & inclosing a copy of the foregoing resolution.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized to appoint a person for the purpose of purchasing horses for the use of Col^o Jacksons troop of horse to be kept up for the service of this State, agreeable to a resolution of Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10. oClock.—

Friday January 18th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	William Glascock
Joseph Woodruff	Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis	Andrew Burns

On debate whether or not that negroes belonging to the sequestered estates should be given for horses for the mounting Col^o Jacksons Troop, and other exigences of this State, finding the certificates inadequate to the purpose, the yeas and nays were taken.

Yeas

Jonathan Bryan	Jos Woodruff
Stephen Heard	Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis	Andrew Burns

Nays.

Charles Odingsel	William Glascock.
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ORDERED, That Col^o Heard and Col^o Woodruff be a committee to agree for, and purchase a number of horses for the use of this State, for which they are to give negroes having each valued by indifferent persons before a barter takes place.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of the Assembly be requested to furnish the commanding officer of each regiment with a copy of the militia law, if demanded.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

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Saturday January 19th 1782.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order a draft of one half of the militia of Burke, Effingham & Richmond Counties; and one third of the militia of Wilkes, to serve for two months, to be marched on foot and rendezvous at Spirit Creek, except those of Burke & Effingham, who will meet in the said Counties, as soon as possible.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish Col^o Jackson with twelve doz. cartridges for the use of his regiment.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Sunday January 20th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Stephen Heard
Joseph Woodruff
Charles Odingsel

Jonathan Bryan
Andrew Burns
Abraham Ravot

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Monday January 21st 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan

Abraham Ravet

Charles Odingsel

Joseph Woodruff

Thomas Lewis

Andrew Burnes

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to employ a person to act as register of certificates & private Secretary and that this Board will recommend that a Salary be paid him for the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized to hire to Mr. Chesley Bostick, a pair of mill stones he to be accountable for them & deliver the same up the first day of Nov. next, they being confiscated property.

ORDERED, That Colo. Burnes be added to the committee for the purchasing horses for the use of this State.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish the Members of this Board with half a doz. cartridges each, for their personal security.

Major Odingsel protests against the order of Friday last respecting the purchasing horses to be paid for in negroes.

First—Because the Legislature had pointed out a way the negroes should be disposed of.

Secondly—Because the Legislature have passed an act, wherein they stipulated a sum to be issued in certificates by His Honor the Governor, for the purpose of providing such articles as should be necessary in the several departments.

Thirdly—That this Board cannot, without the consent of the Legislature make a lawful bill of sale for any negroes.

Fourthly—That he looks upon it to be stabbing the credit of the certificates, as it will be a plea for those who has provisions to sell (which this State must purchase from Carolina) to be paid in negroes.

Adjourned till to-morrow nine o'Clock.

Tuesday January 22nd 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis
Joseph Woodruff

Andrew Burns
Charles Odingsel

WHEREAS, There are vacancies in the upper battalion of Richmond County, of Field Officers, therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to require Col^o Jackson to convene the officers of the said battalion on Friday next, in order to elect a Col^o & Major for the same.

I, A. B. appointed Auditor for this State, do solemnly and sincerely swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I will, during my continuance therein, well, truly, faithfully & honestly, to the best of my abilities, execute the office of Auditor, without favor, affection, partiality or hope of reward— So help me God—

The above oath taken by Mr. John Wilkinson.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order a sergeant and four men from Col^o Jacksons Dragoons to collect all such negroes as they may receive intelligence of, belonging to the confiscated estates, and make a return to this Board.

WHEREAS, agreeable to an act of Assembly, agents have been appointed for each County, to collect all property, belonging to the confiscated estates, and as no person will undertake the same unless an adequate salery is allowed therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Board will recommend to the House of Assembly, at the next meeting thereof, that such persons so appointed, be allowed the sum of fifty pounds each, for their trouble, or in proportion to the services done.

Adjourned till Friday 10 o'Clock.

Friday January 25th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot

Thomas Lewis.
Charles Odingsel
Andrew Burns

WHEREAS, the House of Assembly has granted certain sums to the widows & children of those brave citizens of this State who have fell in the cause of America, therefore

ORDERED, That Milly Horn, Neomia Ledbetter, Sarah Glover and Ann Bayles, be allowed to draw thirty seven bushels of corn from the Commissary, in such proportion as their neces-

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sities require the same to be deducted out of the sums granted them by the House of Assembly. Viz,

Milly Horn, 4 Children, 10 bushels	} 37 Bushels.
Neomia Ledbetter, 5 Child ⁿ 11 D ^o	
Sarah Glover, 2 Children 5. do.	
Ann Bayles 5 Children 11. do.	

WHEREAS, by information of General Twiggs, it appears he has a small quantity of indigo, which was put into his hands as a Commissioner.

ORDERED, That General Twiggs be permitted to apply the same to his use for moving his family from the Northward, he to be accountable for the same.

WHEREAS, by a certificate from Capt Skinner, it appears that Mr. Uriah Motte, has a wife & five small children, and not being capable of supporting them, therefore,

ORDERED, That he have an order on the Commissary for eleven bushels of corn, he to be accountable for the same should he be included in the act for relief of distressed persons.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Monday January 28th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Joseph Woodruff

Jonathan Bryan

Charles Odingsel

Abraham Ravot

Andrew Burns.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday January 29th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Andrew Burns

Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor, order the Commissary General, without loss of time, to have six hundred bushels of corn ground up into meal, in such manner as he may think most for the advantage of this State, and that the D. Q. M. Gen^l be ordered to supply boats &C. to transport the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to Mr. Andrew Shields, to take into his possession any negroes belonging to the confiscated estates, and have not been hired out.

WHEREAS, it appears that the frontiers of this State, from information, is equally in danger of being distressed by the Indians &C. and as there is an expedition now forming in N^o and South Carolina against the Indians, therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to countermand the orders respecting a draft of Militia for the County of Wilkes—

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

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Wednesday January 30th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot

Joseph Woodruff
Andrew Burns

Mr. Woodruff, from the Committee appointed to agree for, and purchase a number of horses, for the mounting Col^o Jacksons corps & other exigencies of this State,

Reported, That they had purchased sixty horses which were valued in the manner following.

Bo ^o of Cap ^l Lock & Cole	21 horses a £26. 10 s.£556. 10
" of William Stephenson	4 do. a 22. 10 s.....	90. 0
" " " "	1 do.	17. 10
" of Daniel Cany16 do. a £30.....	480. 0
" of Major White12 do. 30.....	360 0
" of Capts. Lock & Cole	6 do.	
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WHEREAS, information has been made to this Board that there was a number of negroes, the property of David Baldwin late of this State, in possession of Mr. Robert Middleton—therefore,

ORDERED, That Middleton be called on to render account to this Board in what manner he came by the said negroes which being done, it appears by a bill of sale of the same, that Mr. Middleton had purchased the said negroes and paid a sum of money in part; it is therefore, further

ORDERED, That the said Middleton do give his obligation to His Honor the Governor, for the balance due by him for the same.

Information being made, that a negro wench and two children, the property of Nichols, late of this State are in possession of Mr. William Few Sen^r the same being investigated, it is therefore,

ORDERED, That Mr. Few be ordered to deliver the same to His Honor the Governor or any person who may be appointed by him to receive them, they being the property of this State.

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock

Friday February 1st 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Abraham Ravot
Andrew Burns.

Joseph Woodruff
Charles Odingsel

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that the late House of Assembly had not in idea, the militia law referred to in the resolution respecting the auditing the militia accounts of this State; they are further of opinion that the said law has not any retrospect to any thing except as a state charge, which could not be intended to include the accounts to be laid before Congress, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Auditor be directed to audit all militia

accounts agreeable to the regulations of Congress, until August last, and after that, agreeable to the act made at that time—

WHEREAS, the late House of Assembly have ordered that the sum of thirty pounds specie, should be paid yearly to Mr. John Lindsay, and that his Doctors bill should likewise be paid and as no money is now in the Treasury to discharge such sums therefore,

RESOLVED. That Mr. John Lindsay have an order from His Honor the Governor, to receive a horse of the value of, from the D. Q. M. General in part of the salary voted as aforesaid:

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissary to issue bushels of corn for the relief of sundry families in the manner following— George Moore, a blind man & family; five bushels of corn— The widow Lott & six children, 12 bushels— James Simpson & family 12 bushels, they being objects of charity, and no other provision being made which can at present be put in practice.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday February 5th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot

William Glascock
Hugh Lawson

The petition of William Jones was laid before the Board and read

ORDERED, That it lie over for consideration—

ORDERED, That Col^o Jackson be supplied with three horses, specified in his application, from the Quarter Masters Department. His Honor the Governor being hereby requested to give orders for the same.

The petition of Thomas Cooper was read,

ORDERED to lay over until Savannah shall be taken.

The petition of sundries inhabitants of the Kiokees was laid before the Board and read

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissary to furnish Mr. James Mercer with fifteen bushels corn, and that Thomas Mercer his son be exempt from militia duty in order to attend the family of his father, they being in the greatest distress.

The Petition of Mrs. Isabella Chapman was read.

ORDERED, That Mrs. Chapman have an order for one ration daily until further orders.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized to appoint Mr. David Harris Capt. of a patrol of eight men to do duty between the Ogechee & the Kiokees; and that he be authorized to take such men as he may think most suitable provided they are not in the present draft.

WHEREAS, the certificates ordered to be issued by His Honor the Governor for the purpose of purchasing corn & C., for the use of this State, are found inadequate to the intended purpose; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Commissary & Q. Master Generals be empowered to impress corn from the different plantations having such a quantity as will be thought necessary for the support

of their families & work horses; and if the persons from whom it shall be taken, will not take the said certificates, that they shall give a certificate for the quantity to be settled hereafter.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 o'Clock.

Friday February 8th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Stephen Heard	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	Hugh Lawson
Thomas Lewis	William Glascock.

The petition of Elizabeth Laws was laid before the Board and read. Ordered to lie over for consideration.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders to the Commissary to furnish the families of Charles Folkson and Mrs. Mary Standley, with fifteen bushels corn for the relief of their families, they having a certificate of being distressed for provisions—

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders to the Commissary General, for to furnish Captain Hill with thirty bushels corn, for the use of the inhabitants on the Frontiers of Richmond County.

WHEREAS, it appears by information to this Board, that a number of cattle and hogs belonging to the confiscated estates, have been taken up and branded by persons having no pretensions thereto.

ORDERED, That Mr. William Jones be wrote to, to appear before this Board, on Tuesday next, to give such information concerning the same, as may be in his power: And that he be required to bring such evidence as will be necessary to support the said charge.

ORDERED That His Honor the Governor, be requested to write to the Governor of South Carolina, requesting him to order all persons, officers & others, to aid and assist such persons as may be sent from this State to collect the property belonging to the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday February 12th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
William Glascock

Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot
Hugh Lawson

WHEREAS, information has been made to this Board, that a number of persons living in and about this place are daily drawing provisions from the public. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Glascock and Mr. Edmund Bugg be a committee to enquire into the situations of such families, and order the rations of such, to be stopped, as are not entitled to them by their employment or being real objects of charity; And report their proceedings to this Board.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor, be empowered to

issue orders to the Commissary General, to supply Mrs. Osborn with ten bushels corn, she coming under the act for the relief of distressed persons. And that Mr. Edward Cartledge be permitted to draw two rations as a Doctor for the Militia of this State. Likewise order five bushels of corn to be issued to Mrs. Susannah Haile, she coming under the act for the relief of distressed persons.—

ORDERED, That Major Woodruff, Major Odingsel and Major Ravot be a Committee to wait on General Wayne, with His Honor the Governor; and that they be empowered to transact any business which may be necessary, and report the same to this Board on their return to this post.

Adjourned till Tuesday 5th March.

Tuesday March 5th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard

Hugh Lawson

Thomas Lewis

Andrew Burns.

Joseph Woodruff

Major Woodruff, from the Committee to wait on Gen^l Wayne with His Honor the Governor, report,

19th Feb' 1782. The committee met

Present

Honor the Governor,

Joseph Woodruff

Jon Bryan

Charles Odingsel

Jenkin Davis.

ORDERED, That Mr. Woodruff & Mr. Odingsel be a Committee to wait on General Wayne, to receive his propositions for and admitting the absent citizens & other inhabitants of this State now within the British lines.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

The committee met according to adjournment

A letter from the Honble Brig' Gen' Wayne, recommending proclamations to be issued for opening a door for the absent citizens of this State, & for encouraging desertion from the enemy was read.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to issue the above proclamations, viz, one, for opening a door for reception of citizens, and another to encourage desertion from the enemy.

RESOLVED, That this Board do approve of the report of the said Committee.

WHEREAS, business of importance render it necessary that the General Assembly of this State, should convene, at an earlier period than that to which it stands adjourned, Therefore

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation thereby summoning the General Assembly of this State, to meet at Augusta on Tuesday the 16th day of April next.

WHEREAS information has been made to this Board, that a number of evil disposed persons are defacing the marks & brands

of cattle, and otherways embezzling property belonging to the confiscated estates. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to empower the Agents in the different Counties to employ a certain number of persons to assist them in collecting cattle & other confiscated property into such hands as will be most for the advantage of this State; and that they receive the sum of half a dollar a head for cattle so collected, to be paid out of the same when disposed of.—

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order thirty bushels of corn to be delivered Mr. Cartey agreeable to an order of the late House of Assembly. And that four rations p^r day be allowed Mrs. Lord, (Mr. Lord to be accountable.) two rations daily to Mrs. Mary Triplett a widow, until further orders; four rations to Mrs. Clark & six children, she being an object of charity.

His Honor the Governor having rec^d a letter from the Governor of N^o Carolina, informing him of a number of negroes, said to be the property of one Dill of this State, being stop'd in the hands of the Comm^s for the County of Rowan of that State.

ORDERED, That Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Burns be a Committee to superintend the building the public Jail in this Town. And that they be empowered to call on the Quarter Master for such carriages or other Materials as they may want, in order to carry the same into execution.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Governor of N^o Carolina, desiring him to have the negroes, which he mentions to be lodged in the hands of the Comm^s of Rowan County of this State, disposed of in the most convenient and advantageous manner for the benefit of this State, transmitting an account sales of the same as soon as possible, the same appearing to confiscated property.

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday March 12th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard

William Glascock

Joseph Woodruff

Thomas Lewis

Hugh Lawson.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor give orders for Mrs. Mary Stanly, & Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson to be supplied with twelve bushels corn each, in part of their annuities voted by the late House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, the general scarcity of corn in this State render it necessary, for the same being procured from S^o Carolina.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissary General to make enquiry upon what terms corn can be procured from S^o Carolina, And that he report the same to this Board as soon as possible. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Governor of S^o Carolina representing the distressed situation of this State, for grain; and requiring his assistance in procuring such a quantity as will answer the present emergency.

Adjourned till Friday 10 o'Clock.

Friday 15th March 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard

Thomas Lewis

William Glascock,

Hugh Lawson

Joseph Woodruff

The petition of William & Archibald Little was laid before the Board and read.

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petitions be granted.

WHEREAS, the greater part of the public accounts being not yet audited, the question being put whether His Honor the Governor should proceed to issue standing certificates on those accounts, already audited, the yeas and nays were taken as follows.

Yea. Joseph Woodruff.

Nays. Stephen Heard, William Glascock & Thomas Lewis.

ORDERED, That the Council do approve of the orders given by Col^o Heard in favor of the following widows viz, Mrs. Abigail Carter of Wilkes County, for twelve bushels corn, Mrs. Lett of Burke County for ten bushels; Mrs. Thompson of Wilkes County for 6 1/2 bushels; Mrs. Wells of Richmond County for 6 bushels Mrs. Triplett of Burke County for two daily rations, they being widows and entitled to the benefit of the act for the relief of distressed persons.

WHEREAS, many of the plantations belonging to the confiscated estates have not been rented by the former commissioners which occasion many disputes by those in possession thereof, therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to empower the Magistrates, to rent out all such plantations as have not heretofore been let; And that they likewise settle all disputes that may arise between contending parties respecting the same, they are likewise desired to make returns to this board of all such transactions.

ORDERED, That Mr. David Harris be appointed agent for the County of Richmond in place of Mr. Archibald Beall who has declined serving.

Adjourned till Monday next 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday 19th March 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard

Thomas Lewis

Joseph Woodruff

Andrew Burns.

Mr. John Appling appointed Register of Probates for the County of Richmond, appeared and was duly qualified.

Adjourned till Friday next 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday April 2nd 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard
William Glascock
Joseph Woodruff

Andrew Burns
Hugh Lawson.

WHEREAS, there are many articles for sale, now in possession of Mr. Ignatius Few, that are absolutely necessary for the use of this State, which he proposes to dispose of for negroes, which shall be valued, & received in payment therefore

RESOLVED, that His Honor the Governor be requested to empower the Com^r General to purchase the said articles for the use of this State, and retain the same in his hands untill the meeting of the House of Assembly for their approbation. And that in the mean time Mr. Few be empowered to receive public negroes. in part of the same.

ORDERED, That the distribution of the rice procured from S^o Carolina for the relief of the suffering inhabitants of this State, be lodged in the hands of the Councillors for the different Counties and they are hereby empowered to call on the Commanding officer and Commissaries in each County to furnish such carriages and guards as will be necessary to convey the same to this State.

The Board adjourned till Friday next.

Thursday April 4th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

WHEREAS, by the requisitions of Brig. General Wayne it appears essentially necessary, for the safety and preservation of this State, that he be supplied with 200 good rifle men, to enrol themselves for the term of two months, to assist him in his future operations, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor do immediately fall upon such ways and means, for completing the same as the situation and circumstances of this State, will admit of, And that they be raised in the following proportion viz, The County of Wilkes, 50 Men, The Counties of Richmond and Burke 75 each. Each man so enroled shall be entitled to one good Milk Cow, & calf, as a bounty, exclusive of their pay; and upon a return being made to this Board, of the names of the men so enroled; his Honor the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to order the Agents of the respective Counties to which such men belong; to deliver such Cow & Calf to them or their order as soon as they may be collected; And that proper care shall be taken during their absence to supply their families with necessary provisions.

The Board adjourned till Thursday next.

Thursday April 11th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Charles Odingsel
Andrew Burns

Joseph Woodruff.

Monday April 29th 1782.

The Board met

Present

The President

William Glascock
Thomas Lewis
Andrew Burns

Hugh Lawson
Cha^s Odingsel

A petition from Mr. Locke was read requesting to be paid for horses sold the public.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to Col^o Jackson at Ebenezer to furnish Capt. Locke if possible, with a sufficient number of Negroes to discharge what the public is due him for horses; said negroes to be valued by men appointed by Col^o Jackson and Capt^t Locke—

A letter from Ignatius Few, requesting to be paid for articles sold the public

RESOLVED, That a letter be wrote to Simon Beckum to value

some negroes, Mr. Few has in possession, and that the valuation be discounted from what the public is due Mr. Few, and a return be made to this Board of the same.

A Letter from General Wayne to his honor the Governor, was read. Wherein he mentions a number of the Militia had deserted.

ORDERED, That Col^o Clark be immediately furnished with a list of the deserters from each County, And he be requested to give orders to each commanding officer of the County to have them immediately apprehended and sent down to General Wayne, there to be dealt with according to the law of this State.

An order from the honorable the House of Assembly to His Honor the Governor, was read: respecting what measures have been taken to bring the several persons, who have received public Monies from this State, to account for them; And also that he will order to be laid before this house, an account of the sales, expenditures (if any) as well as Monies received or due from the sales of the sequestered estates, and of every other matter relating to them, or the monies arising from them: And also an account of what sequestered property is belonging to this State, in whose possession it is, and on what condition they hold the same; and also of every other matter wherein the funds or property of this State is concerned. And likewise, that he will direct to be laid before us, the monthly returns of the Quarter Master & Commissaries for provisions & stores, purchased & issued by them.

ORDERED, That a Committee from this Board wait on the honorable House of Assembly, with bonds & notes of the sales of the sequestered estates, and the Committee inform the House, that the Auditor of accounts, had advertized respecting the bringing of all persons to an account for what public Monies have been received, but that no attention was paid to the same,—That Major Odingsels & M^r Lawson be that Committee.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. 328

Col^o Emanuel representing the situation of the inhabitants of Burke County for ammunition.

ORDERED, That the President do draw on the Commissary of Military Stores, for ten weight of gun powder, and twenty weight of lead, for Col^o Emanuel, for that County.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Augusta 30th April 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock

Thomas Lewis

Andrew Burns

Hugh Lawson

Charles Odingsel.

Agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly respecting the articles purchased, by His Honor the Governor from Cap^t Ignatius Few, a certain quantity thereof was left for the use of the Governor & Council. The same being inspected by a Committee from this Board,

Report, that there is 75^{lb} Sugar, 9 bushels salt, & 23 Galls. Rum.

This Board taking the above into consideration, resolve that the distribution be as follows.

To the President 2 Galls. rum; to each Member one Gallⁿ, the remainder for the Governor, to be disposed of as he may think proper—To the President 10^{lb} Sugar, to each Member 5^{lb} the remainder to be disposed of as the Governor may think

proper—The salt, to the President 2 qts; to each member one, the remainder to be disposed of as the Governor may think proper—To the Messenger of this Board 5^{lb} Sugar, one qt. Salt, 1/2 Gal. Rum.

A Committee from the House of Assembly waited on this Board, with a bill of confiscation for their perusal & advice: the Committee was, Mr. Howley & Mr. Washington—

The Board adjourned till this afternoon 4. oClock.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock
Thomas Lewis
Andrew Burns

Hugh Lawson
Charles Odingsel.

Wednesday 1st May 1782.

The Board met

Present

The President

William Glascock
Hugh Lawson
Andrew Burns

Thomas Lewis
Charles Odingsel.

The Board proceeded to peruse the bill of confiscation and appointed a Committee to return the same to the House with

some recommendations—And that Col^o Burns and Mr. Odingsel
be that Committee.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morn^g 9 o'Clock.

Thursday 2nd May 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock

Thomas Lewis

Andrew Burns

Hugh Lawson

Charles Odingsel.

Mr. Samuel Stirk, agreeable to an order of the House of Assembly, appeared before this Board with vouchers for the expenditures of 377,603 1/2 Continental dollars being for monies paid to Col^o John Stirk deceased, as Treasurer for this State,—The President gave Mr. Sam^l Stirk a receipt for the same as Exor. of Col^o John Stirk.

The Board taking the above vouchers into consideration

RESOLVED, That they be put into the hands of the Auditor General, to be liquidated, in order to bring individuals to account for monies advanced them, which they promised to account for, when called on.—

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morn^g 10 O'Clock.

Friday 3rd May 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock
Hugh Lawson

Thomas Lewis
Cha^s Odingsel.

Mr. Patrick Jarvis A. C. P. informs this Board that for want of horses, he cannot supply this post with beef, and there being public horses in and about Augusta in the Quarter Masters Department.

ORDERED, That the President be requested to give orders, that the Quarter Master furnish Mr. Jarvis with two horses for that purpose.

Mr. Jarvis likewise informs this Board, that for want of a guard he cannot furnish this post with corn, as he knows where 150. bushels can be spared, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the President, (His Honor the Governor being indisposed) be requested to issue orders to Col^o Clark, to furnish Mr. Jarvis immediately with a guard of six men from the County of Richmond, to enable him to get the said corn.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday 10th May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock
Peter Deveaux
Holman Freeman

Andrew Burns
Lemuel Lanier

This Board taking into consideration the necessity of immediately sending into Carolina for the rice granted by that State, for the releif of the suffering poor, find that no persons can be got to bring the same, on the terms agreed upon by the House of Assembly, without very great difficulties & expence to the State, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That one third part be allowed to any person or persons, that will bring the said Rice from Pocotaligo, to this port; as a reward for their trouble and expence.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morn^g 9 O'Clock.

Saturday 11th May 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock
Lemuel Lanier.
Holman Freeman

Peter Deveaux
Andrew Burns

A petition from John Walton, requesting leave to discharge

Col^o M^oMurphy's note, given for Deer skins, to this State, if certificates would be rec^d in payment, was read,

ORDERED, That the same be laid over to a future day.

A memorial and affidavit from Col^o Johnston was read, giving information that David Harris had taken a certain negroe fellow, named Peter from William Hatcher; who had hired him from Johnston; which negroe appears to this Board to belong to Shem Butler, and it is but just & right that Col^o Johnston should have the labour of him, for his trouble in taking and bringing him to a place of safety. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Capt. Harris deliver the said negroe to Col^o Johnston, and that his Honor do give the said Johnston an order for him, on his giving sufficient security for not making way with the said negroe.

This Board having been some time without a Clerk, and finding that no one can be procured to act for the salary at present allowed by law.

RESOLVED, That this Board will recommend it to the Assembly at their next meeting to augment the salary of Clerk of the Council, the same, at present, being entirely inadequate to the service.

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when Seaborn Jones was elected.

The Board adjourned till 10 o'Clock Monday next.

Monday 13th May 1782.

The Board met accordingly

Present

His Honor the Governor

Lemuel Lanier
Peter Deveaux

Holman Freeman
Andrew Burns.

A letter from Mrs. Tabitha Stallings, setting forth that Ignatius Few, has threatened to take a negroe man named Jack, out of her possession, which her husband had bought of the Widow Lloyd, was read; And the Board considering that this negroe is not secreted public property; and does not come within the order given Mr. Few, Therefore,

ORDERED, That Capt Stallings be allowed to keep the said negroe man Jack till further orders from this Board.

A Letter from Capt Cuthbert was read, setting forth his having lost a horse, which he had been obliged to impress while on public business to Savannah with a flag. The Board considering the circumstances of his case, and the necessity for his conduct,

RESOLVED, That Capt. Cuthbert be furnished with an order, by His Honor the Governor, on the Quarter Master General, for a horse of nearly an equal value of that which was lost, to enable him to make restitution to the owner. This Board to be furnished with the brands and description of the horse lost, that he may hereafter be claimed as public property.

The Board adjourned till Wednesday next, 9 o'Clock.

THE REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS

Wednesday 15th May 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,
Holman Freeman

Peter Deveaux
Lemuel Lanier

The public salt reserved for the distressed inhabitants of Richmond County, not being called for by the person appointed by the House of Assembly, and people being greatly distressed for the same,

ORDERED, That the same be left to the distribution of Mr. Glascock and Mr. Burns.

The Board then adjourned till Friday morn^e 10 o'Clock,—

Friday 17th May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,
Peter Deveaux
Holman Freeman

Lemuel Lanier
Andrew Burns

A petition from the Officers of the Regiment of militia of Richmond County was read, praying the removal of L^t Col^o Littleburg Bostwick, from his command.

ORDERED, That L^t Col^o Bostwick be required to attend this Board at their next meeting, to answer to the complaints set forth in the said petition, and that His Honor the Governor do send him orders to that purport.

Mr. Abraham Jones, producing a certificate from Gen^l Wayne, of his having supplied the army with three hundred and sixty seven Galls. and three quarts of whisky, at a time when the army was suffering greatly for liquor.

ORDERED, That he be furnished with an order from this Board on the Commissioners of confiscated estates, to pay him for the whiskey, the sum of three hundred and twenty one pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence in negroes at cash price.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday 21st May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,
Peter Deveaux

Holman Freeman
Lemuel Lanier

On application of Capt. Patrick Carr, respecting the new forming of his corps, to consist of Dragoons & Riflemen.

RESOLVED, That the Council approve the same, that they may be raised for three months, to commence, from the time of their going on duty, and to be known by the name of Carrs Independent Corps, to consist of two Companies of thirty men each; one,

of Dragoons and the other Riflemen, commanded by one Captain Commandant; two Captains and two Lieutenants; And that Commissions be issued accordingly by his honor the Governor for that purpose.

A letter from the Honorable Brigadier General Wayne was read, when he strenuously requested a supply of liquors for the use of his army serving in this State, therefore

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of purchasing the same. And that Mr. Glascock and Mr. Lanier be that committee.

The Board adjourned till Friday morn^s 9 o'Clock.

Friday May 23rd 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,
Lemuel Lanier

Peter Deveaux
Holman Freeman

From the present scarcity of provisions and the improbability of a future supply, and the distressed situation of the Indians. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That they be put out in such families as may choose to take them in order to provide for their present support.

The Board taking into consideration the present mode for issuing the certificates agreeable to the resolve of the late House of Assembly, Therefore

RESOLVED, That the same be printed, and that five thousand,

seven hundred and sixty certificates be immediately struck off, and that Capt. Rob^t Green be authorized and appointed from the Board to proceed to Carolina in order to superintend the printing of the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 27th May 1782 9 o'Clock.

Additional minutes of Council of Friday May 23.

Mr. Lockhart, the Assistant Commissary appeared before the Council and represented that several widows and others, with their children were destitute of provisions and no mode of supply. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the under mentioned persons be supplied by the Commissary, with the following rations. viz,

Widow Triplett & 2 Children.....	Two rations.
Widow Lett & 5 Children.....	Three rations.
Widow Davis & 1 Child	Two rations.
Mr. Henderson & 2 Children.....	Two rations.

Tuesday 27th May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,
Benjamin Lewis

Peter Deveaux
Lemuel Lanier

Lieutenant Col^o Bostwick attended agreeable to an order of this Board, in order to answer to the several Complaints, set

forth in a petition, preferred against him by the officers of the 1st Battalion of Militia of Richmond County, The officers attending in support of the same, and this Board taking the same into consideration, and finding that the present alarming situation of this State has an immediate occasion for the exertion of every citizen, and finding that the said officers are determined not to do duty, nor obey the orders of the said L^t Col^o Bostwick—This Board considering that the safety, peace, and welfare of the Citizens ought ever to be their first object. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to His Honor the Governor to suspend the said L^t Col^o Bostwick from any further command until a Court of enquiry can be convened in order to investigate the several complaints alledged against him in the said petition.

The Board adjourned until

Savannah In Council 14th July 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Andrew Burns.	Peter Deveaux	} Esquires
William Glascock,	Jenkin Davis	
Jonathan Bryan		

RESOLVED, That Mess^{rs} Clay, Wereat & John Habersham Esquires be appointed a Committee to procure a supply of goods &c. for the use of the public and army.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah 15th July 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present .

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
William Glascock
Andrew Burns.

Peter Deveaux
Jenkin Davis } Esqr^s

WHEREAS, there is a great reason to believe that numbers of negroes and other property, belonging to the good people of this and the United States are now secreted in and about the Town and Garrison of Savannah to their great injury & prejudice,

It therefore becomes a duty indispensable on us to take every means in our power to detect such abominable proceedings and prevent those abuses, if possible, in future. Therefore,

RESOLVED, Messr^s Joseph Clay, James Habersham, John Habersham, John Houston, William Le Conte, John Wreat, William O'Bryan, John Kean, Peter Deveaux, Thomas Stone, Peter Taarling, and Joseph Woodruff Esquires do take into their immediate possession and custody all suspected property of whatever kind soever, and give public notice of the same, by advertisement, in order that the inhabitants may apply for, and after proof being made, obtain such property as they are or may be justly entitled to.

Savannah July 18th 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Andrew Burns
Peter DeveauxWilliam Glascock
Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis

} Esquires

The petition of Richard Dunavan Murray, being prefer'd, requesting permission to take possession of the Vendue House, in order to keep a House of Entertainment: and also for license for the disposal of spirituous liquors.

The petition being considered, was granted.

The petition of James Fields for the office of Sheriff for the County of Chatham— his petition was, after deliberation, granted.

Mr. Daniel Nunes pray'd for the office of Clerk of the Market. granted.

Savannah 19th July 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
William Glascock
Andrew BurnsJenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis
Lemuel Lanier

} Esquires

By virtue of a resolve of the honorable the House of Assembly, passed this day, prohibiting the exportation of any kind of goods, salt or other merchandise out of the Town of Savannah, until leave is first had or obtained from said House. And also for pre-

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venting monopolies & other unfair practices in respect to the said goods, or other Merchandise: And also for laying in a quantity of salt directed to be reserved for the public use, agreeable to a resolve of the House passed the 16th Instant, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor do immediately issue his proclamation prohibiting the exportation of the aforesaid articles; and that orders be immediately issued to the Gentlemen of the Committee to take proper measures for procuring and reserving the quantity of salt, agreeable to the said resolves.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah the 20th July 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	} Esqr ^s
Andrew Burns	Jenkin Davis	
Peter Deveaux	Benj ⁿ Lewis	

The Board taking into consideration the application of Mr. Richard Henderson, for the supply of necessary dry goods for himself and family, also two negroes, a fellow & wench belonging to the confiscated estates in order to attend and assist his family during his absence to the Indian Nation, being taken into consideration, therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders for the same.

The Board adjourned to Monday morn^g 10 o'Clock.

Savannah Monday 22nd 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	} Esq ^r
Andrew Burns	Thomas Maxwell	
Jenkin Davis	Peter Deveaux	

The application of the widow Elizabeth Wright being taken into consideration,

ORDERED, That the said widow Wright be supplied with three rations pr. day for one fortnight for the support of her family she being accountable for the same.

ORDERED, That the Sheriff of Chatham County be directed to take into his possession the press & types in the Printing Office, late James Johnstons, and keep them in charge till further orders.

The Board adjourned till 9 o'Clock to-morrow

Savannah 23rd July 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	} Esquires
Thomas Maxwell	Jenkin Davis	
Andrew Burns	Peter Deveaux	

ORDERED, That notice be given the Gentlemen of the Commit-

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tee, to know whether they have procured the quantity of goods, salt &c ordered by the House of Assembly to be engaged for the use of this State.

The Board adjourned to 9 O'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah 24. July 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Peter Deveaux	} Esquires
Jenkin Davis	William Glascock	

ORDERED, That Mr. John Barkly be furnished with an order for twenty five pounds worth of goods, agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, by report of the Committee appointed to procure goods &C. for the public, it appears impracticable for them to find out the quantity of salt, in this Town, agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly; request the same might be referred to the Governor & Council. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Attorney General be directed to call on the several Merchants and others to declare upon oath the quantity of Salt and rum they have in possession also the time when, where & from whom purchased.

WHEREAS, by a resolve of the House of Assembly of this day, the sales of the confiscated estates are postponed for one month.

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners be directed to notify the same to the inhabitants of the respective Counties.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow.

Savannah 25th July 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock
Jenkin Davis

Thomas Maxwell } Esquires

The petition of William Christee being preferred,

RESOLVED, That he the said Christee have an order to take his property where ever it may be found, proving the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor, be requested to take immediate measures for procuring three thousand bushels of salt and six hogsheads of rum for the public use.

A letter from Major Odingsel enclosing his commission, requesting his resignation as Major of the first Battalion of the militia of the County of Chatham the same being laid before the Board and considered was accordingly accepted.

Savannah 30th July 1782.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan

Jenkin Davis Esquires

His Honor the Governor quitted the chair when the following bills were laid before the Board. Viz,

An Act for preventing improper or disaffected persons, emi-

grating from other places and becoming citizens of this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Being read, agreed, to the following amendment, instead of the words "this act shall continue and remain in full force for three years— This act to be perpetual.

An Act, for opening the Courts of Justice under certain restrictions therein mentioned, being read and returned without amendment.

A resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly, bearing date the 28th instant, authorizing and empowering his honor the Governor to appoint proper persons in the different parts of this State to collect all the arms, now in the possession of any of the inhabitants thereof which did belong to the British Government. The same being considered— Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Robert Greer be appointed to collect the same for the County of Chatham— John Waldhower for the County of Effingham.

The application of Moses Nunes Esq. praying to be appointed Clerk of the Market for the Town of Savannah.

ORDERED, That the same be granted, and that a warrant be granted him for that purpose.

The Board taking into consideration the application of Mrs. Martha Evans, respecting the taking into possession the child and effects of the late Randal Evans, her son, which are at present detained from her by John Gilbert Therefore,

*RESOLVED, That the said Mrs. Martha Evans be empowered to take the said child and effects into her possession (first taking an inventory and appraisalment of the same by two different persons on oath, and making report to this Board.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Roger Lawson be furnished with two

horses in lieu of his that were lost in the public service; and that an order issue to the Deputy Quarter Master General for that purpose, he first having them appraised by two indifferent persons.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah 31st July 1782

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present,

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	} Esquires.
Benjamin Lewis	
Jenkin Davis	

WHEREAS Information has been lodged with this Board; that numbers of people who have been very active against the good citizens of this State, and others whose names are mentioned in the bill of attainder and confiscation, did remain in Savannah after the evacuation by the British, and are now strolling about the Streets of this Town,

And Whereas, those characters are still suspected of being inimical to the liberties of America. Therefore

RESOLVED, That the Attorney General be directed immediately to lay hold of all such suspected characters, and commit them to the common Jail of Savannah; making report of the same to this Board in order that their conduct may be enquired into.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow morning.

Savannah 1st August 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis

Jenkin Davis
Peter Deveaux } Esquires

Application being made by Mr. John Brandon for his secret services in discovering the situation of the Indians at the standing peach tree,

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixteen pounds be granted the said Brandon for the above services, and that he do receive a written certificate for the same.

RESOLVED, That advertisements be posted forbidding persons indiscriminately from turning their horses or cattle on the plantations late the property of Sir James Wright, or from cutting rice off the same. which has late been practised to the great injury of the public. excepting the Members of the Council and Assembly. or those of the military line.

Application by petition being made by Capt. Francis Coddington respecting the procuring some negroes, the property of his wife and sister, from East-Florida, the same being considered, permission was accordingly granted.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 2nd August 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis

Peter Deveaux } Esquires
Jenkin Davis }

Agreeable to a resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly

ORDERED, That Mrs. Elizabeth Gresham be furnished with fifteen bushels of salt; and that an order be issued to the keeper of the public store for that purpose.

WHEREAS, the departments of Commissary General of purchases and issues, in the upper parts of this State, appear at present to be entirely useless, and of course a burthen to the State. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the said Departments be immediately dismissed from further employ, and that His Honor the Governor be pleased to issue orders in consequence.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 3rd August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	} Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	
Peter Deveaux	

The Board adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'Clock.

Savannah 5th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	} Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	
Peter Deveaux	

His Honor the Governor quitted the Chair and the following bills were laid before the Board.

An Act for preventing improper or disaffected persons, emigrating from other places and becoming citizens of this State. and for other purposes therein mentioned. Being read and agreed to

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow mornng.

Savannah 6. August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	} Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn.g.

Savannah 7th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Peter Deveaux	Benjamin Lewis	} Esquires.
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay	

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 8th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	} Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	John Lindsay	
Peter Deveaux		

Application being made, by petition, to this Board, by Eliza-

beth Wright, for rations for herself and family— the same being considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That four daily rations be ordered for one month after the date hereof, for the support of herself and family.

The application of Horatio Marbury, by petition, for horses being considered, the same could not be complied with.

A letter being read from Robert Greer Commissary of Military stores in the said department. the same being considered Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested, to issue orders to the said Robert Greer, fully empowering him to procure all such stores as may appertain to his department.

A letter being read from Mr. Daniel Nunes praying to be appointed to the office of Vendue Master, the Board being informed by Mr. John Lindsay, that the Honorable the House of Assembly had already appointed Mr. John Gibbons, therefore the same could not be complied with.

The application of Nehemiah Wade Esquire, Dep. Quarter Master General requesting a supply of some articles for his department. the same being considered, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders for that purpose.

The petition of Mr. Benjamin Lloyd praying to be appointed Clerk of the Court for the County of Chatham, the Board taking the same into consideration

RESOLVED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

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Savannah 9th August 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
John LindsayBenjamin Lewis
Peter Deveaux } Esquires.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 10th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis
Peter Deveaux
John Lindsay

} Esquires.

The Board adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'Clock.

Savannah 12th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Benjamin Lewis	} Esquires
Edward Jones	John Lindsay	
Peter Deveaux		

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

In Council Savannah 13th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	} Esquires.
Edward Jones	John Lindsay	

A letter received from Col^o William M^oIntosh, containing proposals, recommending a mutual agreement between the State of Georgia, and the Province of East-Florida, to prevent plundering or murdering in either of those places. the same being read and considered. Therefore,

RESOLVED, that it be recommended to his honor the Governor to take such measures as will tend to effect so desirable a purpose. Which in our opinion will be conducive to the interest and welfare of this State.

ORDERED, That Col^o W^m McIntosh, Samuel Stirk and John Wercat Esquires be appointed Commissioners for that purpose.

The petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That three rations be granted pr. day for one month from this date for the support of herself and two children.

The petition of Mrs. Lucy Tondor being read and considered, Therefore

ORDERED, That five rations per day for one month be granted, from the date hereof, for the support of herself and four children.

The application by letter from Mr. Seth John Cuthbert being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said application be granted.

The application by letter from Mr. Benjamin Stites respecting the procuring a vessel at Bermuda with a cargo of salt, rum & C being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, that the said application be granted.

The Memorial of Mr. Peter Henry Morel being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, that the said memorial be granted.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow mornng.

14th The Board met & adjourned to to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

In Council Savannah 15th Aug^t 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis
Edward Jones

John Lindsay } Esquires.
Peter Deveaux }

His Honor the Governor presented letters from Governor Matthews & Gents Greene & Perkins, respecting a supply of two thousand bushels of salt for the suffering back inhabitants of South Carolina; The Board taking the same into consideration and finding our own supply being inadequate to such a demand, Therefore,

ORDERED, That application be made to the Merchants of this Town who have salt in possession to furnish the supply required and their terms, which are immediately to be forwarded Gov^t Matthews; in case said terms cannot be complied with by the State of S^o Carolina. this Board do agree to furnish them out of the public salt, reserved for the use of this State with the quantity of five hundred bushels, it being all that can possibly be spared.

The petition of Mr. John Mitchel and Mr. Thomas Hogg British Merchants, requesting they might proceed to Charleston on private business and to return to this place. the same being read and considered was accordingly granted. they having complied with the conditions of a parole.

The petition of Mr. Peter Henry Morel requesting permission to proceed to Charleston & from thence to the Island of Bermuda, in order to settle his private concerns & likewise to introduce into this port a vessel and Cargo, the same being read and considered was accordingly granted.

In Council Savannah 16th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	} Esquires.
John Lindsay	Edward Jones.	

Two letters being presented this Board by Major Habersham from Doct. Brownfield Surgeon of the Hospital at the great Swamp, representing the melancholy situation of the Hospital at that place for the want of necessary supplies for the said Hospital Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said articles requisite for the said Hospital be immediately furnished. And that one quarter cask of wine, one of rum and eight bushels salt be procured for that purpose.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

In Council Savannah 17th Aug^t 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	} Esquires.
John Lindsay	Edward Jones.	

The application of Mr. Nathan^l Hicks and James Scott who are here on public business, and being destitute of money and supplies, Therefore,

ORDERED, that they be supplied with three daily rations for four days for themselves and servant.

The petition of Thomas Lee was presented, setting forth that some time in the year 1778. John Dooly (since deceased) entered a caveat against the petitioners obtaining a grant for three hundred acres land on Savannah River, in Wilkes County where he resided; that upon hearing the said caveat before his honor the president (Richard Wylly Esquire) and the members of the hon^{ble} Council the same was unanimously determined in the petitioners favor; That the said John Dooly made a second application to the Board, for a hearing on account of his not having the testimony of some material witnesses who were then absent, in consequence of which it was granted— the parties attended by their Counsels and a full investigation was had: and the right of the land in question (by the President and Council, given unanimously in favor of the petitioner; and the assistant Judge of the County of Wilkes ordered to put the said Lee in possession, but that he did prior to his death hold the same, and since his decease his relict has refused to give up the premises. Whereby he has received great and manifest damage and kept out of possession of his property contrary to all law and good order. Therefore, praying that the land above mentioned may be, agreeable to former orders of the Executive, restored by him, and peaceable and quiet possession given him by the assistant Judges of the County,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the petition be granted and that Benjamin Cathings, Zach. Lamar, Robert Harper Esquires Assistant Judges of the County of Wilkes, do issue process for putting the said Thomas Lee in possession of his land. And that they call on Col^o Elijah Clark or the officer commanding the Militia of that County, to enforce this order with the militia of that County or such part as may be deemed necessary. And that as soon as the land office is opened, that the said Lee, make a re-

turn of his works, in order that a grant may pass to him for the same —

The petition of Doct^r Sam^l Bucroft praying to be taken off the classing list of the County of Chatham; the same being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The application of Capt. James M^cKay pointing out the bad repair of the roads to the Southward, praying that Commissioners may be appointed to repair the same. The Board taking the same into consideration— therefore,

ORDERED, That Cap^t James M^cKay, Benjamin Stites, Francis Coddington, with Messr^s William Maxwell and George Cubage be appointed Commissioners to superintend the same. And that they be directed to proceed upon the said business immediately. And that Mr. William Bryan, Jacob Casper Waldhower Capt. Richard Guyn, be appointed Commissioners of the Western Roads, from the Town of Savannah to Ravanhurst Mill; and that they be directed to proceed upon the same without delay.

The application of Mr. Nathan^l Hicks, Assistant Com^r of issues, of Augusta, respecting two barren cows & one two year old heifer which he borrowed for public use,— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the agent of Richmond County be directed to replace cattle of equal value. And that an order be issued for that purpose.

N. B. one barren cow borrowed of Capt. Barten, one ditto of M^r Brannum, & one two year old heifer of Nath^l Hicks.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock Monday morning.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The 18th August. The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

In Council, Savannah August 19th 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis
Jonathan Bryan
Peter Deveaux

Edward Jones.
Jenkin Davis
John Lindsay } Esquires.

It being represented by the Dep^y Quarter Master General that a quantity of oznab^{es} is wanted for the use of his department for repairing collars &C. for the public teams— Therefore,

ORDERED, That he be furnished with twenty five yards for that purpose.

The petition of sundry whig inhabitants of the Town of Savannah praying the liberation of Doct^r Andrew Johnston in consideration of his Medical abilities being so essentially necessary towards the health and preservation of the good people of this Town, at this dangerous and unhealthy season of the year. The same being read and considered, that in consideration of the many reasons pointed out in the said petition— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the Sheriff of the County of Chatham be permitted to extend the limits of the said Doct. Andrew Johnson to the Town of Savannah and Yamacraw and the Trustees Gar-

dens he the said Johnston to be and continue in the possession and custody of the said Sheriff until the next meeting of the hon^{ble} the House of Assembly, or until a convenient opportunity offers to Ship the said Doct. Andrew Johnston to some British Port, agreeable to the Act of confiscation and attainder.

The Board adjourned to 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis

Jenkin Davis }
John Lindsay } Esquires.

The petition of Mr. Nathaniel Hicks being read and considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That three bushels of salt be granted him out of the public Store

The application of Lieut. Col^o John Cooper for the supply of sundry necessaries for the use of the Troops under his command, being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Col^o Cooper be supplied with the following articles Viz, five barrels rice, twenty bushels salt; ten gallons rum; fifty two pounds brown sugar, twenty pounds coffee.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow mornng.

In Council Savannah 20th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis

John Lindsay }
Peter Deveaux } Esquires

Dessentient's to the resolve of yesterday, respecting the limits of Doct. Andrew Johnston being permitted to be extended to the Town of Savannah and district of Yamacraw & the Trustees Gardens.

First—Because we do not find the Governor and Executive Council furnished with any authority by the constitution to suspend, in any instance, the positive laws of the State.

Secondly—Because we conceive the removal of the prisoners from the common Jail, according to the resolution of the Executive Council, is contrary to the law of the land.

Thirdly—Because we cannot in conscience, accede to a resolution, which we conceive to be illegal, unnecessary and impolitic. Illegal for the reasons before mentioned; Unnecessary, because the prisoner suffers no other confinement, than was foreseen and intended by law. And impolitic, because it discovers a want of firmness and determination in the Executive Department; which cannot, in our opinion, at any period, be more necessary than at the present.

JN^o LINDSAY
JENKIN DAVIS.

The petition of Mrs. Mary Dews, widow, applying for rations for herself and three children, the same being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That three rations be allowed per day, for one month, for the support of herself and three children.

WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary that ways and means be immediately fallen upon for the present support of the Gentlemen Members of the Hon^{ble} the Executive Council by virtue of a resolve of supply of the Honble. the House of Assembly of the 4th instant. And in the opinions of this Board, no other mode can, at present, be fallen upon. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the agents for the County of Chatham be immediately ordered to procure negroes belonging to the confiscated estates to be lodged in the hands of the Governor in order to be disposed of for that purpose, as otherways there is just reason to fear that public business must inevitably be protracted. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to issue the necessary orders for that purpose.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

In Council Savannah 21st August 1782

The Board met according to adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis

Jenkin Davis
John Lindsay } Esqrs.

The petition of Joseph Atkinson, a Continental Soldier, praying the restoration of his property, which has been seized on by the Commissioners, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted by reason of his having been taken off the act of confiscation and

attainder. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to issue an order for that purpose.

The application of James Field Esq. for requesting the superintendance of collecting negroes and other property belonging to the citizens of this State and South Carolina; which has been and is now unlawfully kept from their right owners—being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said James Field, Esq. be appointed to superintend that business. And he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to execute the same.

The application of Mr. Jonⁿ Bryan for two bushels public salt,

ORDERED, That the same be granted him in part of supplies granted the Honble the Council.

The petition of Amos Whitehead respecting the amercement of his property being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the operation of the amercement law towards the said Whitehead be suspended, until the meeting of the Hon^{ble} the House of Assembly And that the Commissioners of forfeited estates be furnished with a copy of this order.

(fees paid)

The petition of John Sebert being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That Col^o James Jackson be directed to furnish the said Sebert with his pay and discharge agreeable to the terms of his enlistment—

The application of Mr. John Morel requesting the command of the White Bluff Company, being read considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That he take the immediate command of the said Company at White Bluff.

A certificate of Col^o James Jackson respecting Andrew Snider, who acted as pilot to General Wayne in the service of this State, being considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That on account of his superior exertions; as specified in said certificate. that the said Snider do receive at the rates of four pounds, current money of this State, from the time that Gen^l Wayne crossed the river, to the fall of Savannah—this to be deemed a continental charge.

The petition of Mrs. Grace Lyons, for herself and four children requesting rations being read considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That four daily rations be allowed for one month from the date hereof, for herself & four children.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow Morn^g—

In Council Savannah 22nd Aug. 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
John Lindsay

Benjamin Lewis
Peter Deveaux

} Esquires.

The petition and affidavit of John Milledge Esq^r and receipt of the Sheriff of the County of Chatham, the same being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That on the said Milledge's producing an affidavit from Mrs. Demere to the Commissioners of forfeited estates,

setting forth that his said negroe, Pope, was seen in the possession of a certain Mr. Locke of the State of N^o Carolina who said he had received the said negroe in part payment of a debt due him from this State, and that the affidavit of the said Milledgeville setting forth that he never did, directly or indirectly dispose of, bargain or sell the said negro Pope to any person or persons in any manner whatever, and that the said negroe Pope is bona fide his own right and property; that then and in that case, the Commissioners of forfeited estates be, and are hereby directed to furnish the said Milledgeville a negro of equal value, the said negro Pope being a prime slave.

The petitions of Nicholas Subtrain, John Husler, Christopher Cramar and David Metzger, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That each and every one of them be discharged the service.

The petitions of George Rolfes and Francis Brooks, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That each of these before mentioned be referred to the next meeting of the Honble. the House of Assembly.

The petition of John Newdigate being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Newdegate be taken off the classing list.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn^e.

The Board met according to adjournment.

In Council Savannah 23rd Aug^t 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis
Edward Jones

John Lindsay
Peter Deveaux } Esquires.

The petition of Francis Lewis, praying to be taken off the classing list, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

That Captain Patrick Walch be furnished with goods out of the public store, to the amount of a sum not to exceed ten pounds-specie.

WHEREAS, the Privateer Brigantine commanded by Captain Samuel Goodhue, now lying in this Port, has lately captured and brought in as prize, the Sloop Swift, on board of which, amongst other things there happens to be a number of negroes, part of which appear to be the property of some of the good citizens of this, and the next State. And whereas, information has been made to this Board, that the said Captain Goodhue means shortly to depart this port, without libelling or condemning the said prize, which would prove a great inconvenience to the citizens aforesaid, as in this case the persons claiming part of those negroes, must be obliged to follow this prize to some other port of the United States to assert their claims at vast expences, subverting justice. Therefore,

It is Ordered, That the said Captain Samuel Goodhue be instructed to libel for condemnation the Sloop Swift aforesaid with her Cargo, tackle, furniture and apparel &c. in order That the negroes on board the said Sloop may be restored to those who

have a just claim to the same, upon their paying salvage agreeable to the rules and regulations of the Honble the Continental Congress.

ORDERED, That Captain Samuel Goodhue, be furnished with a copy of this order.

In Council, Savannah 27th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Benjamin Lewis	} Esquires
Peter Deveaux	John Lindsay	
Jon ^u Bryan		

ORDERED That Mr. James Parker, Doct. Samuel Bucroft, John Merel & Joseph W^m Spencer be appointed Commissioners to superintend the repairs of the Skideway roads—Frederick Rolfes, Frederick R William Struthers James Habersham, Joseph McLean be appointed to superintend the Little Ogechee Southern Roads. And that they be directed to proceed on the same immediately—

The Board adjourned to 5 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn^g.

28th The Board met according to adjournment and adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

In Council, Savannah 29th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
John Lindsay
Benjamin Lewis

Jenkin Davis
Peter Deveaux } Esquires.

WHEREAS, it appears by a resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly, bearing date the fourth day of August, that Messrs Frederic Rolphs and John Strong were appointed to the offices of purchasing and issuing Commissary's for this State. And whereas, the said Honble House, directed that His Honor the Governor, should write to his Excellency Gen^l Greene, recommending the said Rolphs and Strong to be confirmed in their appointments

And Whereas, it appears by a letter from His Excellency Gen^l Greene, that Congress had totally changed their plan of arrangement, for the civil staff, and that they appoint no Commissaries or Quarter Masters; and therefore, that it is not in his power to either confirm or reject any appointments made in the State or in the Field; but recommends as the properest mode for the State to pursue, to appoint agents for those purposes, and which is also recommended by Col^o Carrington, Quarter Master General of the Southern Army. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Frederick Rolphs & John Strong be confirmed in their respective appointments by this State under the title and denomination of Agents, And that this Board do confirm the same.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn^g—

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In Council, Savannah 30th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Jonathan Bryan	} Esquires.
Benjamin Lewis	John Lindsay	

ORDERED, That Col^o Jenkin Davis one of the Members of this Honorable Council, be supplied with one hundred pounds of public flour.

The petitions of George Rolfes and Francis Brooks being re-considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That they and each of them, be taken off the classing list.

The petition of Thomas Walker being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED That the same be referred to the Honble the House of Assembly;

The petition of John Lyons being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That he do receive pay agreeable to his rank during the time of his service.

The application of Col^o Adlai Osborn of Rowan County North Carolina, by Edward Jones Esquire, one of the Honble. Executive Council, soliciting the appointment of the Office of Register of Probates for the County of Chatham. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Adlai Osborn Esq^r be and is hereby appointed to the said office. and that His Honor the Governor

be requested to communicate the same to him as soon as possible.

A motion made by Mr. Edward Jones and seconded by Mr. Peter Deveaux, that we do immediately proceed to the choice of a President. The Board accordingly proceeded to ballot for the same, when it appeared that the Honorable Edward Jones Esquire was duly elected.

The Board adjourned to 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The Board adjourned to 11 o'Clock to-morrow.

The Board met and adjourned to Tuesday the third of September 1782.

Savannah, In Council Tuesday 3rd Sept. 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Edward Jones

John Lindsay.
Benjamin Lewis } Esquires.

The petition of Hetty Seabury being read and considered.
Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Seabury be allowed two rations

per day, for her family for the space of one month from this date.

The application of Mrs. Store, being read and considered—
Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Store be permitted to proceed to and return from Charleston, agreeable to the prayer of her application.

The application of Mrs. Sarah Bennett, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Bennett and family be allowed three rations per day for one month from this date.

The application of Mrs. Deane, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Deane be permitted to proceed to, and return from Charleston, with her property, consisting of negroes.

The petition of Thomas Yarbrough being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, that the procuring a substitute be postponed and that the prayer of his petition be referred to the Honble. the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, various complaints have been made to me in Council, that the merchants who remained in the Town of Savannah, upon the evacuation of the same, by the British Troops under certain generous and liberal restrictions, granted them by His Honor the Governor with the advice and consent of the Honble. the Executive Council; and concurrence of the Honble. Brigadier Genl Wayne, confirmed by the Honble. the House of Assembly, that the said merchants have and now do, in violation of the

faith reposed in them, and contrary to the aforesaid generous and liberal restrictions, extorted and still do extort enormous and very extravagant prices from the good citizens of this Town and State aforesaid, for their goods, wares and merchandize. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested immediately to issue his proclamation, strictly prohibiting and forbidding such mal-practices in future, under such penalties as in the same may be declared.

The Board adjourned to Thursday morn^s 9 o'Clock.

The Board met and adjourned to Friday 6th Sepr. 1782.

In Council Savannah 6th September 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
John Lindsay

Edward Jones
Benjamin Lewis } Esquires

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Governor in Council by information on oath, that Mr. Belchers presumed Clerk or agent had agreed with a number of persons lately come to Town with flour for sale. And whereas, such agreement should be consistent with the proclamation lately issued by His Honor the Governor in Council; And whereas, the same flour was by the agreement aforesaid to be exchanged for salt and other goods. It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Clerk or Agent do supply the owners

of the flour aforesaid with salt at the following rate, to wit, nine shillings and four pence per bushel; it appearing to the Board upon a minute examination to be the cash price, and other goods, conformable to the proclamation aforesaid, in exchange for the said flour, to him bargained or disposed of as aforesaid at the cash price, the said flour appearing likewise to this Board, upon a strict enquiry to be at the rate of thirty shillings per hundred weight, and that the respective parties be served with a copy of this order.

The Board adjourned to 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment 4 o'Clock P. M. afternoon.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board by information of Messrs Burke and Strosier, parties concerned in the purchase of a quantity of salt and other merchandise from the House, of James Belcher Merchant of this Town, that Mr. Walker, in behalf of Mr. Belcher, his employer, refuses to deliver the quantity of salt &c. according to the agreement entered into with them, and in direct violation of an order of this Board to that effect. Therefore,

ORDERED, That unless the said Walker, in behalf of his employer, Mr. Belcher, do immediately deliver the said salt &c. according to said agreement, that this Board do give order that the said Store be immediately broke open, and the quantity of salt taken out and delivered to the said Burk and Strosier agreeable to said agreement, and that the said door be immediately after nailed up, and a Centinel placed over the same; to prevent a waste of property, until further orders from this Board, be the said Walker, agent for the said Belcher, having already received full consideration for the salt, &c. and who has since absented himself from the said State; apparently with a view,

not to comply with the order of this Board, hereunto referred. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to give order to the Sheriff to carry this order into effect.

The petition of Elizabeth Hamerer being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said petitioner and family be allowed three rations per day for one month from the date hereof.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday 10th September. 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

In Council, Savannah 10th September 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis

Benjamin Lewis Esquires

Peter Deveaux

John Lindsay Esquires

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, that the Deputy Quarter Masters General's Department, under the present arrangement is not only a heavy expence, but a useless burthen to this State. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said department be done away altogether, and that the said Quarter Master be directed to make immediate returns to this Board of all the public horses, waggons, Boats, and other stores in his possession or under his direction belonging to the said Department; And that he be served with a copy of this order.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Bernard be appointed to the command of the Sea Islands company.

WHEREAS, it appears necessary that Commissioners be appointed for the public Market of Savannah—Therefore,

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ORDERED, That Messrs Stirk, Montaigut and Thomas Mills, be Commissioners for that purpose.

ORDERED, That Mrs. Elizabeth Wright have her four daily rations continued one month from this 10th inst. Also, Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan to her have her three daily rations continued one month from the 13th instant.

Also, Mrs. Lucy Tonder to have her five daily rations continued for one month longer.

The application of Capt. John Milton, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That he the said Milton be allowed four rations per day for three months, when applied for; for which he is to be accountable.

The application of Messrs. O'Bryan and Clay, Commissioners of the Pilotage, in behalf of Ichabud Higgins, to be appointed a branch Pilot, for the bar and river of Savannah; And also, praying that the said Ichabud Higgins, be allowed rations for the space of.....he to be accountable for the same, the Board taking the same into consideration, Therefore,

ORDERED. That the said Higgins be appointed a branch Pilot for this Bar & River, and to be allowed.....rations agreeable to said application.

WHEREAS it appears to this Board, that there is a deficiency of acting Magistrates in the County of Chatham. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint one or more Magistrates for said County as may be sufficient for carrying on the necessary duties appertaining to said Office.

The Board adjourned to Friday 13th Instant.

The Board met according to adjournment.

In Council, Savannah 13. September, 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis

Peter Deveaux
Jonathan Bryan } Esqr

The application of Mary Muslain, a young girl, about fifteen years of age, who has lost the use of her limbs. The Board taking her case into consideration. Therefore,

ORDERED, That she be allowed one daily ration for her present support.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Strong issuing agent, issue no rations, but by order from this Board or Major Habersham.

WHEREAS, it appears absolutely necessary to this Board, that a Commissary of Prisoners be appointed. Therefore,

ORDERED, That William M^cIntosh Esquire be and he is hereby appointed to that office.

ORDERED, That Nehemiah Wade Esq. be allowed three rations per day, for one week, being the time allotted for the settlement of his accounts in the Quarter Masters Department. And that, Joseph Humphrys be allowed one ration per day during the time he may be employed in taking charge of the public waggons and Teams—

The Board adjourned to-morrow Morn^g 9 o'Clock.

The Board met.

In Council, Savannah 14th Sept. 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis
Peter Deveaux

} Esqrs.

The petition of John Riley being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That he be allowed two daily rations for one month from this date.

The petition of John Lourman being read and considered--
Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said petition be referr'd to the Honorable Assembly.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next.

The Board met on

Friday the 20th September 1782.

Present

His Honor, Edward Jones, President.

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis
William Glascock

} Esqrs

ORDERED, That Frederic Rolfes Esq. Agent of purchases for this State, do take into his possession all horses, waggons, and

public Stores, now in the hands of the late Deputy Quarter Master Nehemiah Wade.

ORDERED, That Mrs. Mary Dews, be continued her three rations per day for one month from this date.

ORDERED, That Nehemiah Wade, Deputy Quarter Master General do make return of the quantity of salt received of the merchants since the evacuation by the British Troops, and his issues of that article since that period; that it may be known, what quantity remains to be delivered to make up the three Thousand bushels ordered to be procured for the use of the State.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next.

In Council, Savannah 1st October 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
William Glascock

Jenkin Davis
Peter Deveaux } Esqr

WHEREAS it appears to this Board, that Ademus Burke Esq. late appointed to the office of Chief Justice of this State, has neither by letter accepted the said appointment, nor attended to the duties thereof, and of course the Courts must be altogether neglected or laid aside for the present, to the great injury of this State, unless some other should be appointed in his stead, per tempore. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write Richard Howley Esquire soliciting his acceptance of the said office, on the foregoing conditions; And that the Attorney General be directed to prepare a Commission for that purpose.—

WHEREAS, Major Richard Call by letter to His Honor the Governor, has solicited the appointment to the office of Surveyor General of this State. This Board taking the same into consideration—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Richard Call be and he is hereby appointed to the said office of Surveyor General of this State aforesaid.

The Board adjourned to to-morrow morn^g 9 o'Clock.

In Council, Savannah 2nd October 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
William Glascock

Jenkin Davis
Peter Deveaux } Esqrs.

The petition of Francis Urvoy with a certificate from Col^l James Jackson, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Petitioner be supplied with ten bushels of public salt, as a gratuity for his services—

The petition of George Bazil Spencer to be appointed Measurer and Surveyor of lumber for the County of Chatham, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said G. B. Spencer be and is hereby appointed a Measurer and surveyor of lumber for the County aforesaid.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn^g.

Savannah Georgia

In Council 8th October 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

William Glascock
Peter Deveaux

Jenkin Davis
Jonathan Bryan } Esqr^s

ORDERED, That His Honor the President, Edward Jones Esquire be furnished with ten bushels of the public salt, at two and a half dollars per bushel, he to be accountable for the same.

ORDERED, That Francis Little be furnished with six and half bushels of salt, for the amount of his account in full to the 8th instant, being three pounds, eighteen shillings, for the support of five of the Cherokee Indians, Prisoners of this State.

The Board adjourned to the 11th instant at 9 o'Clock Morning.

In Council, Savannah 11th October 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis

William Glascock
Peter Deveaux } Esqr^s

The application of Samuel Stirk Esquire, respecting the raising a Volunteer Company of Infantry for the Town of Savannah, to be selected from the different companies of Militia being read and considered—Therefore,

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ORDERED, That he be permitted to raise the said corps agreeable to the foregoing application.

The application of George Embeck, Barrack Master, for eight negroes, to be employed in taking care of the public wood and assist in procuring forage for the public horses, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That he be directed to procure six negroes from the different plantations, contiguous to Savannah, where they can be most conveniently spared.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next 15th current.

In Council, Savannah 19th October 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones
Thomas Maxwell

William Glascock
Lemuel Lanier } Esqr^s

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that there are a number of Taverns and tipling houses in the Town of Savannah and various other parts of this State, for the reception of disorderly persons, to the great disturbance of the peaceable inhabitants of the same, and in order to prevent those abuses in future. Therefore,

ORDERED, That no person within the limits of this State be allowed to retail spirituous liquors under the measure of three gallons, under the penalty of twenty five pounds specie, in this Town and other parts of this State, without permission and license being first had and obtained from this Board agreeably to an Act of Assembly of this State. (for license £10. specie—

The application of Captain Patrick Carr, being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to prepare a Commission for Cap^t Barton, to raise a Company of Volunteer Horse, to consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Cornet & Thirty privates to be annexed to Carr's Legion, under the command of Capt. Patrick Carr. for the defence and protection of this State. also,

ORDERED; That Capt. Patrick Carr, be immediately furnished with thirty pair of pistols, for the use of his Legion he to be accountable for the same.

The Board adjourned to Monday 21st Instant at 9 o'Clock.

The Board met and adjourned to the 22nd October Inst.

Savannah. In Council 22nd October 1782.

Present.

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones
William Glascock
Jonathan Bryan

Thomas Maxwell	} Esqr ^e
Lemuel Lanier	

WHEREAS, there are a number of notorious characters, who infest the roads and other parts of this State, and are continually murdering and plundering the virtuous inhabitants of the same, and in order to the more effectually expelling and totally annihilating those enemies to mankind (those hellish and diabolical fiends) from the face of the earth. Therefore,

ORDERED That any person either employed in the public service or otherways, shall not only be released from his term of enlistment, but shall also receive the sum of ten guineas as a reward on his producing to the Governor and Council in Savannah the body, or good and sufficient proof that such of the under mentioned persons are absolutely and bona fide killed—

- 1 Samuel Moore
- 2 George Cooke
- 3 Henry Cooper Jun^r
- 4 William Cooper
- 5 Samuel Cooper
- 6 Henry Cooper Sen^r
- 7 Noah Harrill
- 8 Cudd Mobly.
- 9 Ludd Mobly
- 10 Capt. Marler.
- 11 William Langham
- 12 John Jarvis
- 13 John Webster
- 14 Joseph Adams
- 15 Swearing Jones
- 16 Philip Thomas
- 17 James Altman

18 Thomas Altman

19 Elias Bonnell

20 Owen Harrigall

21 Clark Johnson

22 Jack Hague.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock 23rd Instant.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Savannah, In Council 23rd Oct. 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell
 Lemuel Lanier
 Edward Jones

Jonathan Bryan
 William Glascock } Esquires

WHEREAS, it appears to the Governor and Council that the services of Col^o Daniel M^cMurphy, as superintendent of Indian Affairs, are no longer necessary to this State. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Colo. Daniel M^cMurphy be immediately suspended from the said appointment and he is hereby accordingly suspended.

It is Further Ordered, That the said Colonel Daniel M^cMurphy be furnished with a copy of this order.

ORDERED, That Jonathan Bryan Esquire be supplied with six bushels of salt; Thomas Maxwell, Esquire, be supplied with

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three bushels of salt; and Lemuel Lanier Esquire with three bushels of salt, to be delivered out of the public store; each of them to be accountable for the same.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Savannah, In Council October 24th 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	} Esquires.
William Glascock	Lemuel Lanier	
Jonathan Bryan		

WHEREAS, several papers have been laid before this Board by Mr. William Struthers, the same being read and considered—
Therefore,

ORDERED, That the operation of the amercement law, with respect to him, the said William Struthers, be suspended until the next meeting of the honorable the Legislature of this State; to which the said papers are referred, and the operation of the said amercement law, with respect to him the said William Struthers until the time aforesaid, is hereby accordingly suspended.

The petition of John Butler Maxwell being laid before the Board, praying the punishment inflicted in the confiscation law might be so far mitigated in his behalf as to permit him the said John Butler Maxwell, to go to, and remain at, his plantation in the County of Chatham (still holding himself a prisoner to the Sheriff of the said County) until the next meeting of the Hon-

orable the Legislature of this State. the same being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and is hereby accordingly granted. And that the Sheriff of the County of Chatham be furnished with a copy of this order.

The petition of Mr. Donald M^cIntosh being laid before the Board and being read and considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the person of him the said Donald M^cIntosh be exempted from the operation of the confiscation law until the next meeting of the honorable the legislature of this State; to which his petition is referred.

The Board adjourned to to-morrow. 9 oClock.

Savannah In Council 30th Oct^o 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The Honble. Edward Jones, President.

Jonathan Bryan	Thomas Maxwell	} Esqr ^s
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

In consequence of sundry applications laid before the Governor and Council, respecting purchasing negroes from the inhabitants of East-Florida, which being debated and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the citizens of this State, be allowed to purchase negroes from British subjects, late residents of Georgia and now in East-Florida;

agreeable to a resolve of the late House of Assembly And that they be allowed to export produce and lumber for the payment of such purchases—

On application made the Governor and Council,

ORDERED, That John Riley be allowed two rations pr. day for one month in consideration of his being a cripple and unable to support himself and family—

A petition from John Couzin being read, praying for a furlough, to go to Burke County and there to remain till the meeting of the House of Assembly referred to Major Habersham—

The petition of Thomas Gibbons being read, praying that he may be liberated, until the meeting of the General Assembly—

ORDERED, That he be permitted to remain at his Mothers plantation, and be allowed to pass to and from Savannah, to his mothers aforesaid, still holding himself a prisoner to the Sheriff of Chatham County. And that the Sheriff be furnished with a copy of this order.—

Savannah In Council 2nd Nov^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President

Thomas Maxwell
Peter Deveaux

Benjamin Lewis } Esqr^s

A petition from a respectful number of free-holders and citizens of the County of Chatham, being read— praying that an

immediate embargo be laid on provisions of every kind, for the space of three months next ensuing—

ORDERED, That a proclamation do issue laying an embargo on provisions of every kind agreeable to the prayer of the said petition, for the space of three months— And that the Secretary be ordered to prepare a proclamation.

In consequence of a petition from a number of respectable inhabitants of Chatham County, praying that Mr. Robert Poteous, now a prisoner to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid be released—

ORDERED, That the Sheriff be directed to discharge the said Poteous, And that he the said Poteous do immediately depart the limits of this State.

A petition and Affidavit of Mrs. Mary Wright. being read, concerning a negro boy, June, in the possession of Richard Henderson; possession of which negro was given said Henderson, pro. tempore. for his services— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said negro, June, be restored the said Mary Wright, he appearing to be the property of Joseph Wright deceased. And that an order do issue from His Honor the Governor for that purpose —

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Savannah In Council 5th Nov. 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Edward Jones Esq^r President.

Thomas Maxwell
Jonathan Bryan

Benjamin Lewis

} Esq^r

ORDERED, That the resolves of the Honble. the House of Assembly of the 16th and 19th July last, respecting the British Merchants be published in the next Gazette for the information and conduct of the said Merchants.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Savannah In Council 6th Nov. 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President

Thomas Maxwell
Peter Deveaux

Benjamin Lewis
Jonathan Bryan

} Esq^r

The application of Mr. James Greenhow, a British Merchant, being laid before the Board, the same being read and considered,

ORDERED, That the said Greenhow be permitted to send the Schooner, Carolina, to Skedaway in order to take on Board five hundred bushels of corn for exportation with the quantity of rice purchased by him, now on board the said Schooner; as the pur-

chase was prior and not presumed to interfere with His Honor the Governors proclamation, laying an embargo on the exportation of provisions from this State.

Savannah In Council 7th Nov^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq., President

Thomas Maxwell
Peter Deveaux

Benjamin Lewis
Jonathan Bryan

} Esqr^s

The remonstrance and petition of a number of respectful citizens of the Town and Neighborhood of Savannah being laid before the Board, the same being read and considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That it is the opinion of this Board that every degree of respect and attention be paid the same—

ORDERED That the account of Daniel Geroad amount.g to sixteen pounds, for a Boat bought for the public service by the Commissioners appointed for the building of Gallies and procuring Boats for the defence of this State be paid—

Savannah In Council 13th Nov^r 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell
Holman Freeman

Benjamin Lewis

} Esquires.

In pursuance of a resolve of the Honble. the Legislature of this State, July 28th 1782. appointing the Honble. Stephen Heard Esquire, to send for, and receive three hundred bushels of salt or thereabouts, for the use of the inhabitants of the County of Wilkes, he receiving produce from the said inhabitants for the same, with the amo^t of any charges. And he being not disposed to undertake the said appointment and recommending Zachariah Lamar Esq. for that purpose,

ORDERED, That the said Zachariah Lamar, be and he is hereby appointed in the room of the Honble. Stephen Heard Esquire

The application of Edward Davis Esquire being read and considered,

ORDERED, That he be supplied with three bushels of salt, out of the public store, he being accountable for the same.

The petition of Richard Leake, And — Newdigates application being considered,

ORDERED, That they and each of them be furnished with a Commission of a letter of Mark, for their vessels— giving the usual bond with security to His Honor the Governor.

ORDERED, That Donald McLeod, Thomas Young, John Gler, John Mulryne Tatnall, and William Forrester proceed within

forty Eight hours to Char^s Town, agreeable to the tenor of their Flag, produced to the Board the seventh instant.

The petition of Seth Deane being read and considered.

ORDERED, That the said Seth Deane be discharged from his inlistment with Capt. Patrick Carr, agreeable to the prayer of his petition.

The petition of Stephen Millen being read and considered—
Therefore,

ORDERED, That the operation of the amercement law in his behalf, be suspended until the next meeting of the Honble. Legislature.

The Board adjourned to Friday next.

The Board met by adjournment.

Savannah In Council 15th Nov^r 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs.
Benj ⁿ Lewis	
Holman Freeman	

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of the County of Effingham being read and considered.

ORDERED, That Colo. Stephen Johnson and Capt. M^cKenzie be and are hereby appointed Magistrates for the said County of Effingham agreeable to the prayer of the said petition.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Council Chamber, Savannah 16th Nov^r 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs.
Benj ^a Lewis	
Holman Freeman	

In pursuance of a proclamation dated 15th October 1782. by the United States in Congress assembled. expressing their desire the Thursday the 28th of Nov. Inst. ensuing be appointed a day of solemn thanksgiving— in conformity thereto we recommend to the inhabitants of this State, that the said 28th day of November Instant be set apart as a day of solemn thanksgiving throughout the State.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

Council Chamber, Savannah 19th Nov. 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs.
Benj ^a Lewis	
Jonathan Bryan	

Mr. Francis Paris is hereby required and ordered to furnish His Honor the Governor and Council with the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds specie, on Friday the 22nd Instant, or to deliver into the custody of the Sheriff of the County of Chatham, three negroes of the names, viz, George, Tom and Emanuel, on the said day at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon—

The Agent, Mr. Frederic Rolfes, is hereby authorized and empowered to impress forage for the use of the Continental Horse, until the next meeting of the Board; distressing no particular persons.

The Board adjourned to Friday next.

Council Chamber, Savannah 22nd Nov^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Benj ⁿ Lewis	} Esqr ^s
Jonathan Bryan	Edward Jones.	

The petition of M^r Frederic Rolfes being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That Mr. Samuel Stites be and is hereby appointed as an assistant to the said Rolfes with the usual rations and pay.

ORDERED, That Edward Jones and Thomas Maxwell Esqr^s be and they are hereby appointed to examine the bonds in the hands of the Commissioners of the forfeited estates. And that they do make report to this Board on the next Council day.

The Board adjourned to 10 o'Clock to-morrow morn.g

Council Chamber, Savannah 23rd Nov^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Benj ⁿ Lewis	} Esqrs.
Edward Jones	Jonathan Bryan	

The petition of sundry officers of Burke County recommending Hugh Lawson Esq. to be appointed Colonel of the Militia of that County— Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to have a Commission made out, appointing the said Hugh Lawson, Colonel of the Militia of the said County of Burke; in the room of Colonel Emanuel who has retired—

A letter from Colonel James M^cKay being laid before the Board, respecting the out layers and Torys, who infest this State, the same being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said James M^cKay be authorized and permitted to raise a company of ten or twelve men for the purpose of suppressing these blood-thirsty and diabolical villains —and for the protection of the peaceable inhabitants of this State.— And that His Honor the Governor be requested to order a Commission made out for that purpose—

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next 10. o'Clock.

Savannah 26th November 1782.

Present, His Honor

The President Edward Jones Esq^r

Thomas Maxwell	}	Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis		
Jonathan Bryan		

WHEREAS, it appears that there may be a want of salt, for the use of the Continental Troops, as well as the citizens of this State,—

ORDERED, That the exportation of salt is hereby prohibited from this day until the next setting of the Assembly— and further

ORDERED, That the Secretary do prepare a proclamation prohibiting the same accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas Lamar be furnished with ten bushels of salt out of the public store, on account of a quantity of arms, ammunition &C. brought from Augusta agreeable to a return of 30th August last by the Commissary of Military Stores, in part of his account for that purpose.

The Board adjourned to 10 o'Clock Friday next.

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In Council Savannah 29th Nov^r 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis	
Jonathan Bryan	

The papers of W^m Temple Coles, respecting negroes he received from the public of this State in payment of horses being read and considered,

ORDERED, That the said W^m Temple Coles, be referred to the next setting of the Assembly.

The Board adjourned to 10 o'Clock to-morrow.

Council Chamber, Savannah 30th Nov^r 1782.

Present, His Honor

The President, Edward Jones Esq^r

Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis	
Peter Deveaux	

The Board adjourned to Monday 2nd December 10 o'Clock in the morning.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Council Chamber, Savannah 2nd Decem^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	} Esqrs.
Thomas Maxwell	
Benjamin Lewis	

A letter from Col. John Skey Eustace, respecting the feeding and transportation of sundry negroes from Char^s Town, belonging to the inhabitants of this State, being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That the whole of the said expence be enumerated by Col^o John Skey Eustace and Major Peter Deveaux, who were appointed Commissioners for that purpose and the same be proportioned agreeable to the number they may have brought—the same to be paid by their respective owners.

The Board adjourned to to-morrow morn.g 8 o'Clock.

Council Chamber, Savannah 5th Dec^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	} Esqr ^s
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

The petition of Solomon Milner, for the purpose of procuring negroes, his property, now at S^t Augustine being read and considered— Therefore,

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ORDERED, That the said Milner have permission to proceed there on board the Flag, Schooner from thence John Tobler Master, and to carry with them one hhd. of Tobacco, to bear his expences, and twenty four head of poultry for provisions—

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Council Chamber, Savannah 6th Dec^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

The application of Capt. John Morrell to proceed to S^t Augustine in a Flag, respecting his taking with him, some provisions for his support while there endeavoring to procure his negroes lately taken and carried there, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Morrell be allowed one hundred bushels corn and two barrels rice to defray the expences attending this business—

Council Chamber, Savannah 23rd Dec^r 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	} Esqr ^r
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that there is at present no

apparent prospect of a scarcity of provisions in this State,— His Honor, with the advice of his Council aforesaid, thinks proper to supercede a proclamation of His Honor dated the 2nd ultimo laying an embargo on all sorts of provisions, by a proclamation of this date—

It is Hereby Ordered, The same be superceded under certain restrictions, until the determination of the Legislature is known on the same.

Adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn.g

Council Chamber, Savannah 31st Dec^r 1782.

WHEREAS, Major John Habersham and Samuel Stirk Esquire, were appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, to class the persons who resided in and about the Town of Savannah, and the County adjacent. And Whereas, it appears, from the return made by the said Gentlemen, that the business was by them performed, and that many of the said persons, so classed as aforesaid, have neglected to furnish the Continental army with substitutes —

ORDERED, That the said Major John Habersham and Samuel Stirk Esquire, do immediately require the said persons to furnish their substitutes to the Continental Army within fifteen days from the date hereof, And in case the persons so classed as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to obey the tenor of this order; that immediately after the expiration of the said fifteen days, the said Major John Habersham and Samuel Stirk do take the names of each class and draw from among them one name, who shall be deemed the substitute, and shall serve as a Continental Soldier, until the class furnishes another in his room.

Council Chamber Savannah 4th Jan^r 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	} Esq ^r
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

WHEREAS, persons from other States come into this Town or Country adjacent, whose characters are not known either to the civil or Military authority.

AND WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary for the safety of the State, that every enquiry should be made and report thereof made to this Board.

RESOLVED, That every transient person arriving in this Town, do within twenty four hours after his or her arrival, attend the Attorney General, and make report to him, and in case any suspected character should be found within the limits of the said Town or the Country adjacent, they will be immediately secured and confined as enemies to this and the United States and dealt with accordingly.

RESOLVED ALSO, That any person under the above description that have, since the fifth day of August last or shall come into any of the other Counties in this State, that they do, within the time limited, appear before the nearest Justice of the said County and make report as aforesaid, who is hereby required to transmit regularly once every month a return of persons to the Executive Authority of this State.

WHEREAS, some time since, sundry negroes were legally condemned in the Court of Vice Admiralty, to the use of this State, and set up at public sale, for the particular purpose of defraying the present exigencies of Government and for other purposes— And Whereas, the same were sold for the satisfying the said

exigencies. And Whereas, it appears to this Board, that the monies arising therefrom have not as yet been paid into the Treasury, and the said exigencies and purposes yet remain unsettled It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the bonds given by sundry persons in part or whole of the said payments for such negroes sold as aforesaid, be assigned by His Honor the Governor unto Jonathan Clarke Esquire for the sole purpose of defraying and satisfying the same; and that he take such steps for recovering the money due, or seizing the property so sold as shall appear to him most eligible for the purposes herein before mentioned—

Council Chamber Savannah 7th Jan^r 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Benjamin Lewis	} Esq ^{rs}
Peter Deveaux	Edward Jones	

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates do immediately proceed to procure the ten negroes, for His Honor the Governor, from any person or persons who have forfeited the same, for the purpose of supporting the family and person in the exercise of Government, agreeable to a resolve of the Honorable the House of Assembly passed in Augusta, the 4th day of May 1782. And that the said Commissioners be furnished with a copy of this order.

Members of the Executive Council
for 1783.

Chatham	James Bryan	} Esquires
	John Morel	

Effingham	Jenkin Davis W ^m Holzendorf	} Esquires
Burke	John Fulton Benj ^a Lewis	} Esquires
Richmond	Zacharias Fenn	Esquire
Wilkes	Walton Harris James Little	} Esquires
Liberty	John Elliott James Stuart	} Esquires.

SIR,

In notifying to your honor your appointment to the Office of Chief Magistrate of this State, we cannot but congratulate our Country on so happy an occasion. The early and decided part which your honor took in the cause of America, and exertions in the course of the arduous and important struggle which preceded the auspicious dawn of independence, confirm us in the fullest assurances, that under your administration a continued practice of Whig principles will prevail; and a strict execution of those wise and salutary laws, which have been passed in former Assemblies for completing the safety and welfare of the State.

Your honor may rely on the assistance and support of the Assembly on every occasion; and we shall think we only fulfil our duty in discharge of the high trust reposed in us, by affording every aid in our power that can promote the general tranquility and establish *Whigism* on a permanent foundation.

J. H. Speaker.

8th January 1783.

His Honor the Governor's answer.

Mr. Speaker and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I esteem your unsolicited appointment of me to the office of Chief Magistrate of this State, as the greatest honor; and am affected with sentiments of the warmest gratitude on the occasion.

The early and decided part which I took in the cause of America originated from a full conviction of the justice and rectitude of the cause we engaged in, has uniformly continued as the principle of my heart, and I trust will, to the last moments of life.

If I can, by a strict attention to the various objects of Government, and a steady and impartial exertion of the powers with which you have invested me, carry into execution, the wise and salutary laws of the State, it will afford a pleasing prospect of our future welfare, brighten the dawn of independence, and establish the genuine principles of whigism on a firm and permanent foundation.

The Confident reliance, Gentlemen, on the wisdom of the Council you have assigned me, and the firm support of your honorable House, affords a flattering expectation of succeeding in this difficult and important trust.

(Signed)

L. HALL.

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In Council, Savannah 9th January 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Jenkin Davis	} Esquires.
John Elliott	Zacharias Fenn	
John Fulton	and James Bryan	

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Clerk or Secretary when David Rees was by a majority chosen.

John Riley was appointed Messenger and Door-keeper.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

In Council Savannah 10th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Benjamin Lewis	} Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Elliott	
Zacharias Fenn	John Fulton	

Application of Motlina Powledge for half bushel salt furnished the public.

ORDERED, That the same be returned her.—which was accordingly, returned.

Motion made that a President be chosen agreeable to the Constitution— postponed till more Members attend.

Letter from Charles Thompson Esq^r Secretary to Congress, dated 4th November 1782, notifying the appointment of His Excellency Elias Boudinot Esq. to the Presidency for the ensuing year.

Application of Samuel Stirk Esq^r one of the Commissioners on a late embassy to S^t Augustine, in a Flag &C. requesting that certain articles bought of Mr. Greenhow, for that voyage, charged to the private account of the said Samuel, may be placed to the account of the State, was read— Whereupon,

ORDERED, That Mr. Greenhowe be requested to debit the State for the same.

Letter from Cap^t Patrick Carr, 28th Decem^r 1782, was read.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Petitions Joseph Fox and Isaac Cloyett was read—

ORDERED, That the same be referr'd to the Honorable House of Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'Clock afternoon.

The Board, as above mentioned, met by adjournment.

Affidavit of Doctor John Irvine, setting forth the bad state of health of a certain William Ross, who came in a Flag from S^t Augustine, and that it would endanger his life to send him off at this juncture, was read—

ORDERED, That the said Ross have permission to remain on shore till Tuesday next; then to proceed with Gregory Cozens Flag, Good Intent.

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Petition of William Peacock dated 15th Decem^r 1782, was read.

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Savannah 11th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis
John Elliott
John Fulton

Benjamin Lewis
Zacharias Fenn
Walton Harris } Esquires.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honorable House of Assembly, by the Secretary with sundry papers of a public nature.

Council Chamber 11th January 1783.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

A variety of papers received during the administration of the late Governor, have been handed to me and are of such a nature as to require the attention of your Honorable House— I hope the affair of the Indians will engage your *early* attention.

Application made for a passport for the Flag, Schooner S^t John, to depart this State.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

13th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	} Esquires
John Elliott	Benjamin Lewis	
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	

Motion made that a Committee be chosen to draw up certain rules and regulations for the government of this Board—when Jenkin Davis, Zacharias Fenn and John Elliott were chosen.

Application of James Weatherford to send by one of the Flags, to East Florida, the children of Martin Weatherford—granted—

Letter from Capt. Lowe praying permission for himself, Mrs & Miss Tatnall, to remain here till some family concerns were adjusted— was read—

ORDERED, That it lay over till to-morrow.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

14th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	} Esquires.
John Elliott	Jenkin Davis	
Walton Harris	Benjamin Lewis	

Application Frederic Rolfes, purchasing Agent, for an order to obtain supplies in his department,

ORDERED, That he be furnished with powers and instructions to enable him to procure such supplies.

Copy of the order follows,

SIR,

You are hereby directed and empowered to make diligent exertions in procuring supplies for your department, on account of the public, if the same can be found on any of the amerced estates, you will take such part as you may have occasion for, at the same time giving proper receipts for every such article, and keep a regular account thereof, to be rendered when called for at all times, having special regard not to injure individuals, more than the necessity of the measure lays you under, this order to continue in force until provision shall be made by the House of Assembly, to obtain supplies in some other way and no longer.

D. R. Secy E. C.

John Dollar Esquire attended the Board and qualified, with giving security, as Sheriff for Liberty County.

House of Assembly, January 13th 1783.

The House being informed that a number of Creek and Cherokee Indians have been some time on the Oconee's with a number of negroes, horses and other property, that has been plundered and carried off by the enemies of this State,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint some person or persons, to receive the aforesaid property, deliver it to the proper owners, and to send a talk to said Indians, with some presents proper for the occasion.

That His Honor the Governor be and is hereby authorized to call on the Commissioners of Confiscated and amerced estates, for so much of that property, as may be necessary to purchase goods to the amount of a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds for that purpose.

Ex^t from the Min.

JN^o WILKINSON C. II. A.

Pursuant thereto, the following order issued.

Gentlemen,

His Honor the Governor being authorized by the Honble. House of Assembly, to call on the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates, for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds of such property, for the purposes therein mentioned,

You are therefore requested to furnish, as soon as may be, the said sum to his Honor.

By order of His Honor

D. REES P. Sec^r

The Commissioners of Confiscated }
and Amerced Estates. }

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The letter of Capt. Lowe, laid over from yesterday was taken into consideration

ORDERED, That they be permitted to remain on shore till Sunday next; provided, they give assurance, that in the interim they provide themselves with a Boat or other conveyance to return to S^t Augustine agreeable to the tenor of their Flag.

Application made by Capt. Cozens, to remain till Sunday next, to have his vessel cleaned— Granted—

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock this afternoon.

Letter from George Baillie Jun^r (son of Ann) addressed to the House of Assembly, accompanied by a resolve of the House, was read— Whereupon,

ORDERED, That the said George Baillie Jun^r, be permitted to proceed to South Carolina, in order to procure a quantity of corn not exceeding four hundred bushels, for the use only of the said Ann and her family.

Four poor women came from S^t Augustine in the Flag, Cozens, namely, Mrs. Sizemore, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Silk-cock— and prayed to come on shore, they were indulged and permitted to stroll to their former habitations.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

15th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton
John ElliottJenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen;

The papers respecting Indian affairs, which I had the honor of transmitting to your Honorable House a few days past, should be glad to review, and request they may be returned for that purpose as soon as convenient.

John Greene Esq^r attended the Board and qualified as Sheriff of the County of Effingham, took the oaths and gave security according to law.

Application made by Higgins, the Pilot, for rations for himself and two men, for thirty days— Granted, he to be accountable for the same.

House of Assembly 15th January 1783.

Letter from Capt. Lowe requesting Mrs. & Miss Tatnall and himself, to remain ten days longer than the time already granted them,

ORDERED, That the letter of Mr. Lowe on behalf of himself Mrs. & Miss Tatnall be referred to the Governor and Council with a recommendation, should no inconvenience appear to them arising from the measure, they be permitted to stay the time requested—

Ex. from the min.

JN^o WILKINSON C. H. A.

ORDERED, That the request be granted, and that the Secretary do give them such permit.

Sundry accounts from British Merchants, residing in Savannah, for goods supplied the public and army, under convention with General Wayne were examined,

ORDERED thereon, That the same be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly soon as they can be all collected.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

16th January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton
Benjamin Lewis
Walton Harris

Jenkin Davis Zacharias Fenn John Elliott	}	Esqrs.
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Petition Marjery Haven, Widow, praying for a pass for S^t Augustine, on her way to Europe, also to carry provision for her family and six or eight barrels rice which she was obliged to take instead of cash, for articles she sold to procure her passage for Ireland— was read—

ORDERED, That a passport be granted Marjory Haven and her family as requested and permit to carry provisions for them—but whether she can be permitted to carry six or eight barrels of rice or not, be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly—

ORDERED, That Mr. Fulton and Mr. Fenn be the Commit-

tee to carry the said petition and order thereon, to the Honorable House of Assembly.

The said Committee returned and reported that they went with said petition and order, but that the House was adjourned for the day.

Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday 17th January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	} Esquires.
Benjamin Lewis	Zacharias Fenn	
Walton Harris	John Elliott	

The Committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the government of this Board, presented the same,

ORDERED, That they lay on the table for consideration—

Message to the Honorable House of Assembly, with the petition and order thereon, of yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen &C^o

We beg leave to acquaint your Honorable House, that having appointed a Clerk, Messenger and Door-keeper to this Board, we request your Honorable House will be pleased to provide such salaries for them, as shall appear adequate and sufficient to engage them to give constant attendance on us.

Letter from John Wallace, a British Merchant, requesting

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permission to go to Charles Town, S^o Carolina on business of some consequence was read— Granted—

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock Monday morning—

Message from His Honour the Governor, to the Honble House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen &C.

I made immediate application to the Commissioners of the Confiscated and Amerced Estates agreeable to your order of the 13th Inst, for the supplies therein mentioned, to procure some presents for the Indians, but not receiving any as yet, must recommend to your Honble. House that a supply some way be procured as soon as possible to enable me to carry into execution your benevolent intention. And as some of the Indians are impatiently waiting at the Oconee, and others expected to arrive daily, and as some time will be necessarily taken up in procuring and conveying to them the intended presents, hope your Honble. House will take this matter into immediate consideration—

Council Chamber 18th January 1783.

Brought by the Messenger of the House.

House of Assembly January 17th 1783.

Message from His Honor the Governor and Executive Council was read.

ORDERED, That the petition of Marjory Haven be referred back, to His Honor the Governor and Council to proceed on as they may judge proper.

ORDERED, that the message from the Council respecting their Clerk, Door-keeper and Messengers salaries be referred to a Committee for the estimation of the respective salaries for the current year.

Extract from the Minutes

JN^o WILKINSON C. H. A.

Monday 20th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton
Walton Harris

Jenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

Gerald Byrne in a Flag from S^t Augustine, came before the Board, produced his papers and interceded to remain as a citizen of this State,

ORDERED, That he must immediately return as mentioned in his Flag, and that he attend this Board to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Brought by the Messenger of the House.

House of Assembly, 20th January 1783.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to call on, and require all and every person or persons who may have in their hands, bonds or other specialties, belonging to this State, on which monies may be due or owing; together with all papers respecting finance, to deliver them to him, and that he

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be requested to lay a state thereof, before this House, on or before Monday next.

Ext. from the minutes

JN^o WILKINSON C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

21st January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn
James Bryan

John Fulton
Walton Harris } Esquires.

Message from His Honor the Governor, to the Honble. House of Assembly, by the Secretary to the Ex. C.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen,

A letter yesterday received from His Excellency Genl Greene, I take the liberty of laying before your Honorable House, and as it contains excellent observations on the present particular situation of this State, considered in a Military view, pointing out some valuable regulations for our defence and security; and also, as it recommends, with propriety, the necessity of immediate supplies for the army, hope, it will meet with that attention, which those important objects require.

Council Chamber 21st January 1783.

In Council, Savannah 21st January 1783.

WHEREAS, the Honorable House of Assembly on the 20th in-

stant, did resolve that His Honor the Governor be requested to call on and require all and every person or persons, who may have in their hands, bonds or other specialties, belonging to this State, on which monies may be due or owing, together with all papers respecting finance, to deliver them to him, and that he be requested to lay a state of them before their House, on or before Monday next.

ORDERED, That all and every person or persons, having in their hands, such bonds, specialties or papers respecting finance do forthwith deliver or cause the same to be delivered to his Honor the Governor, thereby enabling him to comply with the said resolve.

N. B. This notice was put up at sundry places.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Harris a Committee carried the accounts of sundry British Merchants to the Honorable House of Assembly, and returned.

Captⁿ John Howell, commanding the Galley, Sailors Delight, came into Council and informs that last Friday night, being near the place called *Dowboy*, one of the southern inlets of this State, he brought to a boat, from the people of which, he learned that a number of armed boats were actually fitting out at S^t Augustine to be man'd with negroes and tory refugees, intended to infest the coasts of Georgia and South Carolina, to plunder and procure provision which they said was very scarce in Florida;— These boats were to be under convoy of an armed Sloop of sixteen guns, commanded by one Hood, And that he was informed, that provisions were frequently transported from the southern parts of this State to East-Florida, under pretence of Flags or otherwise—

House of Assembly January 11th 1783.

On motion,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to

immediately prepare and send a talk to the kings and beloved men of the Creek and Cherokee nations and inform them that it is the desire of this State to meet them in a Congress at the *Big Shoals* on the Oconees, on the first day of May next, in order to demand a cession of land as a consideration or attonement for the many injuries; and to renew our treaty of peace and friendship with them; and to negotiate such other matters, as may be consistent with the safety and interest of all parties.—

And whereas, it will be expedient and necessary that Commissioners be appointed by this House, to join His Honor the Governor or any person or persons by him appointed to attend the said Congress of Indians—

Therefore,

RESOLVED, That this House will proceed to the appointment of such Commissioners on Monday next.

Ext. from the Minutes

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Motion made and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to re-consider the resolve of Saturday last, being the 11th, respecting a cession of lands from the Indians; that such Committee do report the number of Commissioners necessary, and the mode of appointment—

The Committee appointed to re-consider the resolves of Saturday last, respecting Indian Affairs made a report; which, after some amendments, was agreed to and is as follows.

That it is the opinion, that the number of the Commissioners to be appointed are seven, and that they be appointed by this House, and that any five of them or more, together with His Honor the Governor, in case of emergencies of the State will admit of his being present, shall constitute a Board, vested with full power and authority on the part of this State, to treat,

confer, and agree with the aforesaid Indian Nations, on all matters relative to a cession of a claim of land, and to negotiate and agree on such other matters and things as may be conducive to the mutual interest and safety of all parties. And your Committee are of opinion, that the time for holding the said Congress is too distant and they apprehend, that the fifteenth day of March next be the time of holding the said Congress.

Ext. J. WILKINSON.

In Council, Savannah 21st January 1783.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Board, that permitting British Officers to be at large in this State, at this juncture, may be of dangerous tendency, whereupon,

RESOLVED, That Capt. Lowe, who came in a Flag, commanded by a certain Gregory Cozens, from East-Florida, be limited to the plantation whereon John Mulryne now resides, thereon to remain till it may appear consistent with good policy to enlarge his bounds; And that the Commissary of prisoners be requested to acquaint him immediately therewith.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen,

Having received the following information from Capt Howell, I thought it necessary to lay it before your Honorable House, that the earliest opportunity may be embraced, to provide against any plundering boats, that may be designed to infest the coast. If the information received by Capt Howell, from the people of the Boat, was true, it ought to rouse our attention to provide for our safety. If false, *at that time*, still, from the accounts daily received, of the great scarcity of provisions to the southward, we have reason to fear, that an attempt of a similar nature, may be soon framed against us. So that in either case, I think, if the State can provide a Galley, or some suitable armed

vessel, to protect our coasts, it may be a means of preventing any attempts to annoy us.

Council Chamber }
21st January 1783. }

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

22nd January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton
Walton Harris
James Bryan

Jenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn } Esquires

House of Assembly 21st January 1783.

The House proceeded to ballot for Commissioners to hold a Congress with the Creek and Cherokee Indians, when counting the ballots, General M^cIntosh, General Twiggs, Colonel Clark, Colonel William Few, Edward Telfair Esq., Colonel John Martin, and General Elbert were declared duly elected.

Ext. &C.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Application Ann Stuart, to go to S^t Augustine on private business—Granted—

Application, Rachel Hover to go to S^t Augustine on private business—Granted—

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10. o'Clock.

Thursday 23rd January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn
James Bryan

John Fulton
Walton Harris } Esquires

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honble. House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

Application has been made to me to order supplies for the Continental Battalion and other troops in this State, and a proposal of obtaining such supplies by exchanging negroes, belonging to the State for the same, as the demand is pressing, must recommend it to your Honorable House to take this matter under immediate consideration.

Council Chamber
Savⁿ 23rd Jan^y. 1783. }

Adjourned till 4 o'Clock P. M.

Petition of Cornelius Collins, setting forth that he had given his private note for sixty bushels wheat, obtained for, and appropriated to the public use, whilst on duty in this State.

ORDERED, That the consideration thereof be postponed.

House of Assembly 23^d January 1783.

WHEREAS, there is an absolute necessity to procure provisions for the Continental Troops now on duty in this State,

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RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to enter into such contracts for that purpose as may be thought advantageous. And that he be further empowered to call on the Commissioners of forfeited estates for two negroes to fulfil such engagements.

Ex^t from the Min.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday 24th January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis
Walton Harris

Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.
James Bryan }

Sundry applications being made respecting the restrictions of the 20th instant laid on Capt Lowe

ORDERED, That the same be taken off.

Application of Joel Walker to go to S^t Augustine in the Flag, Schooner Felecity, to recover some debts and look for some of his negroes—Granted.

House of Assembly 23^d January 1783.

That a Committee be appointed to confer with His Honor the Governor on the subject of his Message to this House, of the 21st instant and that Mr. Telfair, Mr. Clay, and Mr. John Hous-
toun be the Committee for the above purpose.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 25th January 1783.

Three of the Members gave their attendance and adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

House of Assembly 25th January 1783.

By a Committee.

A Bill for taking the name of William Stephens from and out of the amercement law of this State; and for restoring him to all the rights, priviledges and immunities of a free Citizen, was read the second time,

ORDERED, That the said bill be sent to the Executive Council for their perusal and advice, and that Mr. Fort and Mr. John Andrew; be a Committee to wait on them with the same.

Ext. from the Min.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Monday 27th January 1783.

Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn
James Bryan

Walton Harris
John Fulton
James Stuart

} Esquires—

Application of William Thompson, a British Merchant to go to S^t Augustine by the Flag, Schooner Felicity, to transact some

business and return by the said vessel or the next opportunity—
was read—Granted.

Petition of George Barnes, praying permission to go to S^t Augustine, with the Flag, Schooner Felicity, and to carry his family, three negroes, his baggage and provisions necessary for the passage was read.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Honble House of Assembly, respecting carrying away the negroes

The Board proceeded to the choice of a President, when on summong up the ballots, the Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. was found to be, by a large Majority, duly elected.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 28th January 1783.

The Board met,

Present

Honble Jenkin Davis Esq^r President

John Fulton,
Zacharias Fenn

James Bryan
Walton Harris } Esqrs.

Petition of William Barton, George Luscomb, Thomas Woods, prisoners, belonging to the British; and Henry Crofts, late prisoner but now exchanged, on their parole and going to S^t Augustine, praying to be allowed some rations to subsist on whilst here, and on their way thither

ORDERED, That the Commissary of prisoners do furnish them with ten days rations for the above purpose, and that the Commissary of Prisoners do cause the same to be charged to account of rations supplied the British.

Present, His Honor the Governor, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Application of Col^o S. Johnston, for three bushels salt, to be delivered Capt. Lanier for public use—Granted—He to account how the same is appropriated. also, requesting that he could have Philip Mensey, Joseph Dawtry, and Parris Simms, to go up with the said Lanier, on the same purpose they went up on heretofore, as it is dangerous for him to go up alone—

ORDERED, That the Commanding Officer be requested to let the said three men go up with Capt. Lanier, for the above purpose.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 29th January 1783.

The Board met,

Present

The Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	} Esquires
Walton Harris	James Stuart	

The Committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the future government of this Board,

Report,

That they had drawn up the same, which being read, paragraph by paragraph, were unanimously agreed to by the Board, and are as follows—to wit,

1.—Every Member to attend at the time of adjournment or forfeit, for every quarter of an hour after till he attends, the

sum of two shillings and four pence, specie, valuing the dollar at $\frac{4}{8}$. without a reasonable excuse offered to, and accepted of by the Board.

2.—When His Honor the Governor takes the Chair, every Member to take his seat uncovered.

3.—Any member speaking on a subject to address himself to the Chair, standing and not be interrupted by any other Member.

4.—No member to speak on any one subject, more than twice, without first obtaining special permission for that purpose.

5.—No member to absent himself, without first obtaining leave, under the forfeiture of two shillings and four pence money aforesaid.

6.—Any member making use of indiscreet or unbecoming language whilst at the Board to forfeit one dollar specie—

7.—Any member coming into Council drunk, to forfeit one dollar specie.

8.—All and singular the above fines and forfeitures to be paid into the hands of the Secretary of the Board for their use, and that as soon as they become due—

Col^o Clark produced to the Board a certificate from Capt. S. Alexander, setting forth that himself, Capt Heard and Capt Beckcom, had enroled in their companies of riflemen, forty four privates, and that they had marched them down near Savannah, where they joined General Wayne, agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable House of Assembly; passed at Augusta 23rd April 1782. A certificate accompanied the same by Col^o Clark aforesaid they were brought to the field and served under General Wayne during his stay in Georgia. On which the Board are of opinion that there ought to be produced a regular *Pay Roll* of the same, with the names particular of every man, the time of their enlistment and discharge respectively.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly.

Joseph Austin acquainted the Board, that a certain Capt. Hooten and his plundering crew, carried him to Kilkenny, where they hauled up their Boat to repair her, from which place he made his escape on Monday night last; he heard them say they intended to proceed to Crooked River, with intent to rob one Jackson there.

A. Bill brought from the Honorable House of Assembly by a Committee, entitled "An act for taking William Stephens from and out of the amercement law and restoring him to all rights and priviledges, liberties and immunities of a free citizen" was read and approved of.

ORDERED, That Mr. Fulton and Mr. Stuart be a Committee to carry back the said bill.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 30th January 1783.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire President

Walton Harris
John Fulton
James Stuart

Zacharias Fenn
James Bryan

} Esquires-

Petition of Nathan Holden to be considered as a citizen of this State and to bring in with him certain negroes purchased of James Butler, previous to the evacuation of Savannah, also to have assurance from this Board, that the same shall not be liable to seizure and confiscation—was read—Granted.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honble House of Assembly.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen,

A state of such bonds and specialties as I have been able to obtain, in consequence of your resolve of the 20th instant, is herewith transmitted your Honble. House—also a letter received from Mr. Rae, superintendent of Indian Affairs; which, I would recommend to your consideration— The Indians already arrived are numerous; more, with the Talasee King are daily expected; consequently considerable supplies of provisions will be wanted to support them, till they can be properly dismissed; I have directed Mr. Rae to take a particular description of the property they have, or may deliver; and wish some further regulations might be pointed out, respecting the necessary supply, and the disposition of the property—I have further to recommend to your Honorable House; to fix on the most convenient places for stationing the Dragoons ordered by Genereal Greene for our defence, and also the necessary supplies. I am informed twenty of them are already arrived in this Town, and as many more on their way and now waiting for directions to what places they shall repair—Hope you will take this matter into your immediate consideration.

I have also received certain intelligence of two Galleys of the enemy being below cockspur, yesterday evening and of their having captured two Schooners & several boats, in consequence of which, I have engaged Capt. Howell with his Galley and men, and with volunteers from on Board several vessels in the river; and also a detachment of a Captain and twenty men from the Continental line, with an armed boat to go in pursuit of the enemy. On this occasion I have given Capt Howell an assurance, that his Galley shall be on the risque of the State, and payment to be made him, for the necessary supplies, till he returns—Hope this will meet your approbation and concurrence.

House of Assembly 30th January 1783.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to inform the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops; that it is the pleasure of this House, that the twenty dragoons on their way to this State, take the best rout to the Town of Augusta in this State, to wait such orders as they may from time to time receive.

RESOLVED, That this House do approve of the Governors engagement with Capt. Howell, that his Galley, be at the risque of the State; and that he be allowed for the expences and necessary supplies on this occasion.

Ex^t from the Min.

(signed) JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

31st January 1783.

The Board met,

Present

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton
James Bryan
Walton Harris

James Stuart
Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

WHEREAS, it is highly necessary for the preservation of good order and the internal police of this State, that due attention and respect be paid by every officer of Flags of Truce, and all other persons coming in such, from S^t Augustine or any other Port or Harbour of the enemy.

It is ordered, That from and after the day and date heretofore, no Flag of Truce, or vessel whatever, coming as such shall, on any pretence whatever, presume to come up the river Savannah, above the Fort, without special permission first had and obtained for that purpose, from His Honor the Governor and Commander in Chief for the time being, or the Executive Council, or from some other person, by him for that purpose authorized.

That no person whatever, Captain or Passenger coming on such Flag, or Vessel, presume, on any pretence whatever, to quit the same, or come on shore without permission as aforesaid be first had and obtained for that purpose.

That all letters, or other papers brought in such Flag or Vessel be immediately sent to His Honor the Governor, and the Executive Council, the Commanding Officer of the Military, or to some other person, by him or them for that purpose appointed; and by every such person so appointed immediately to be transmitted to His Honor the Governor and the Executive Council.

That on any person or persons coming in such Flag or Vessel, and refusing to deliver all such letters or papers as aforesaid the Officer at the Fort, for the day, and the Commissary of Prisoners or either of them, are hereby empowered and required to enter on board every such vessel, and there to make diligent and strict enquiry and search for the same. And every such person, coming in any such Flag or Flags as aforesaid, that shall be found in the practice of such non delivery or concealment of letters or other papers is hereby deemed, and shall be held, unworthy of any indulgence from this Board.

That all Flags &C. to undergo the like search and examination for letters &C. at their quitting this State. and that no letter be suffered to go, or be put on board any such Flag, without being first produced to His Honor the Governor or Executive Council, any person whatever coming under the above description, and shall contemptuously or otherwise presume to do or

cause to be done, anything contrary to this order shall be immediately taken and put into close confinement, where he, she or they shall remain untill released by order of His Honor the Governor or Executive Council.

That this order is meant to extend to all and singular the Ports, Harbours, Inlets and Creeks, within this State, as far as the distance and situation of such place or places respectively admit of

ORDERED, that the military Commanding Officer of the Garrison, the Commissary of Prisoners, and the Collector for the Port of Sunbury in the County of Liberty be respectively served with a copy hereof, which they are hereby requested and enjoined to see put in strict execution.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this Board, that a certain Gregory Cozens, sometime since in a Flag from S^t Augustine, commanding the same, hath, contrary to the intent and meaning of his Flag, refused to return to S^t Augustine aforesaid, but in direct violation of such, and the general tenor of Flags, proceeded to enter into traffic with one or more of the British Merchants. And further, that he the said Gregory Cozens, hath, without any license or permission, solicited or obtained from this Board, the Honorable House of Assembly or any other power, competent to grant the same presumed to make sale of the said Flag, called, "the Good Intent;" to some one or more of the British Merchants aforesaid, thereby incapacitating himself to return as it is pretended. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Gregory Cozens, do and shall depart this State in the Flag, that shall first proceed for S^t Augustine aforesaid. And that the Commissary of Prisoners do acquaint him therewith.

Memorial of Andrew Burnes, respecting a bond given in the year 1782. to a Mr. — Smith and mislaid, praying, that on his deposition of knowing of said bond, as to where it was or

might be, another might be filled up to the same purpose—was read—

ORDERED, to lay over till further search be made for the original.

Benjamin Lanier, Theophilus Lundy and John M^cKenzie qualified as justices for the County of Effingham.

Samuel Stirk Esquire, Attorney General being sent for attended the Board, and gave as his opinion that the Sloop Good Intent, whereof Gregory Cozens was late Master, is liable to seizure and confiscation.

Daniel M^cMurphy attend the Council and qualified as Register of Probates for the County of Burke.

The Board adjourned till Monday next 10 o'Clock.

3^d February 1783.

The Board met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the H. A.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

The repeated applications made to respecting the want of supplies for the support of the Continental Troops in this Town, induces me again to recommend to your Honorable House that some mode may be pointed out for their speedy relief as it may prevent their pilfering under the severe laws of necessity which I am informed has been the case to the injury of some of our good citizens. And that some suitable person or persons may be appointed to furnish the proper supplies for the detachment of Dragoons ordered to Augusta and the mode of procuring such supplies.

I have also, to recommend to your Honorable House the petition of Mr. Henderson, herewith preferred: He has just arrived and as I am desirous he may speedily return, to go forward to the Creek-Nation with a talk, inviting them down to our intended General Congress, and to carry dispatches to the Superintendent, Mr. Rae, in answer to those received and herewith sent you; I beg leave to request your Honorable House to take his petition into your immediate consideration. And also to make some provision for Mr. Cozens, who accompanies him in his journey to the Nation.

Council Chamber Savannah, }
3^d February 1783 }

Tuesday 4th February 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

James Stuart
Zacharias Fenn

James Bryan
Walton Harris } Esqrs.

John Lawson Jun^r attended and qualified as Collector for the Port of Sunbury.

Petition J. Carney to go to E. Florida with J. Holden was read and granted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock—

Wednesday 5th February 1783.

The Board met,

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esq. Presid^t

James Bryan
Walton Harris

James Stuart
Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the H. A.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

A letter received from His Excellency Governor Tonyn, is herewith transmitted your Honorable House, containing a requisition of so important a nature, that I must request that you will take the same into your deliberate consideration and come to such resolutions thereon as may enable me to return an answer consistent with the safety, interest and honor of the State. I have further to recommend to your Honorable House the consideration of some immediate payment to Mr. Henderson and Cousins to enable them to return and proceed to the Creek Nation soon as may be.

Council Chamber

House of Assembly Feb^y 4th 1783.

ORDERED, That the Clerk do transmit to His Honor the Governor, a list of the Civil Officers, appointed for the present year, And that His Honor be requested to make official communication to them in order that they may qualify according to the Constitution.

House of Assembly January 31st 1783.

The House proceeded to the election of the several civil officers for the present year, when the following were chosen; viz,

George Walton, Chief Justice; Samuel Stirk, Attorney General; John Martin Treasurer; John Milton, Secretary; Richard Call, Surveyor General; Joseph Woodruff, Collector for the Town and Port of Savannah; John Lawson Jun^r, Collector for the Town and Port of Sunbury; George Jones, Register of Probates for the County of Chatham; Benjamin Heard, for the County of Wilkes; John Appling, for Richmond County; Daniel M^cMurphy, for Burke County; Theophilus Lundy, for Effingham County; and Thomas Baker, for Liberty County.

Ex^t from

J. WILKINSON C. H. A.

House of Assembly 4th February 1783.

RESOLVED, That as whereas it appears that the inhabitants of Liberty County, who have lately returned to their habitations, since the restoration of American Government, labor under the greatest distress for the want of grain of every sort for the support of themselves and their families; and as it is a duty incumbent on all wise Governments, to contribute to the relief and maintenance of their citizens by all just means in their power.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized and empowered to contract for, and procure two hundred bushels of rice, for the use of the inhabitants of Liberty County; they to be accountable; And for this purpose, to apply any part of any property, real or personal, vested in the State, in payment of said rice.

Ex^t from the Minutes

J. WILKINSON C. H. A.

His Honor the Governor, in Council.

The Honorable George Walton Esq. attended the Board and qualified as Chief Justice for this State, agreeable to a resolve of the Honorable the House of Assembly, and in conformity to the Constitution.

Adjourned to morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

February 6th 1783.

The Board met,

Application made by Margaret Clarendon to go to Charleston
Granted

Application made by Marjory Spalding, to go to E. Florida—
Granted.

Application made by Peter Duboy to go to Chaⁿ Town—
Granted.

A bill was brought from the Honorable House of Assembly entitled "A bill for the relief of sundry poor and indigent persons" some days since by Mr. Benjamin Andrew and Mr. Alexander, but as it was generally unintelligible, it was sent back by Mr. Stuart and Mr. Harris, a Committee.

House of Assembly Feb^r 5th 1783.

The Committee appointed to confer with His Honor the Governor respecting the purchasing Capt Howell's Galley report, which was agreed to.

They have conferred with His Honor respecting the same, and they recommend to the House, that His Honor the Governor be empowered to purchase the said Galley, with her guns, tackles, furniture, Boats &C. for the use and on account of this State, for a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, sterling, and thereafter to officer, man and contract with some person for the finding of the said Galley on public account and to cause her to be employed in such manner, and for such purposes as His Honor the Governor may judge most conducive to the security of the commerce of this State, and the protection of the Islands and inlets within the same. Your Committee further

Report, That it appears to them, there are bills of exchange belonging to this State, in the hands of the late Governor, drawn

by an order of Congress on the Minister Plenipotentiary at Versailles, to the amount of eighteen dollars; and they recommend that His Honor the Governor be authorized to obtain the said Bills and appropriate them towards the purchase of this Galley, as far as the same will go, and for the ballance, as well as for the necessary expenditure for Bounty provisions, and other matters respecting the said Galley from time to time, His Honor the Governor be empowered to draw on the Treasury of this State or to apply any public monies for that purpose.

Extract from the minutes

J. WILKINSON C. H. A.

Application James Walsh to go to East Florida—Granted.

Copy of an order to Mr. Josiah Powell.

Sir,

Agreeable to the resolve of the Honorable House of Assembly authorizing me to contract for, and procure two hundred barrels rice, for the use of the inhabitants of Liberty County they to be accountable; and to apply a sufficient part of any property real or personal, vested in this State for payment of s^d rice; I hereby authorize and empower you, in my stead to contract for, and procure the quantity of rice above mentioned assuring the person or persons you may purchase of, that I will, as far as in me lies, comply with the said resolves.

Sir,

Your ob^t & humble Serv^t

Josiah Powell Esq^r

(signed) L. HALL.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

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