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HOUSE JOURNAL.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, MAY, 1779.

At a General Assembly begun and held at Smithfield, on the Third Day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy-Nine, and in the third year of the Independence of the said State, being the first Session of this Assembly.

The Sheriffs and other returning officers within this State certified that the following persons were duly Elected as members of the Commons House of Assembly for the respective Counties and Towns as follows, Viz.:

Anson—Stephen Miller and Charles Medlock.
Brunswick—
Beaufort—Robert Trip and John Kennedy.
Bladen—Thomas Brown and Samuel Cain.
Bertie—
Burke—Thomas Whitson and William Morrison.
Craven—Hardy Bryan and Benjamin Williams.
Chowan—Thomas Benbury and William Boyd.
Cumberland—Robert Cochran and Robert Rowan.
Currituck—
Camden—Willis Bright and Caleb Grandy.
Carteret—
Caswell—William Moore and Peter Farrow.
Dobbs—Thomas Gray and Jesse Cobb.
Duplin—Richard Clinton and James Gillespie.
Edgecomb—William Haywood and Etheldred Exum.
Franklin—Thomas Sherrod and Green Hill.
Guilford—James Hunter and Daniel Gillespie.
Hertford—William Wynns and Anthur Cotton.
Hyde—
Halifax—
Johnston—Lewis Bryan and Phillip Raiford.
Jones—Frederick Harget and Samuel Hill Lincoln.
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Martin—Samuel Smithwick and Samuel Williams.
Montgomery—John Kimbrough and Solomon Gross.
Mechlinburg—Caleb Phifer and David Wilson.
New Hanover—John A. Campbell and Timothy Bloodworth.
Northampton—Robert Peebles and James Vaughan.
Nash—William Horn and Thomas Hunter.
Orange—William M. Crawley and Mark Patterson.
Onslow—James Howard and Edward Starkey.
Perquimans—
Pasquotank—
Pitt—James Gorham and John Williams.
Rowan—
Randolph—
Rutherford—
Surry—Gray Bynum and Frederick Miller.
Tyrrel—Benjamin Spruill and Joshua Swain.
Wilkes—
Washington—
Wake—Thomas Hines and John Hunter, Jun.

Towns.

Wilmington—William Hooper.
New Bern—Richard Cogdell.
Edenton—Robert Smith.
Halifax—Henry Montford.
Hillsborough—
Salisbury—

Pursuant to which the following Members appeared and qualified, by taking the several Oaths by Law appointed for the qualification of Members of the General Assembly, subscribed the same and took their Seats, to wit, Messrs.,

William McCrawley.   John Williams.
Mark Patterson.       Joseph Hawkins.
Wm. Morrison.        James Gorham.
Caleb Phifer.         James Hunter.

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Charles Medlock.                Hardy Bryan.
Wm. Horn.                       Phil Hawkins.
Thomas Hunter.                  John Kennedy.
Richard Cogdell.                James Howard.
Lewis Bryan.                    Phillip Raiford.
Thomas Hines.                   James Gillespie.
Timothy Bloodworth.             John A. Campbell.
Jesse Cobb.                     Robert Tripp.
Thomas Benbury.                 Willis Bright.
Fred. Harget.                   Richard Clinton.
Gray Bynum.                     James Vaughan.
Green Hill.                     Peter Farrow.
Thomas Sherrod.                 Joshua Swain.
John Macon.                     Benjamin Spruill.
Robert Rowan.                   Jacob Hunter.
Thomas Brown.                   Thomas Person.
Samuel Williams.                Samuel Cain.
Anthur Cotton.                  Thomas Gray.

Mr. Bloodworth proposed for Speaker, Thomas Benbury, Esquire, who was unanimously chosen and conducted to the Chair accordingly.

On motion, John Hunt was appointed Clerk and Mr. John Haywood assistant: who were qualified and took their Seats.

On motion, Evasi Swain and John Gooding were appointed Door keepers.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House being now formed acquaint you that they are ready to proceed on the dispatch of Publick business.

Resolved, that the following Rules of decorum be observed during the sitting of this House:

1st. When the Speaker is in the Chair, every Member shall sit in his place with his Hat off.

2nd. That no person shall pass between the Speaker and the Member then Speaking.
3rd. That no member shall be allowed to speak but in his place; and after rising and addressing himself to the Speaker shall not proceed until permitted by the Speaker calling him by name.

4th. That no member shall come into the House, or remove from one place to another, with his hat on.

5th. No person shall stand up or disturb another while he is speaking.

6th. That no member shall speak more than twice on one Question, in any debate, without leave, unless in a Committee of the whole House.

7th. The Speaker ought to be heard without Interruption, and when he rises, the member up shall sit down.

8th. That no person shall be called on, for any words of heat, but on the Day in which they were spoken.

9th. Whenever the members are divided the Speaker shall determine the Question, but not vote on any other occasion.

10th. That no member shall depart the Service of the House without leave.

11th. No Question shall be put on any motion made unless the same is seconded.

12th. When two or more members are up together; the Speaker shall determine which rose first.

13th. Whoever violates any of the above Rules shall receive such censure as the House shall Direct.

Resolved that Mr. Person, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Phil. Hawkins, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Gorham, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Medlock and Mr. Hill, be a Committee of priviledges and Elections.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In answer to yours we inform you that this House is likewise formed and ready to proceed to business, and propose that the address herewith sent you be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

At the same time received the address referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House propose, if agreeable to the House of Commons, to Ballot at 5 o'Clock this Evening for a Governor & Council of State, and put in nomination for Governor, Richard Caswell, Esquire; for a Council of State, Joseph Leech, Robert Bignall, John Simpson, William Bryan, William Whitfield & John Spicer. Should your House accede to this Measure you will signify the same by Message.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours proposing to Ballot at 5 o'Clock this Evening for a Governor & Council of State, with which we concur, and do, on our part, put in nomination for Governor, Richard Caswell, Esquire; For a Council of State, Joseph Leech, Robert Bignall, John Simpson, William Whitfield, Isaac Guyon, Henry Rhodes, John Sampson & John Spicer, Esquires.

This House have appointed Mr. Person & Mr. Bloodworth to superintend the Balloting on their part.

Resolved, that the Reverend Charles Cupples be appointed Chaplain to this present General Assembly to perform Divine Service at such times as they shall think proper.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House appointing a Chaplain to the present General Assembly.

The House Adjourned til 4 o'Clock P. M.
The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Person, one of the Committee, on the part of this House, appointed to superintend the Balloting for a Governor & Council, Reported that Richard Caswell, Esquire, was unanimously Elected Governor; That Joseph Leech, Robert Bignall, John Sampson, John Simpson, Thomas Respass, Sen., Isaac Guyon and William Whitfield, Esquires, were Elected a Council of State, by a Majority of the votes of both Houses.

The House taking the said Report into Consideration, concurred therewith.

Ordered that the following Message be addressed to His Excellency the Governor:

To His Excellency, Richard Caswell, Esquire, Captain General, Governor, &c.:

Sir:

The General Assembly this day proceeded to the appointment of a Governor for the current year. You, Sir was unanimously Elected to fill that important office; we therefore hope you will qualify and proceed in the Election thereof.

Ordered that the above address be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Message addressed to His Excellency the Governor. Should you concur therewith you’ll send one of your members with Mr. Person, who is appointed by this House, to wait on His Excellency with the same.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return your Resolve appointing the Revd. Charles Cupples, Chaplain to the present Assembly, concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House, referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

The House Adjourned till To-morrow morning 9 o’clock.
TUESDAY, 4th May, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Whereas, a number of persons are waiting on this Assembly to have their Claims allowed, which if not done may have a tendency to destroy the Faith & Credit of the Publick;

Resolved, therefore, that Gen. Rutherford, Oroondates Davis and John Rand, be a Committee, to act with Gentlemen appointed by the House of Commons, to receive & pass the Public Claims at Colo. William Bryan's; and that Col. Kenan, Col. Rhodes, Major Owen & Mr. McKenzie, be a Committee, to act with Gentlemen appointed by the Commons, to receive and pass Claims at Mr. Needham Bryan's; and that Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Hogan & Mr. Seawell, be a Committee, to Act with the Gentlemen appointed by the Commons, to receive & pass Claims at Mr. John Smith's; and that Mr. Exum, Mr. Faulcon, Mr. Salter & Mr. Hunt, be a Committee, to act with Gentlemen appointed by the Commons, as a Committee of Accounts, to sit at Mr. John Smith's.

Resolved, that Mr. Cogdell, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Hines, Mr. Montford, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee of Claims, on the part of this House, to Act with the Gentlemen appointed by the Senate for that purpose, to sit at Col. William Bryan's. That Mr. Horn, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Macon, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McCrawley, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Joseph Hawkins, be a Committee of Claims, on the part of this House, to Act with the Gentlemen appointed by the Senate for that purpose, to sit at Mr. John Smith's. That Mr. Cain, Mr. Howard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Brown, be a Committee of Claims, on the part of this House, to act with the Gentlemen appointed by the Senate for that purpose, to sit at Mr. Needham Bryan's; and that Mr. Person, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. T. Gray, Mr. P. Hawkins, be a Committee of Accounts, on the part of this House, to Act with the Gentlemen appointed by the Senate for that purpose.
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have rec'd the Resolve of yours appointing Committees of Claims and Accounts, to Act with such Gentlemen of this House as might be appointed for these purposes, and have appointed Mr. Cogdell, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Hines, Mr. Montfort, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Campbell, to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to settle and allow Claims at Colo. Bryan's, and Mr. Horn, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Macon, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McCrawley, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Joseph Hawkins, to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to settle & allow Claims at Mr. John Smith's; and Mr. Cain, Mr. Howard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Brown, to Act with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to settle and allow Claims at Mr. Needham Bryan's, and Mr. Person, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. T. Gray & Mr. P. Hawkins, to Act with the Gentlemen by you appointed, as a Committee of Accounts.

Received from His Excellency the Governor the following Message:

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your Message of yesterday acquainting me that you had made choice of me as Governor of the State for the Current year, and requesting that I would qualify and proceed in the Execution of that important office.

I take the Liberty of informing you that it would have been much more agreeable to me to have returned to my own concerns in private life, which have suffered much by my having from the first of our Disputes with Great Britain Given up my whole time to the service of the Public, and altho' the General Assembly have heretofore made such allowances as might have been considered as Adequate to my services, yet the depreciation of Currency has been such as to render such allowances far short of the expenses incident to my appointment.

The appointment is, I know, important, and the manner in which I have received it very Honorable, yet I am morally Cer-
tain the General Assembly do not wish me to make so Great a
sacrifice in prejudice to my Family, therefore, in order to prevent
delay in the necessary Business, and in full confidence that a
Reasonable allowance will be made me, or that my Resignation
will be received, I have qualified to the appointment and shall
proceed in the execution of the office.

R. CASWELL.

Ordered that the above Message from His Excellency the Gov-
ernor, together with the following Message, be sent to the
Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

Herewith you will receive a Message from His Excellency the
Governor, addressed to the General Assembly.

Received from His Excellency the Governor the following Mes-
sage:

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North
Carolina:

Gentlemen:

The raging of the Small Pox in the Town of New Bern, hav-
ing prevented your assembling there on the Time appointed by
Law for the annual meeting of the General Assembly, and being,
myself, of opinion that our public affairs required as speedy a
meeting of the Legislature as might be practicable, but not having
power to call the same to any other place, than that to which the
same stood adjourned, I was induced to request your attendance
at this place, not only for the purpose of making your Election of
the public officers of the State, who are directed by the Constitu-
tion to be annually chosen, but also to take under consideration
sundry weighty matters proper for your deliberation, such as the
State of your Continental Battalions, the pay of our Militia which
have been and now are in actual service, the sending a further aid
to the assistance of the Southern States, and providing our Mili-
tia with Arms and accoutrements.

To show the necessity of your entering immediately upon the
Consideration of these matters, I lay before you sundry Letters
from the General Officers, and Governor of South Carolina, with
other Papers containing information respecting the same, and I shall direct the public accounts to be also laid before you, by which, you will be acquainted with the exhausted state of the Treasury. You will also receive General Bryan's Resignation, whose place you will please supply by the appointment of such person as you shall think proper.

4th May, 1779.

R. CASWELL.

At the same time received the Letters and other papers referred to in the above Message, and the same being read were ordered to be sent to the Senate, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received a Message from His Excellency the Governor, Addressed to the General Assembly, together with the sundry Letters and other papers, therein referred to, which we herewith send for your perusal.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your Concurrence the Resolve of this House appointing a Committee, to act with such Gentlemen as your House may think proper to appoint, to consider of the Salaries of the Several Public Officers of State.

At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message, and the same being read,

Resolved, that Mr. Haywood, Mr. Person, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. P. Hawkins, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Gorham and Mr. Hinton, be a Committee, on the part of this House, to act jointly with the Gentlemen of the Senate, for the purpose before mentioned.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message & Resolve of yours appointing certain Gentlemen therein mentioned to act jointly with such as might be appointed by this House as a Committee to consider of the Salaries of the Several State officers, And have for that purpose, on their part, appointed Mr. Haywood, Mr. Per-
son, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. P. Hawkins, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Gorham & Mr. Hinton, a Committee.

Mr. Edward Starkey, one of the members for Onslow County, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

The House Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o’Clock.

Wednesday, 5th May, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Joseph Hancock, one of the members for Hyde County; Mr. William Wynns, one of the Members for Hertford County; Mr. James Campbell, one of the members for Bertie County, and Mr. Willie Jones, one of the members for Halifax County, appeared, were qualified and took their Seats.

Whereas, Walter Gibson, Esqr., of Bladen County, one of the Nine Month’s men in apprehending a Deserter, received a wound whereby he is disabled from Military Service, therefore

Resolved, that he be discharged from the same.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House in favour of Walter Gibson, Esquire, and sundry papers relative thereto.

Read the recommendation of General McIntosh in favour of James Christian, a disabled Soldier.

Resolved, that Mr. Person, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Harper & Mr. Horn, be a Committee to take the same into consideration and report what allowance ought to be made to the said James Christian.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have entered into a Resolve to admit or receive no Bills during the present Session of Assembly except those of Public or General Concern.
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours informing that you will not admit or receive any Bills during the present Session of Assembly except those of a Public or General Concern, with which we agree.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Messrs. Davis, Rand, Resplass, and Irwin, a Committee, to act jointly with such Gentlemen as you may think proper to appoint, to prepare and bring in such Bills of a Public nature as are necessary to be passed into Laws.

Resolved, that Mr. Jones, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Gray, Mr. Person, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Horn, Mr. Cogdell, Mr. Hawkins & Mr. Hill, be a Committee, on the part of this House, to act jointly with the Committee appointed of the Senate, for the purposes above mentioned.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Gray, Mr. Person, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Horn, Mr. Cogdell, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Hill, a Committee, on their part, to act jointly with the Committee appointed by the Senate, to prepare and bring in such Bills of a Public nature as are necessary to be passed into Laws.

Resolved, that the Commissary of Stores be, and he is hereby directed to furnish William Bufort, who has served as a Cornet in Capt. Samuel Ashe's Troop of Light Horse, with a suit of Cloaths at the same price that other officers in the service of this State are entitled to draw them at.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House in favour of Henry Bufort.
Received from His Excellency the Governor the following Messages:

To the Honorable the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:

Herewith you will receive a Letter from the War Office, inclosing an order of that Board respecting the officers of the Third North Carolina Regiment, which I beg leave to refer to your Consideration.

5th May, 1779, R. CASWELL.

To the Honorable the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:

I have this day received Several Resolutions of Congress, recommending certain measures for the defence of the Southern States, which I send for your perusal and Consideration.

5th May, 1779, R. CASWELL.

At the same time received the Several Letters, Resolutions, of Congress, &c., &c., referred to in the above Messages, and the same being read were ordered to be sent to the Senate, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

Herewith you will receive two Messages from His Excellency the Governor, Addressed to the General Assembly, together with the several Letters, Resolutions of Congress, &c., therein referred to.

The Chairman of the Committee of Claims Reported that there is due to James Glasgow, Esqr., Secretary, the sum of one Thousand Three Hundred and fifty-seven pounds Sixteen Shillings and nine pence, for Money expended & paid for sundry Public Services, as appears by his Account filed.

Resolved, therefore, that the Treasurers or either of them pay the said James Glasgow, Esquire, Secretary, the aforesaid sum of one Thousand Three Hundred and fifty-seven pounds Sixteen Shillings & nine pence, and be allowed.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House in favour of James Glasgow, Esquire, Secretary.

On reading the Petition of Captain Francis Tartasan,

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to grant a Commission of Lieutenant Colonel to the said Francis Tartasan, as a Testimony of our approbation of his conduct, and in order to give him Rank in his native County: provided, nevertheless, that the said Francis Tartasan shall not be entitled to any pay or Rank in this State in Consequence of such Commission.

Resolved, also, that Mr. Craik, the Commissary of Stores, be directed to supply Mr. Tartasan with a suit of Cloaths, upon the same terms, provided by former Resolutions respecting Continental Officers in the service of this State.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House in favour of Captain Francis Tartasan.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House in favour of Henry Bufort, we herewith return, Con curved with

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House in favour of James Glasgow, Esquire, we herewith return, Con curved with.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Message, Con curved with.

Resolved, that Mr. John Montgomery, of Chatham County, deliver unto Mrs. McDonald, Wife to Alexander McDonald, or to her order, a Still which he has in his possession, the property of the said Alexander McDonald.
Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House in favour of Mrs. McDonald, wife to Alexander McDonald.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you'll receive the Resolve of your House in favour of Captain Tartasan, Conurred with.
At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Conurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House in favour of Mrs. McDonald, Conurred with.
At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Conurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Petition of Thomas Case, and the Resolve of the Senate thereon, which we send for your Concur-
rence.
At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate, &c., referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was Conurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House in favour of Thomas Case, Conurred with.
The House Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'clock.
THURSDAY, 6th May, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Ethelred Exum, one of the members for Edgecomb County; Mr. Frederick Miller, one of the members for Surry County; Mr. Thomas Reding, one of the members for Pasquotank County; and Mr. John Kimbrough, one of the members for Montgomery, appeared, were qualified and took their Seats.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Governor of Virginia to Gov. Caswell, requesting that an aid from this State be sent to the assistance of Georgia; that in lieu of such aid from this State, Virginia would send the same number of men to do duty here until their return.

Also one other Letter from Brigadier General Sumner, with a return of the North Carolina Brigade under his Command, and the same being read were ordered to be sent to the Senate together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your perusal, a letter from the Governor of Virginia to Governor Caswell, of the 17th of April last; and also one other Letter from General Sumner, the 10th, with a return of the North Carolina Brigade under his Command.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.

FRIDAY, 7th May, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

Mr. Robert Smith, the Member for the Town of Edenton, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House empowering the Treasurers to receive of the Sheriffs, Collectors & Entry Takers, the Emissions of 20th May, 1777, and 11th April, 1778.
At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was Concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House empowering the Treasurers to receive of the Sheriffs, Collectors & Entry Takers, the Emissions of 20th May, 1777, and 11th April, 1778.

Col. Haywood, from the joint Committee appointed to Consider what Bills of a General nature are necessary to be passed into laws during the present Session, Reported as follows:

That it is absolutely necessary the following Bills should be passed into Laws, Viz.

A Bill for raising Troops to fill up the Continental Battalions belonging to this State.

A Bill to enable the overseers of the poor to lay a further or greater Tax.

A Bill for ascertaining the Salaries of the Governor and other officers.

A Bill for Establishing a State Loan office.

A Bill to enable the Governor with the advice of the Council to raise and March two Thousand or less of the Militia to the Assistance of South Carolina.

The House taking the said Report into Consideration, Concurred therewith.

Ordered that the above Report be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, ogether with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence the Report of the joint Committee appointed to consider what Bills of a General nature are necessary to be passed into Laws during the present Session, Concurred with by this House.

The Honbl. the Speaker laid before the House two letters from Colo. Jonas Johnston, of the 3rd of April last, addressed to the Speakers of the General Assembly, &c., as also one other from James Davis, Esqr., and the same being read were ordered to be
sent to the Senate, for their perusal, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your perusal two letters from Colo. Jonas Johnston, of the 3rd of April last, addressed to the Speakers of the General Assembly, &c., as also one other from James Davis, Esqr.

On motion,

Resolved, that Major General Ashe have leave to lay before this House To-morrow such papers, &c., as he may think necessary relative to his late Expedition to the Southward.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Report of the Committee appointed to Consider what Bills of a General nature are necessary to be passed into laws during this present Session, Conceded with by this House.

At the same time received the Report referred to in the above Message, Conceded with.

Mr. Gray moved for leave and presented a Bill for raising Regular Forces for Defence of the United States, and for relieving the good People of this State, as far as may be, from the Inconveniences of Drafts, and for other purposes, which was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Starkey moved for leave and presented a Bill for continuing and amending an Act for allowing Salaries to the Governor, Members of the Council of State, Secretary, Treasurers, & for other purposes, which was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Oroondates Davis, Esquire, to act with such Gentlemen as you may think proper to appoint, as a Committee to draw up and make Report of Instructions to His Excellency the Governor relative to the letter of His Excellency, Governor Henry to Him.

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Resolved, that Mr. Jones be appointed to act with Mr. Davis for the purposes above mentioned.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours appointing Mr. Davis, to act with such Gentlemen as might be appointed by this House, to draw up and report Instructions to be given His Excellency the Governor relative to the Letter from His Excellency Governor Henry, &c., and have, for that purpose, on their part, appointed Mr. Jones.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House directing Mr. Owen to deliver the Bonds for the Hire of McKnight's Negroes, into the hands of Colo. Ramsey, who is thereby directed to collect & account for the Monies for said Bonds with the next General Assembly.

At the same time Received the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message, and the same, being read, was concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House directing Mr. Owen to deliver the Bonds for the Hire of McKnight's Negroes, into the hands of Colo. Ramsey, &c., Concurred with by this House.

Mr. Hill moved for leave and presented a Bill for amending an Act for making provisions for the poor, and for other purposes, which was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the Bill for emitting Money for Defraying the expense of the War, and other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

The same was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.
Read the Petition of Charles Medlock, Colo. of the Anson Regiment of Militia, praying, &c.

Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee. That for this purpose Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Jones and Mr. Person, be a Committee on the part of this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you the Petition of Charles Medlock, Colonel of the Anson Regiment of Militia, which this House propose referring to a joint Committee, and have, for that purpose, on our part appointed Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Jones and Mr. Person, a Committee.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Report of the Committee of Claims relative to David Caldwell, Contractor for Salisbury District, Concluded with by this House.

At the same time received the Report of the Committee of Claims, referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was Rejected.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We cannot concur with your House in receiving the Report of the Committee of Claims respecting Messrs. Caldwell and Dixon, because by the Rule Established at New Bern for regulating the manner of conducting Business in the General Assembly, which has never been altered, it was determined that all Reports of Committees, constituted by Members of both Houses, should be first read in the House of Commons.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive a Resolve of this House relative to the Proceedings of the Committees of Accounts & Claims.
At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was Rejected.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to grant a warrant on the Treasury in favour of David Caldwell, for the sum of Eight Thousand nine Hundred & Sixty-two pounds three Shillings, to enable him to discharge sundry Contracts for provisions, &c., he first giving Bond & Security to account with the General Assembly at their next Session for the same.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House requesting His Excellency the Governor to grant a warrant on the Treasury in favour of David Caldwell, for certain sum therein mentioned.

Resolved, that George Pearce and John Simmons, of Franklin County, be for the future exempted from the payment of Taxes, they being recommended by the Court of the said County as proper persons to be exempted.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House for exempting the persons therein mentioned from the payment of Taxes.

Read the Petition of Stephen Snell and James Spellen, praying, &c.

Ordered that the same be referred to a Committee; that Mr. Jones, Mr. Montford, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Smith and Mr. Lewis Bryan, be a Committee for that purpose.

This House being informed that the Commissary of the Militia, imbodied in Wilmington District, and the Commissary of the State Regiment, have issued Rum to the Soldiers belonging thereto, on a supposition that they were entitled to the same under the expression in the Militia Law, which declares that they shall have the same pay & Rations as Continental Troops, and being of
opinion that such allowance is not included within the meaning of that expression,

Resolved, therefore, that His Excellency the Governor be desired to issue orders to the proper officers Countermanding such allowances in future, as no charge for Rum, issued to any Troops while in the State (the Men lately drafted to March to the Southward excepted), will be hereafter allowed, unless by Law directed.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be directed to issue orders to General Lillington to discharge the Militia, imbodied in Wilmington District, immediately.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House requesting His Excellency the Governor to issue orders to the proper officers Countermanding the issuing any spirits to the Militia Soldiers, &c., as also orders to General Lillington to discharge the Militia imbodied in the District of Wilmington.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received your Message and Resolve for exempting certain persons from payment of Taxes, and herewith return you the Resolve, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House impowering David Caldwell to draw a certain sum of Money from the Treasury we return you, with this, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We have received your Message appointing a Committee to take under consideration the Petition of Colo. Medlock, and have for that purpose, on our part, appointed Colo. Irwin and Mr. Childs, to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed.
At the same time received the several Resolves of this House referred to in the above Message, Conversed with.
The House Adjourned til Saturday Morning 9 o’Clock.

Saturday, 8th May, 1776.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Absolom Tatum, one of the Members for Randolph County, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

The House being informed that Mr. Absolom Tatum, one of the Members for Randolph County, was Clerk of the Court of the said County, and of course not entitled to a Seat in this House, therefore,

Resolved, that a writ of Election issue to the said County for the Election of one member of this House in the room of the said Tatum, That the said election be held on the 17th and 18th Day of June next.

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Snell and James Spellen, Prisoners, paroled to Halifax, &c., Reported as follows:

That having duly considered the prayer of the said Petition, we are of opinion that there is not even a probability of any Cartel’s taking place by which they cou’d possibly be exchanged, and are therefore of opinion that they continue at Halifax under the Regulations and provisions that other prisoners paroled to Halifax are.

The House taking the said Report into Consideration, Conceded therewith.

Ordered that the above Report be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Snell and James Spellen, Conversed with by this House.

Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave to withdraw and amend the “Bill” for raising Regular Forces for the Defence of the United
States, and for relieving the good People of this State, as far as may be, from the Inconvenience of Drafts, &c.

Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Waightstill Avery, Esqr., Attorney General, Resigning his office.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resolve of your House requesting His Excellency to issue orders to the proper officers, countermanding the issuing Spirits to the Militia Soldiers, &c., Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the Bill for amending an Act for making provisions for the poor, and for other purposes.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time.

The same was read the Second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Report of the joint Committee appointed to consider of the Salaries of the Several public officers of the State, which was ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House propose, if agreeable to the House of Commons, to Ballot at 4 o'Clock this Evening for Continental Delegates; a Brigadier General for the District of New Bern, in the room of William Bryan, Esquire, resigned; an Attorney General, in the room of Waightstill Avery, Esquire, resigned; a judge of the Superior Courts, in the room of Archibald Maclaine, Esquire, who refuses to act; and the time and place for holding the next General Assembly at; and put in nomination for Delegates, John Penn and Cornelius Harnett, Esquires; for a Brigadier General, William Caswell and John Simpson Esquires; a judge, John Williams, Esquire, of Granville, Attorney General ________.

For the place of holding the next Assembly, Hillsborough, New Bern, Halifax; and for the time when, the first Monday in October and Second Monday in November.
This House have appointed Mr. Seawell and Mr. Exum, on their part, to superintend the Balloting.

Should your House accede to this measure you will Signify the same to the Senate:

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours proposing the Ballot at 4 o’Clock this Evening for Continental Delegates; a Brigadier General for the District of New Bern, in the room of William Bryan, Esqr., Resigned; and an Attorney General, in the room of Waightstill Avery, Esquire, resigned; a judge of the Superior Court, in the room of Archibald Maclaine, Esqr., who refuses to act; and the time and place for holding the next General Assembly; to which we agree, and put in nomination for Delegates, John Penn and Cornelius Harnett, Esquires; for a Brigadier General, William Caswell and John Simpson, Esquires; a judge, John Williams, Esq., of Granville, and Richard Henderson; Attorney General, Bromfield Redley, James Williams and Joseph Taylor; For the place of holding the next Assembly, Hillsborough, New Bern, and Halifax; and for the time when, the first Monday in October and Second Monday in November.

This House have appointed Mr. G. Hill and Mr. Starkey, on their part, to superintend the Balloting.

Mr. Jones moved for leave and presented a Bill for Establishing State Loan Offices, for the purpose of borrowing Money to defray the Expences of the War, which he read in his place and Delivered in at the Table where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of Etheldred Ruffin, complaining of an undue Election in Dobbs County.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Report of the Committee to which was referred the Petition of Stephen Snell and James Spellen, Con­curred with by this House.
At the same time received the Report of the Committee referred to in the above Message, Concurring with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive a Resolve of this House, for your Concurrence, appointing Commissioners to fix upon a place in the Counties of Chatham, Johnston & Wake, the most convenient for holding the General Assembly at, and return Plans thereof to the next General Assembly.

The District of Edenton not being fully represented in this House we expect you will appoint Commissioners for that District in your House.

At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate, referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was ordered to lie over until Monday, for consideration.

Whereas, the proper Education of youth in this State is Highly necessary and would answer the most valuable and Beneficial purposes to the good people thereof; and,

Whereas, the County of Granville, from its situation, both pleasant and healthy, well Watered and abounding with provisions, is a fit and proper place to Erect Buildings for a Seminary of Learning; and,

Whereas, Large Sums of Money have already been subscribed to promote and Encourage such a Landable and Beneficial Establishment, which, Together with such other sums as may be given in Donations and otherwise, will answer the Expence attending the same; and,

Whereas, it is necessary and Convenient that Trustees should be appointed, with full and ample powers for the Government thereof, and for other purposes;

Hawkins and Thomas Banks, Esquires, Be and they are hereby
Constituted and appointed Trustees, with full power and author-
ity to Receive into their hands and possession all Monies or other
Personal property, as also to receive a Grant or Grants in fee for
all such Lands as shall be given in Donations, with such Uses and
Trust necessary for the purpose aforesaid, And that a Majority
of the said Trustees shall be, and they are hereby declared, a
Board to make Choice of Land, Receive on Donation, or purchase,
the same in the said County, not Containing less than one Thou-
sand Acres of Land, whereon to Erect the Buildings of the Acad-
emy aforesaid, which, when Built, shall be Called Granville Hall;
and that a Majority of the said Trustees shall be a Board, on other
occasions, to make all such Regulations necessary for the Improve-
ment of the said Academy, who are hereby Vested with all such
powers and authorities as the Trustees of any Academy in this
State by Law possess and hold for the purposes aforesaid, and
that a Majority of the Trustees aforesaid shall lay out one Hun-
dred Acres of the said Land into half Acre Lotts, with proper
Streets and squares, and when Fifty Lotts are Subscribed for, the
same to be drawn by Ballot, and any five of the said Trustees shall
make a Deed in fee to the Subscriber, who shall draw a Lott or
Lotts as aforesaid.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their
Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House
for establishing an academy in Granville County, and for other
purposes therein mentioned.

The House Adjourned til 4 o'Clock P. M.
The House met according to adjournment.
Mr. Green Hill, one of the Committee appointed, on the part of this House, to Superintend the Balloting for Continental Delegates, a Brigadier General for the District of New Bern, Attorney General, a judge of the Superior Court, the place where and the time when the next Session of Assembly shall be held, Reported,
That by a Majority of the votes of both Houses, Thomas McGuire, Esqr., was Elected Attorney General; John Williams, Esquire, of Granville, a judge; William Caswell, Esquire, Brigadier General; John Penn and Cornelius Harnett, Esquires, Delegates; That the next Session of General Assembly is to be held at Halifax, on the first Monday in October next.
The House taking the said Report into Consideration, Concluded therewith.
The several Matters to this Day referred being postponed the House Adjourned til Monday Morning 8 o'clock.

MONDAY, 10th May, 1779.
The House met according to Adjournment.
Mr. Robert Peebles, one of the Members for Northampton County; Mr. Miles Abernathy, one of the members for Lincoln; Mr. Thomas Younghusband, one of the members for Currituck; Mr. John Blackstock, one of the members for Pasquotank; appeared, were qualified and took their Seats.
Received from the Senate the Bill for continuing an act for allowing Salaries to the Governor, Members of the Council of State, Secretary, Treasurers, and for other purposes.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time.
The same was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.
On reading the above Bill the second time, Mr. Person moved for leave to amend it by inserting the words Three Thousand five Hundred pounds, as the Salary of the Governor for the Current year. This was objected to and a greater sum proposed.
Then, on motion, the question was put for 3500, or a greater sum, and carried for the Greater.
Then £6,000 was proposed. This being objected to, the Question was put for £6,000 or a less sum and carried for £6,000, 34 to 23.

Then, on motion, ordered that the yeas and Nays be taken down on the said Question, which are as follows:


Mr. Person proposed, as another amendment in the said Bill, that five pounds per Day be allowed to each of the Members of the Council while on Duty. This was objected to and a greater sum proposed. The Question was put for five pounds or a greater sum & carried for the greater. Then Eight pounds was proposed. This being objected to, the question was put & carried in the affirmative.

Then, on motion, ordered that the Yeas and Nays be taken down on the said Question, which are as follows:


Mr. Bloodworth proposed, as another amendment to the said Bill, that the Public Secretary be allowed two Thousand five Hundred pounds, as a Salary for the Current year, for his public services, exclusive of Fees. This was objected to, and a less sum
proposed. The Question was put for £2500 or a less sum, and carried in the affirmative, 34 to 19.

Then, on motion, that the yeas and Nays be taken down on the said Question, which are as follows:


Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resolve of your House for establishing an Academy in Granville County, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of the House referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

The Honorbl. the Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Genl. William Skinner, Esquire, resigning his Commission as Brigadier General of the District of Edenton.

Ordered that the same be sent to the Senate, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

You will herewith receive the Resignation of General William Skinner, Esqr., &c.

Received from the Senate the Bill to amend an Act entitled an act for laying a Tax for defraying the Contingencies of the Several Counties in this State, and for other Purposes.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

The same was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate. Received from the Senate the Bill for amending an Act for making provision for the poor, and for other purposes.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.
The same was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to
the Senate.
Resolved, that this House will To-morrow proceed to read, for
the third and last time, the Bill for continuing and amending an
Act for allowing Salaries to the Governor, Members of the Coun-
cil of State, and for other purposes.
Mr. Rowan moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an
Act entitled an Act for directing the method of appointing Jurors
in all Causes, Civil and Criminal, which he read in his place &
delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and
sent to the Senate.
Mr. Bloodworth presented a Petition from a Number of the
Inhabitants of New Hanover County, praying to have a part of
the Militia, under the Command of Gen. Lillington, kept up as a
Guard over the Salt works, &c.
Ordered that the said Petition be read.
The same being read, was Rejected.
Resolved, that Nicholas Long, Esqur., Deputy Quarter Master
General, be, and he is hereby directed, to send to the States of
Virginia and South Carolina, for all the Fire Arms, in said States,
which have been deposited there by the Soldiers from this State.
That he have the same repaired and Stored at Halifax, and return
an Account of his expenditures to the General Assembly at their
next Session.
Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their
Concurrence, together with the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:
We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House
directing Nicholas Long, Esqr., Deputy Quarter Master General,
to send to the States of Virginia & South Carolina for Fire Arms,
&c.
Resolved, that John Penn and Cornelius Harnett, Esquires,
Delegates, appointed by the present General Assembly, to repre-
sent this State in Congress the ensuing year, in conjunction with
Whitmell Hill, Thomas Burke, Joseph Hewes and William
Sharpe, Esquires, be, and they are hereby invested with the same
powers & authorities that the Delegates appointed by the last General Assembly of this State were invested with.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve investing the Honorable John Penn and Cornelius Harnett, Esquires, Delegates, with certain powers.

The House Adjourned til 4 o'Clock P. M.

This House met according to Adjournment.

Resolved, that the Reverend Mr. Charles Cupples be allowed the sum of two Hundred pounds for his attendance as Chaplain to the present General Assembly, that the Treasurers or either of them pay him the same and be allowed.

Resolved, also, that Mr. Cupples have leave to absent himself from any further attendance on this Assembly.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House in favour of the Rev. Mr. Cupples.

Received from the Senate the Bill for establishing State Loan offices, for the purpose of borrowing Money to defray the expences of the War.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time.

The same was read the second time and Rejected.

Mr. Maxwell Chambers, the Member for the Town of Salisbury, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resolve of your House directing
Nicholas Long, Esquire, Deputy Quarter Master General, to send to the States of Virginia and South Carolina for Fire Arms, &c., Concluded with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House investing John Penn and Cornelius Harnett, Esquires, with certain powers, Concluded with.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Messages, Concluded with.

Mr. Bloodworth, who had leave to take out and amend the Bill for raising Forces for the Defence of the United States, &c., brought in the same amended.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time, with the amendments.

The same was read the second time, with the amendments, passed and sent to the Senate.

The several Matters to this day referred being postponed, the House Adjourned til to-Morrow Morning 9 o'clock.


TUESDAY, 11th May, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

On reading the Petition of Bryan Crosbie, of Hillsborough, praying for leave to return to England, &c.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to grant a permit to the said Crosbie to embark in any of the vessels bound from this State to Virginia to the French West Islands or any of them.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House in favour of Mr. Bryan Crosbie.

Mr. Hooper, the Member for the Town of Wilmington, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to Grant a Warrant on the Treasury in favour of Thomas Craik, Esquire, Commissary of Stores, for any Sum of Money not exceeding one Hundred Thousand Pounds, to enable him to purchase Cloathing, &c., for the Continental Soldiers belonging to this State. That for this purpose he immediately proceed to Charles Town in South Carolina, or elsewhere.

Resolved, also, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council, be empowered to grant a Warrant on the Treasury for any further sum which may appear necessary.

Resolved, further, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to write to the Governor of South Carolina, requesting that he will give Mr. Craik all necessary aid or assistance in his power, towards the Accomplishment of the End proposed by the preceeding Resolution.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House empowering His Excellency the Governor to Grant a Warrant on the Treasury for a sum of Money not exceeding one Hundred Thousand Pounds, &c., for the purposes therein mentioned.

Order of the Day for reading the third and last time the Bill for continuing and amending an Act for allowing Salaries to the Governor, Members of the Council of State, and for other purposes, being called for and read,

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

The same was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the Bill to enable the Governor, with the advice of the Council, to imbody and March to the aid of any of the Neighboring States any Number of the Militia, not exceeding

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two Thousand Men, and for directing the method of furnishing the Militia of this State, when called into Actual service, with Baggage Waggons, Horses, &c., and for other purposes.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

The same was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act for levying a Tax for defraying the Contingencies of the several Counties in this State, and for other purposes.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time.

The same was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the Bill to amend an Act entitled an act for directing the method of appointing Jurors in all Causes civil and Criminal.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time. The same was read the second time and Rejected. The House Adjourned til 4 o'Clock P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House in favour of Bryan Crosbie, Concurred with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House empowering His Excellency to grant a warrant on the Treasury for a sum of Money not exceeding one Hundred Thousand Pounds, &c., Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Messages.

Resolved, that three persons be appointed to Adjust the Accounts of this State with the Continental Congress; and that they be directed to observe the due distinctions betwixt the charges proper to be made against the State for expenses incurred for the sole
benefit thereof from those which have been incurred by this State for the benefit of the Continent at large, and that they regulate the vouchers upon which such charges are made, and, in every other matter relative thereto, they pursue such plan as may best conduce to obtain a full and satisfactory view of such accounts and do justice to this State.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House for appointing Persons to Adjust the Accounts of this State with the Continental Congress, &c.

Received from the Senate the Bill for emitting Money for defraying the expence of the War, and other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered that the same be read the second time.

The same was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of John Cruden, Sen., praying to be admitted a Citizen of this State.

Resolved, that the same be referred to a joint Committee. That Mr. Pebles, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Medlock, be a Committee, on the part of this House, for the purposes aforesaid.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you the Petition of John Cruden, Sen., praying to be admitted a Citizen of this State, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have, for that purpose, on our part, appointed Mr. Pebles, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Medlock, a Committee.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.
STATE RECORDS.

WEDNESDAY, 12th May, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.
Mr. Samuel Smithwick, one of the Members for Martin County, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

Resolved, that the reading of the Bill for raising Regular Forces for the Defence of the United States be postponed until To-morrow Morning.

Resolved, that Mr. Jones, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Person, Mr. Luttrell and Mr. Smith, be a Committee, on the part of this House, to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed, to take into Consideration the Case of our Continental Officers, &c., and making further provision for the same.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Person, Mr. Luttrell and Mr. Smith, a Committee, on their part, to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed, to take under Consideration the Case of our Continental officers, and making a further provision for the same.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have directed their Clerk to make out the Estimate of allowances to their Members, to include Saturday next, at Thirteen Dollars per Day, and desire your Concurrence of the Senate.

Resolved, that Mr. Ambrose Ramsey, Esqr., be appointed Brigadier General of the District of Hillsborough pro tempore, in the room of Brigadier General Butler who is out upon Duty, that a certificate of his appointment, Signed by the Speakers of the Assembly, shall operate as a Commission.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House
appointed a Brigadier General for the District of Hillaborough protempore.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House for appointing persons to adjust the Accounts of this State with the Continental Congress, &c., Concluded with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Concluded with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received your Message, with the Petition of John Cruden, and have appointed Mr. Johnston and Mr. Irwin, to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed, as a Committee to take under Consideration said Petition.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Mr. Johnston, Mr. Davis and Mr. Sanders, to Act with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to take under Consideration the Case of the Continental Officers, &c.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have ordered the clerk to make out the Estimate to include Saturday next, and propose that the members should be allowed Ten Dollars per Day each; also that those Members who went to New Bern should be allowed for going there and returning. Should your House concur with this you will signify the same by Message.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House cannot agree that the Daily allowance of the Members should be Ten Dollars only as recommended by your House, as
they think Thirteen Dollars barely adequate, considering their expenses.

We propose that all the Members who set off to New Bern to attend the Assembly which was to have met on the first Monday in April last should be paid for the time they were traveling to and attending at New Bern, and not confine it only to those who attended there, as recommended by the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House observe a certain Ephraim Barns is recommended as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Edgecomb, whose name was erased by order of this House before the Book of Justices was sent to the Commons, we hope therefore that your House will consent to strike off that name again, as the Senate suppose there is already a sufficient Number of Justices in that County.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours proposing to strike the name of Ephraim Barns from the Book of Justices, and cannot Concur therewith.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resolve of your House appointing a Brigadier General protempe, for the District of Hillsborough, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received your Message relative to the daily pay of the members, &c., and concur therewith.

Received from the Senate the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House relative to the Sale of certain Guns therein mentioned.

At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was Rejected.

Whereas, by omission of the Sheriff of Orange County, the Town of Hillsborough is Destitute of Commissioners.

Resolved, therefore, that the Sheriff of the said County be empowered to hold an Election on the first Monday in June next, for seven Persons qualified for the purpose to regulate the said Town agreeable to an act of Assembly for that purpose, and that they hold and exercise all the powers and authorities that the Managers thereof have been heretofore invested with untill their next annual Election.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House empowering the Sheriff of Orange County to hold an Election for Commissioners for the Town of Hillsborough.

[Note. Here there is a hiatus in the MSS. Journals.—Ed.]

LIST OF MEMBERS:

William Haywood, John Campbell,
William McCrawley, Robert Tripp,
Mark Patterson, Willis Bright,
William Morrison, Richard Clinton,
David Wilson, Solomon Gross,
Caleb Phifer, James Vaughan,
Stephen Miller, Peter Farrow,
Charles Medlock, Joshua Swain,
William Horn, Benjamin Spruill,
Thomas Hunter, Robert Rowan,
Richard Cogdell, Robert Cochran,
Lewis Bryan, Thomas Brown,
Thomas Hines, Samuel Williams,
John Hinton, Author Cotton,
Timothy Bloodworth, Jacob Hunter,
Jesse Cobb, William Boyd,
Fred. Harget, Thomas Person,
Samuel Hill,  
Gray Bynum,  
Green Hill,  
Thomas Sherrod,  
John Macon,  
Henry Montfort,  
John Williams,  
Joseph Hawkins,  
James Gorham,  
Daniel Gillespie,  
James Hunter,  
Jonathan Harper,  
Hardy Bryan,  
Phil. Hawkins,  
John Kennady,  
Phillip Raiford,  
John Lutrell,  
John Blackstock,  
William Hooper,  

Samuel Cain,  
Thomas Gray,  
Joseph Hancock,  
James Campbell,  
Williams Wynns,  
Etheldred Exum,  
Frederick Miller,  
John Kimbrough,  
Thomas Reding,  
Robert Smith,  
Edward Starkey,  
Absolom Tatum,  
Robert Pebles,  
Miles Abernathy,  
James Howard,  
James Gillespie,  
Thomas Younghusband,  
Maxwell Chambers,  
Samuel Smithwick.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

At the General Assembly, begun and held at Halifax on the Eighteenth Day of October, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Nine, and in the fourth Year of the Independence of the said State, Being the Second Session of this Assembly.


The Sheriff of Franklin County Certified that John Norwood, Esqr., was duly Elected a Member of the Commons House of Assembly, for the said County, in the room and stead of Green Hill, Esqr., whose seat was vacated by his acceptance of the appointment of Treasurer of the District of Halifax, whereupon the said John Norwood, Esqr., appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

The Sheriff of Randolph County Certified that John Arnold, Esqr., was Duly Elected a member of the Commons House of Assembly, for said County, in the room and stead of Absolom Tatum, Esqr., Whose Seat was vacated by his being Clerk of the Court of said County at the time of his being Elected a member thereof, Whereupon the said John Arnold, Esqr., appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.
Mr. Elisha Isaacks, one of the Members for Wilkes County; Mr. Jesse Walton & Mr. Henry Clarke, the Members for Washington County; Mr. Jacob Shepperd, one of the Members for Randolph County; Mr. Moses Winslow, one of the Members for Rowan County; Mr. William Baker, one of the Members for Gates County; Mr. John Humphreys, one of the Members for Currituck County; Mr. Caleb Grandy, one of the Members for Camden County, and Mr. Augustin Willis, one of the Members for Halifax County, appeared, were qualified and took their Seats.

The Sheriff of Craven County Certified that Mr. Richard Dobbs Spaight was duly Elected a Member of the Commons House of Assembly, for the Town of New Bern, in the room and stead of Richard Cogdell, Esqr., whose seat was vacated by his acceptance of the appointment of Treasurer for the District of New Bern, Whereupon the said Mr. Spaight appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House being now formed acquaint you that they are ready to proceed on business.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have also met and are ready to proceed on Public business, and propose the address herewith sent you be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

At the same time received the address referred to in the above Message, and the same being read was rejected.

Ordered that the following Message be addressed to His Excellency the Governor:

To His Excellency Richard Caswell, Esquire, Governor, Captain-General, &c., &c.:

Sir:

The two Houses of the General Assembly being now formed acquaint your Excellency that they are ready to take under consideration such matters as are necessary to be laid before them which you may have received since the rising of the last Assembly.
Ordered that the above address to His Excellency the Governor be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

Herewith you will receive a Message addressed to His Excellency the Governor, which we propose instead of that which originated in the Senate, as we apprehend it to be more full.

The House adjourned till 4 o'Clock P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We have received your Message proposing an address to His Excellency the Governor, instead of the one proposed by this House, to which we agree, and have appointed Mr. Hunt, on the part of this House, to wait on His Excellency with the same.

Ordered that Mr. Hawkins be appointed, on the part of this House, to wait on His Excellency the Governor with the above mentioned address, in Conjunction with Mr. Hunt.

Resolved, that Mr. McCrawley, Mr. Horn, Mr. Medlock, Mr. Jones, Mr. Jas. Campbell, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Person, Mr. Starkey, Mr. R. Abernathy, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Willis, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Peebles and Mr. Patterson, be a Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have, on their part, appointed Messrs. Coor, Hunt and Ramsey, a Committee of Public Accounts; and Messrs. Rutherford, Hogan, Rhodes, Shepperd, Cleveland, Frazier, Seawell and Owen, a Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours appointing Committees of Accounts and Claims, and have, on their part,
appointed Mr. Phil. Hawkins, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gorham, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Blackstock, as a Committee of Accounts; and Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tullock, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Harget, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Spruill, Mr. Macon, Mr. Joseph Hawkins, Mr. Winslow and Mr. Medlock, as a Committee of Claims, to act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed for the purposes aforesaid.

Received from His Excellency the Governor the following Message:

To The Honorable the General Assembly:

Gentlemen:

Herewith you will receive sundry Resolutions of Congress, Letters from the President, and the Delegates of this State, with sundry other Public Letters and Papers, which I lay before you for your information and consideration.

You will also receive sundry Copies of the Journals of Congress, two Hundred proof sheets of the Continental Currency emitted in September, 1778; A'Copy of the Laws passed in the State of New York in the years 1778 and 1779, A Copy of the Journal and proceedings of the Council of State since the last Session.

The several matters recommended to me by the Council have been carried into effect, so far as the same were practicable.

You will be pleased to observe that the appointment of Public Officers, by me made, in consequence of the advice of the Council since the last Session of the General Assembly, will end with the present Session; of course you will either continue those Officers, or supply their places by such appointments as you shall think proper. You will also observe among the papers laid before you, is a Letter from William Johnston, Esqr., declining to accept the office of Treasurer of the District of Hillsborough, that Letter came to hand so lately that I thought it most proper to defer the appointment till the meeting of the General Assembly.

In pursuance of a Resolution of the last Session I drew on Congress for Two Million and Five hundred Thousand Dollars, but have only received one Million of Dollars, part of which is Lodged in the Treasury & the remainder will be paid to the Treasurers on their arrival in Town. The motives which induced
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Congress to make only a partial payment you will find mentioned in the Delegates' letter of the fifteenth of July.

Mr. Sampson and Mr. Respass having declined Qualifying as Members of the Council of State, has rendered the attendance of the Gentlemen who have taken their Seats at that Board more burthensome, You will therefore be pleased to appoint two Gentlemen, in the room of Mr. Sampson and Mr. Respass, as soon as it may be convenient.

At the same time received the several Resolutions of Congress, Letters, &c., &c., referred to in the above Message.

Ordered that the same lie over until To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.

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TUESDAY, 19th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Letter from James Green, jun., Esq., Treasurer of the Continental Loan Office, of the 7th Inst., &c.

Also a Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, and the same, being read, were ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration.

Read the Memorial of James Davis, Esqr., Public printer of this State.

Ordered that the same lie on the Table until To-morrow, for Consideration.

Mr. James Gillespie, one of the Members for Duplin County, and Stephen Miller, one of the Members for Anson County, appeared and took their seats.

Received from the Senate a Bill for annexing part of Burke County to Lincoln, and other purposes.*

In the Senate, 19th October, 1779, read the first time and passed.

The several Letters, papers, &c., referred to in His Excellency the Governor's Message, of yesterday, addressed to the General Assembly, being laid over until to-day, the House proceeded to read, take under consideration the same, upon which
Resolved, that the same be sent to the Senate, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you a Message from His Excellency the Governor, addressed to the General Assembly, together with the several Letters, &c., therein referred to.

Mr. John Johnston, one of the Members for Bertie County, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send you the recommendation of the Court of Lincoln County, in favour of George Pee; also a Resolve of this House, in his favour, which we send for your Concurrence.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Resolve of yours, Exempting George Pee, of Lincoln County, from the payment of Public Taxes, which we herewith return you, Concurring with.

Resolved, that William Babb and James Moseley, of Franklin County, be exempted from the payment of Poll Taxes; they being recommended by the Court of the said County as persons incapable of paying Taxes.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for exempting William Babb & James Moseley from the payment of Poll Taxes.

The Bill for annexing part of Burke County to Lincoln, and other purposes, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House Adjourned til 4 o'Clock P. M.
The House met according to Adjournment.
Mr. William Wynns, one of the Members for Hertford County; Mr. David Wilson, and Mr. Caleb Phifer, the Members for Mecklenburg County, appeared and took their seats.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House relative to a certain Thomas Espey, of Lincoln County.
At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message, and the same, being read, was concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House relative to a certain Thomas Espey, of Lincoln County, Conceded with.
Read the Petition of Mr. William Blount, of New Bern, Complaining of an undue Election for a Member of the said Town, in stead of Richard Cogdell, Esqr., whose seat was vacated by his acceptance of the appointment of Treasurer for the District of New Bern.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of privileges and Election.

Resolved, that a writ of Election issue to the County of Edgecombe, for Election of one member of this House, in the room and stead of Etheldred Exum, Esqr., Deceased. That the said Election be held on the fifteenth & sixteenth Days of November next.

Resolved, that John May, of Orange County; John Murphey, John Fugil and Robert Jones, of Wilkes County, be exempted from the payment of Poll Taxes, they being recommended by the respective Courts of the said Counties as proper persons to be exempted from the payment of Taxes.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this
House, for exempting certain persons therein mentioned, from the payment of Poll Taxes.

Read the remonstrance of General William Skinner, in behalf of the Quakers, Moravians, Dunkers and Mennonists.

Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee.

That Mr. Person and Mr. Smith be a Committee, on the part of this House, for the purpose aforesaid.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you the Remonstrance of General William Skinner, in Behalf of the Quakers, Moravians, Dunkers and Mennonists, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have, for that purpose, on our part, appointed Mr. Person, Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Smith, a Committee.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take under consideration the Departments of the Commissaries, Clothier General and Quarter Master, &c.

That Mr. Hooper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Person, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Horn and Mr. Smith, be a Committee for that purpose.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolves of your House for exempting certain persons from the payment of Taxes, Concurred with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House in favour of William Babb and James Moseley, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Messages, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House Citing Archibald Gillespie to appear at the next Session of Assembly.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House Citing Archibald Gillespie to appear at the next Session of the Assembly, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send you the Petition of Abner Nash, Esquire, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have, for that purpose, on our part, appointed Messrs. Rutherford, Charlton, Coor and Martin.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received the Message of your House proposing to refer the Petition of Abner Nash, Esq., to a joint Committee, to which we agree, and have, for that purpose, on our part, appointed Mr. Starkey, Mr. McCrawley, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Montfort, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Smith, a Committee, to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We have received your Message, proposing that the Remonstrance of General William Skinner, in behalf of the Quakers, &c., be referred, to which we agree, and have, for that purpose, appointed Messrs. Seawell and Ramsay, a Committee.

Resolved, that the Regiment Raised agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly, passed at Halifax in January last, be disbanded from the service of this State.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for disbanding the State Regiment.

Resolved, that Mr. Jones, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Person, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Starkey, be a Committee, to Act in Conjunction with such members of the Senate as may be appointed, to prepare
and bring in such Bills of a General and Public nature as are necessary to be passed into Laws this Session, and that no Bills be brought in after Monday next.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Person, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Starkey, a Committee, on their part, to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed, to prepare and bring in such Bills of a General and public nature as are necessary to be passed into Laws this Session, and have Resolved that no bills be brought in after Monday next, and desire your Concurrence.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resignations of Thomas Roberson, Colonel of Bladen County, and Samuel Smith, Colonel of Granville County.

Resolved, that John Penn, Thomas Burke and Whitmell Hill, Esquires, be requested to attend the Assembly on Friday next, to give information with respect to Matters which have come under the deliberation of Congress since January last, so far as they may interest this State, may be made public without prejudice to the Continent at large, and may consist with the Injunctions of secrecy which Congress may have imposed on the Delegates of the Respective States.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House, requesting John Penn, Thomas Burke and Whitmell Hill, Esquires, to attend on the Assembly on Monday next.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.
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Wednesday, 20th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Sheriff of Dobbs County certified that William Caswell and Abraham Shepperd, Esqrs., were duly Elected as Members of the Commons House of Assembly, in the room & stead of Thomas Gray and Jesse Cobb, Esqrs., whose seats were vacated the last Session of this General Assembly.

Whereupon Abraham Shepperd, Esqr., appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Mr. John Lutrell, one of the Members for Chatham County, and Mr. Thomas Younghusband, one of the Members for Currituck County, appeared and took their seats.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter from James Green, jun., Esqr., Treasurer of the Continental loan office, of the 7th Inst.; The Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, and the Memorial of James Davis, Esquire, the public printer of this State; Whereupon,

Resolved, that they be referred to a joint Committee.

That Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Person, Mr. Jones, Mr. Smith and Mr. Starkey, be a Committee, on the part of this House, for that purpose.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you a Letter from James Green, jun., Esqr.; a Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, and the Memorial of James Davis, Esqr., which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have, for that purpose, on our part, appointed Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Person, Mr. Jones, Mr. Smith and Mr. Starkey, a Committee.

Resolved, that Richard Hays, of Bertie County, be exempted from the payment of Poll Taxes, he having been represented as a proper person to be exempted.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House exempting Richard Hays from the payment of Poll Taxes.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resolve of your House for disbarring the State Regiment, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House, referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Messrs. Salter and Respass a Committee, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen as the House of Commons may appoint, to examine and receive from General William Skinner the Accounts, &c., between this and the United States, as Adjusted by him.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Person, Mr. Smith, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Johnston, as a Committee, on their part, to act jointly with the Committee appointed of the Senate, to examine and receive of General Skinner the Accounts, &c., between this and the United States.

This House have received information that the North Carolina Brigade of Continental Troops is on their March to the Southward.

Resolved, that the Speaker of the Senate and Commons write a Letter to the Continental Congress requesting that the March of that Brigade be countermanded, as the necessity which induced this State to ask their return no longer subsists, and that they also write to the Commanding Officer of the Brigade requesting him to halt his Men until the result of such application to the Congress be known, and that the express be directed to call upon the Commanding officer of the Brigade on his way to Congress.

Mr. Haywood objected against the House entering into the above Resolve, urging that it was more than probable they might be under the necessity of Drafting some of the Militia of this State to March to the Southward, which might be prevented, was not the March of the said Brigade Countermand. The question
was put, and carried in the affirmative, 38 to 19. Then, on motion of Mr. Haywood, Ordered that the Yeas and Nays be taken down on the said Question, which are as follows:

**YeaS:**

Messrs. R. Smith. Montfort.  
Trip. Kennady.  
Gorham. J. Williams.  
Bright. J. Campbell.  
Boyd. Spruill.  
Swain. J. Campbell.  
B. Williams. L. Bryan.  
Medlock. McCrawley.  
Kimbrough. Bloodworth.  
S. Williams. Horn.  
Hooper. Norwood.  
Isaacs. Clarke.  
Baker. Humphreys.  
Grandy. Willis.  
J. Gillespie. S. Miller.  
J. Johnston. Wynnns.  
Shepperd. Luttrell.—38.

**NayS:**

Macon. Haywood.  
Starkey. P. Hawkins.  
Clinton. D. Gillespie.  
Person. Tullock.  
Sherrod. Arnold.  
Shepperd. Phifer.  
Wilson.—19.
Ordered that the foregoing Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House, requesting the Speakers of the Senate & Commons to write to the Continental Congress, requesting that the North Carolina Brigade, now on its March to the Southward, be countermanded, &c.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received the Message of yours, proposing that the Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, and the Letter from James Green, jun., Esqr, be referred to a joint Committee, to which we agree, and have, for that purpose, appointed Messrs. Nash and Charlton a Committee.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House for exempting Richard Hays from the payment of Poll Taxes, Concurred with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House requesting John Penn, Thomas Burke and Whitmell Hill, Esqrs., to attend on Friday next, Concurred with by this House.

At the same time received the Resolves, referred to in the above Messages, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the Bill to indemnify certain persons therein named, for putting to Death William Coyl and Lemuel Jones, and for beating James Harwell.

In the Senate, 20th October, 1779, read the first time and passed.

Ordered that the said Bill be read, the same was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Hawkins presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Tyrrell County, praying a Division thereof.

Mr. Hawkins moved for leave and presented a Bill agreeable to
the prayer of the said Petition, which he read in his place and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Macon moved for leave and presented a Bill to lay off and establish a Town in Warren County, and other purposes, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House requesting the Honbl. the Speakers of the Assembly to write to Congress relative to the No. Carolina Brigade, now Marching to the Southward, you will herewith receive, concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting the attendance of Mr. James Green, jun., on this Assembly.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House requesting the attendance of Mr. James Green, jun., on this Assembly, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House exempting certain persons therein mentioned from paying Poll Taxes.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House exempting cer-
tain persons therein mentioned from paying Poll Taxes, concurred with.

Mr. Harget Presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Carteret County, praying that a part thereof be added to the County of Jones.

Mr. Harget moved for leave and presented a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and send to the Senate.

Mr. Norwood moved for leave and presented a Bill to lay off and establish a Town in Franklin County, and for other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 21st October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Hooper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Person, Mr. Bloodworth, and Mr. Smith, a Committee, to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed, to take under consideration the Departments of the Commissaries, Clothier General and Quarter Master.

Resolved, that Mr. John Luttrell be added to the Committee appointed to examine and receive the Accounts of General Skinner, &c.

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, Reported as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Mr. William Blount, beg leave to report: That upon examination of Depositions, produced by said Blount & Mr. Richard Spaight, they find that an election was held at New Bern on the 25th and 26th days of June, last, for Electing a Member to represent the
said Town of New Bern in General Assembly, that the Poll was opened about 10 o’Clock in the forenoon, that the Tickets were received and put into a Tin Cannister without a Top, and that the said Cannister at neither of the adjournments was sealed. That a certain David Thompson, a Soldier in the State Regiment, and a certain Richard O’Dowdy, offered their Tickets, which were refused by the Sheriff; the Ticket of the former, because he was a Soldier, and that of the latter, because he had removed from New Bern to avoid the Small Pox.

Your Committee further beg leave to report that it appears, by the Confession of the said Blount & Spaight, that many persons voted who had no right to do so.

Upon the whole, your Committee are of opinion that the Election was illegal and ought to be set aside.

All which is Humbly submitted.

W. Haywood, Chairman.

The House taking the said Report into consideration, Concurred therewith.

Read the Petition of Richard Franklin, praying, &c.

Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee.

That Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Kennady, Mr. Gorham and Mr. Hawkins, be a Committee, on the part of this House, for the purpose aforesaid.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you the Petition of Richard Flannikin, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have, for that purpose, on our part, appointed Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Kennady, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Gorham, a Committee.

Received from the Senate the Bill to lay off and Establish a Town in Warren County, and other purposes.

In the Senate 20th October, 1779.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time.

The same was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate A Bill to lay off and Establish a Town in Franklin County, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
In the Senate 20th October, 1779, read the first time and passed. Ordered the said Bill be read the second time. The same was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Messrs. Coor, Martin, Nash and Rutherford, a Committee, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen as the House of Commons may appoint, to bring in a Bill for amending the assessment Law, and a Bill for amending the act for carrying into Effect the Confiscation Law, so that the real Estates of such persons as may be particularly mentioned therein, may be sold and the Money arising therefrom paid into the Treasury of this State.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Starkey, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Person, a Committee, to act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to bring in a Bill for amending the Assessment Act, &c.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for paying the Militia who guarded certain prisoners from South Carolina to Salisbury Gaol.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House for paying the Militia who guarded certain prisoners from South Carolina to Salisbury Gaol, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Colo. Martin, Colo. Ramsey and Mr. Nash, to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed, as a Committee to take under Consideration the Departments of the Commissary, Clothier General and Quarter Master.
STATE RECORDS.

Received from the Senate the Bill to amend an act for appointing Sheriffs and directing their duty in office, and for obliging the late Sheriffs & Collectors of Public Monies, who are in arrears, to account for and pay the same, and other purposes.

In the Senate 21st October, 1779, Read the first time and passed.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the first time.
The same was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House respecting a Resolution of the Council of State, which directs Mr. Hawkins to lay out a large sum of Money for the use of this State, which we propose to rescind in part.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House respecting a Resolution of the Council of State, which directs Mr. Hawkins to lay out a large sum of Money for the use of this State, &c., concurred with.

Resolved, that the House will proceed to read, on Monday next, for the second time the Bill to indemnify certain persons therein named for putting to Death William Coyle & Lemuel Jones, and for beating James Harwell.

Resolved, that Mr. William Bennett be and he is hereby authorized & impowered to sell, at public vendue, for Ready Money, first giving Ten Days public notice, the Tender belonging to the General Washington Galley, together with her Tackle, apparel & furniture, and that he account with the Treasurer of the District of Edenton for the Monies arising from the sale thereof.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House impowering Mr. William Bennett to sell the Tender belonging to the General Washington Galley, &c.

Resolved, that Thomas Hampton, of Surry County, and William
Brown, of Wake County, be exempted from the payment of Poll Taxes, they being represented to this Assembly as persons incapable.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for exempting certain persons therein mentioned from the payment of Poll Taxes.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received the Message of yours appointing a Committee to take under Consideration the Petition of Richard Flannikin, and have, for that purpose, on their part, appointed Messrs. Coor and Irwin.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 22d October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resolve of your House in favour of Thomas Hampton, of Surry County, and William Brown, of Wake County, Concluded with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House, impowering Mr. William Bennett to expose to Sale the Tender belonging to the General Washington Galley, you will herewith receive, Concluded with.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Messages, Concluded with.

Read the Petition of Alexander Dickson, of Duplin County, praying a Divorce from Elisabeth his wife.
Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave and presented a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table where it was read again, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House propose, if agreeable to the House of Commons, that the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 19th October, Instant, requesting the Honbl. the Speaker to write to Congress to Countermand the March of the North Carolina Brigade, be rescinded.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House concur with the Senate in rescinding the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 19th Instant requesting the Honbl. the Speakers of the Assembly to write to Congress requesting them to Countermand the March of the North Carolina Brigade, &c.

Resolved, that General Jones be requested to extend the paroll of John Lane, a prisoner in Halifax, to Wake County.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting General Jones to extend the Paroll of John Lane, &c.

Mr. Walton moved for leave and presented a Bill to Establish and lay out a Town in Washington County, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that Green Hill, Esqr., advance to William Blount, Esqr., paymaster, the sum of fifteen Thousand Pounds, in order to enable him to pay off the Militia of Halifax District, the said Blount to be accountable for the same.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House directing Green Hill, Esqr., to advance a Certain sum of Money to William Blount, Esqr., for the purpose therein mentioned.

Mr. Shepperd moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for dividing Guilford County into two distinct Counties, &c., which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Kimbrough moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for appointing Commissioners to fix on a certain place, within the County of Montgomery, to build a Court House, prison & Stocks, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave and presented a Bill to explain and regulate the recommendation of Justices of the peace in this State, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act for appointing Sheriffs and directing their Duty in office, and for obliging the late Sheriffs & Collectors of Public Monies, who are in arrears, to account for & pay the same, and other purposes, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House, requesting General Jones to extend the payroll of John Lane, we herewith return, concurred with by this House.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

From the great number of Claims that are to be presented to the Committee of Claims this Session, it is probable they will not be able to receive and pass them before the end of the Session,
and as a great number of Members compose the Committee already appointed we propose to divide it and form two Committees, and have, for that purpose, appointed Mr. Frazier, Mr. Owen, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Irwin, on the part of this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House concur with the Senate in dividing the Committee of Claims already appointed, and propose, on our part, that Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Tullock, Mr. Harget, Mr. Macon, Mr. Winslow and Mr. Johnston, added by this House in the room of Mr. Boyd, who is excused from attending, to act with the Gentlemen mentioned in your Message proposing the division.

Resolved, that John Grear, of Wilkes County, have leave to resign his office of Justice of the peace.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House permitting John Grear, Esqr., to resign the office of a Justice of the peace.

Read the Petition of Thomas Turner, praying, &c.

Ordered that the same be referred to a Committee.

That Mr. Macon, Mr. Person, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Brown, and Mr. P. Hawkins, be a Committee, for that purpose.

Read the Petition of Thomas Drummond, Luke Young, John Crain and Nathaniel Perry, prisoners of War, praying to be permitted to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State and become Citizens thereof.

Ordered that the same be Rejected.

Ordered that Mr. Campbell be excused from attending the Committee of Claims, as a Member thereof, and Mr. Clinton added in his room.

Ordered that Mr. Horn, Mr. Jas. Hunter, Mr. Jacob Hunter and Mr. Phifer, be added to the Committee of Claims.

Read the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants on Tarr River, praying to have the same kept open.
Mr. Sherrod moved for leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition.

Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

Read the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Randolph County, settled on the River Uharie, praying to have the said River kept open, &c.

Mr. Arnold moved for leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition.

Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive a Resolve of this House exempting Samuel Elder from paying Poll Taxes, which we send for your Concurrence.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House exempting Samuel Elder from paying Poll Taxes, concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House, directing Green Hill, Esqr., to advance a certain sum of Money to William Blount, Esqr., we return you, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

Resolved, that Mr. Thomas Reading have leave to absent himself from the service of the House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Col. Jarvis, of Currituck County, having represented to this House the Danger of the Invasion of the Enemy on the Inhabitants of the said County, has induced this House to enter into the order herewith sent you, for your Concurrence.

Ordered the following Message be sent to the Senate:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House empowering the Commissaries of Stores of Edenton District, or any other Commissary, to furnish Colo. Jarvies, of Currituck County, with Arms, Ammunition, &c., for the Defence of that County, Concluded with.

The Resolve of the House requesting the Delegates to attend thereon, this Day, being read, on the request of the Delegates, their attendance was postponed till To-morrow.

The House Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

Saturday, 23rd October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Hawkins moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act Entitled an act for the Regulation of the Town of Hillsborough, in the County of Orange, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of Thomas Warff, of Edenton, praying to be permitted to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State & become a Citizen thereof.

Resolved, that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House permitting Thomas Warff, of Edenton, to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State and become a Citizen thereof, agreeable to the prayer of his Petition.

Mr. Arnold, according to order, presented a Bill to prevent the stopping the Fish in the Uharie River, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of Adam Tate, praying to be admitted a Citizen of the State.
Resolved, that the same be referred to the joint Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:
We herewith send you the Petition of Adam Tate, praying to be admitted a Citizen of this State, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to take under Consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.
Mr. Miller presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Anson County, praying a Division thereof.
Mr. Miller moved for leave and presented a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.
Mr. Horn moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed Taxable property, the method of assessing the same, and Collecting the Public Taxes, and other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.
Mr. Person moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to regulate and establish a Militia in this State, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.
Mr. Person moved for leave and presented a Bill for establishing the Salaries of the Judges of the Superior Courts, Attorney General, and for other purposes, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.
Mr. Clinton presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Duplin County, praying a division thereof.
Mr. Clinton moved for leave and presented a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.
Mr. Hancock, one of the Members for Hyde county, and Mr. Peter Farrow, one of the Members for Caswell County, appeared and took their Seats.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House permitting John Grear, Esq'r., to resign the office of a justice of the peace, Conceded with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

Resolved, that all Waggons and carts in the Continental service shall be under the same pay and Regulation, from the 15 Day of May last, as those in the Militia service, and that Nicholas Long, Esq'r., Deputy Quarter Master General, be and he is hereby directed to pay the same.

Resolved, that he be directed to pay all expences incurred by Waggons, Carts, Horses, &c., in the Continental service, passing through the State.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for allowing Continental Waggons the same pay as those in the Militia service; for directing Colo. Long, Deputy Quarter Master General, to pay the same.

Resolved, that Michal Woods have leave to resign the office of a justice of the Peace for Wilkes County.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House permitting Michal Woods to resign the office of justice of the peace.

The Bill to invest the property of a Bridge, lately built by Samuel Ruffin, Deceased, over great Contentney Creek, in Etheldred Ruffin, his Heirs or assigns, for —— years, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bloodworth presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of New Hanover, Bladen and Duplin Counties, praying to have a new County erected by taking part of each of the said Counties, which was rejected.
The Bill for establishing a Court of Chancery within the State of North Carolina, and to regulate the Manner of proceeding therein, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that Mr. William Baker have leave to absent himself from the service of this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House allowing the same pay to Continental waggons as to those in the Militia service, Concluded with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House directing the attendance of the Treasurer of New Bern District.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your, House directing the attendance of the Treasurer of New Bern District, Concluded with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Messrs. Coor, Nash, Martin, Davis & Rutherford, a Committee, who will act in Conjunction with such Gentlemen as the House of Commons may appoint, to prepare and bring in a Bill to appoint certain persons to State accounts against all those that have been entrusted with Public Monies since the Commencement of this War, and to lay the same before the next Assembly.

Resolved, that Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Horn and Mr. Person, be a Committee, on the part of this House, for the purpose aforesaid.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Starkey, Mr.
Jones, Mr. Horn and Mr. Person, a Committee, to act in Con-
junction with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to prepare and
bring in a Bill to appoint certain persons to State accounts against
all those who have been intrusted with Public Monies, &c.

Mr. Johnston moved for leave and presented a Bill for Erecting
a Town, on the Lands of Thomas Hunter, at Squawhkey, in Mar-
tin County, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the
Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for dividing Guilford
County into two distinct Counties, &c., was read the second time,
passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to Establish and lay out a Town in Washington County,
was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House Concur with you in referring the Petition of Adam
Tate to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the
Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.

The House Adjourned till Monday Morning 9 O'Clock.

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MONDAY, 25th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Matthew Locke, one of the Members for Rowan County,
appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

Resolved, that Mr. Person, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Locke and Mr.
Hooper, be a Committee, on the part of this House, to act jointly
with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed, to confer
with the Delegates on an adequate Salary, &c.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Person, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Locke
and Mr. Hooper, a Committee, on their part, to act jointly with
such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed, to confer with
the Delegates on an adequate Salary for their services, and to
report in what manner it shall be paid them.
Mr. Hooper moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to encourage Benjamin Heron, Esqr., to build a Bridge over the North east branch of Cape Fear River, at or near the place where the ferry is now kept by Edward Davis, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that Nicholas Long, Esqr., Deputy Quarter Master General, be requested to advance to John Matthews an express to South Carolina, three Hundred Dollars, and to notify the same to His Excellency the Governor of this State, to prevent a further sum's being advanced him, unless it may appear absolutely necessary.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting Nicholas Long, Esqr., to advance a certain sum of Money to John Matthews, an express to South Carolina.

Mr. Campbell moved for leave and presented a Bill to prevent Hunting in the woods in the night time with Gun & firelight, and other purposes therein mentioned, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Starkey moved for leave and presented a Bill for Erecting part of Carteret & Onslow Counties into a new County by the name of ———, and for other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House permitting Michal Woods to resign the office of a justice of the Peace, Con- curred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this
House requesting the Speakers to receive and open several Dispatches from Congress to His Excellency the Governor, as this House suggest they are necessary to be laid before this Assembly.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House requesting the Speakers to receive and open certain Dispatches from Congress to His Excellency the Governor, Concurred with.

Mr. Jones moved for leave and presented a Bill for furnishing persons concerned in any of the several species of Counterfeiting in this State, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was read, again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Jones moved for leave and presented a Bill for Establishing Fairs, at Halifax Town & Edenton, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was read again, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Person moved for leave and presented a Bill for the more effectually preventing Engrossers and forestalling, for the encouragement of Commerce and the fair Traders, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of John Kirkwood, praying, &c.

Resolved, that the same be referred to a Committee. That Mr. Brown, Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Person, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Hooper presented a Petition from the Executors of the last will & Testament of Richard Quince, late of New Hanover County, Esqr., Deceased, praying that an act of Assembly be passed impowering them, the said Executors, to sell the real and personal Estate of the said Deceased for the Benefit of Jean & Ann, the Legatees.

Mr. Hooper presented a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Johnston moved for leave & presented a Bill for Docking the Intails of a certain Tract of Land therein mentioned, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was read again, passed and sent to the Senate.
Mr. Sherrod presented a Bill to prevent persons from stopping the passages of Fish up the Tar River & great Fishing Creek, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Howard, one of the Members for Onslow County; Mr. Morrison, one of the Members for Burke County, appeared and took their seats.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House empowering Colo. Long to advance a certain sum of Money to John Matthews, concurred with.

At the same time received the resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Concurrerd with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Colo. Martin and Mr. Nash, to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to confer with the Delegates on the Salary necessary to be allowed them for their services.

Mr. Hooper moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed Taxable property, the method of assessing the same, and collecting the Public Taxes, and other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Hooper moved for leave and presented a Bill for directing the method of appointing Jurors, in all Causes civil and Criminal, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an act Entitled an Act for the Regulation of the Town of Hillsborough, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of Matthew Collins, praying, &c., and the same was Ordered to lie on the Table for consideration.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House propose, if agreeable to the Senate, to Ballot, at 4
O'Clock this afternoon, for two Delegates in the room of Whitmell Hill & Thomas Burke, Esquires, whose time is about to expire, and one in the room of Joseph Hewes, Esqr., resigned; an Attorney General; two Councillors, in the room of Colo. Respass and Colo. Sampson, who refuse to act, and a Treasurer, for the District of Hillsborough; and put in nomination for Delegates, Whitmell Hill, Thomas Burke, John Kinchen, Philemon Hawkins, jun., Edward Starkey and Ephraim Brevard, Esqrs.; for an Attorney General, James Iredell, Esqr.; for Councillors, Waightstill Avery, Nathan Bryan and John Lillington, Esqrs.; for a Treasurer, John Taylor & Nathaniel Rochester, Esqr.

If you accede to this measure you'll signify the same by Message.

Mr. Johnston moved for leave to prepare and bring in a Bill for prolonging the time limited by Law for securing the Lots in the Towns of Windsor and Winton, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

Mr. Johnston moved for leave to prepare and bring in a Bill for giving the Inhabitants of this State a further time to acknowledge or prove their Deeds and Mesne conveyances, and other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

The Bill to indemnify certain persons therein named for putting to Death William Coyle and Lemuel Jones, and for beating James Harwell, was read the second time and rejected.

Resolved, that Mr. Speaker give the thanks of this House to the Honbl. Whitmell Hill and Thomas Burke, Esqrs., for their able, faithful and diligent and public spirited services, as Delegates from this State in the Continental Congress.

The Gentlemen being present, Mr. Speaker gave the thanks of the House as follows:

Mr. Hill, Mr. Burke:

Gentlemen:—

In all human probability, that day is not at a great distance which will give to these United States, peace and happiness, and Independence amongst the first powers of the Earth, and acknowledged even by the haughty Empire of Britain itself. This event,
brought about in the midst of manifold difficulties and dangers, is to be ascribed, under Heaven, to the wisdom of our Councils in the Grand Congress of America; in those, Gentlemen, you have borne an important share, and with unremitting diligence have watched over the general interest of the State at large, as well as of the grateful Thousands who this day, through me, unite to honor you, their Fellow Citizens, with their acknowledgements. And I do, in obedience to the Commands of the House of Commons of this State, in their name and in behalf of them and those whom they represent, give you their thanks for the integrity, wisdom and perseverance with which you have discharged the sacred trust reposed in you.

It is with singular pleasure that I acquit myself of this order of the House, in which my wishes warmly conspire with my duty to bear Testimony to such distinguished worth.

To which Mr. Burke returned the following Answer:

Mr. Speaker:—

Conscious, only, of having discharged the trust reposed in us with fidelity, but with abilities far unequal to its Importance, we arrogate not, to ourselves, superior merit; and we cannot but consider this distinguished and unlooked for Testimonial of our Country's approbation, as flowing from the generous gratitude of this honorable and virtuous House, and not as due to citizens, who, tho' they exerted their Talents to the utmost, could do no more than their Duty. Happy in being the citizens of a free State, and in being thought by our Country worthy of a Trust so sacred and important as that with which we were invested, we should have been content with the reflection, that we had used our best endeavours for perfecting the great and generous purpose of our common Country, the rooting out of Tyranny and planting in its room the palm of Freedom, under whose shade the present race and nations yet unborn might enjoy the blessings of equal Liberty. But this Honourable proof, of the approbation of our Country, fills us with an honest and most pleasing Triumph, we hope entirely unmixed with self-weening arrogance.

We congratulate you, Sir, and thro' you our Country, on the glorious prospects that are opening fast upon us, and which we
hope will be secured by the still requisite Efforts of the States in Co-operation with Congress.

Permit us, Sir, to offer our most grateful acknowledgements to you, for the singular honor you have done us by the polite and respectful manner in which you have discharged that part of your high office which related to us, and in which you have communicated to us the thanks of this honorable house, to whom we are unable to express our gratitude.

WITMELL HILL.
THOMAS BURKE.

Received from the Senate the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received the Message of yours, proposing that the General Assembly proceed to ballot for the public officers therein mentioned, and agree thereto, and put in nomination for Councillors of State, Thomas Gray and Furnifold Green, Esquires, and for the other officers, the same persons nominated by the Commons.

We have appointed Messrs. Coor and Exum to superintend the Balloting.
The House Adjourned til 4 O'Clock P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Resolved, that Colo. Hawkins and Mr. Bloodworth be appointed, on the part of this House, to superintend the Balloting.

The Bill to amend an Act for appointing Sheriffs, and directing their duty in office, and for obliging the late Sheriffs and Collectors of Public Monies, who are in arrears, to account for and pay the same, and other purposes, was read the third time, amended by consent of both Houses, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Senate the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House, on more mature Deliberation, propose, if agreeable
to the House of Commons, to postpone the Balloting for the several public officers mentioned in their Message of this Day until To-morrow at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon. If your House agree thereto, you will signify the same by Message.

We also put in nomination Allen Jones, Esqr., as a Continental Delegate; and the Towns of New Bern, Hillsborough and Halifax, for holding the next Assembly at.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours, proposing to postpone Balloting for the several public officers until To-morrow, to which we cannot agree, as we think it will take up the greatest part of another Day, but agree to postpone it til 5 o'Clock, and hope the Senate will reconsider their Message and agree on that time.

We put in nomination the Towns of New Bern and Hillsborough, for holding the next Assembly at.

Mr. Bloodworth informed the House that, according to the order thereof, he had attended the balloting for the several public officers, &c., and was ready to report the result thereof to the House.

Resolved, that the same lie over until To-morrow.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

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TUESDAY, 26th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Bloodworth, who was appointed, on the part of this House, to superintend the Balloting for the several officers, Reported as follows:

That, by a Majority of the votes of both Houses, Whitmell Hill, Thomas Burke and Allen Jones, Esqrs., were Elected Delegates; Waightstill Avery, Esquire, a Councillor; James Iredell, Esqr., Attorney General; Nathaniel Rochester, Esqr., Treasurer; and that the next Assembly is to be held at New Bern.
That Mr. Gray and Mr. Bryan had the next greatest number of votes for Councillors, but neither of them a Majority of the two Houses, and recommended to the House to Ballot again for one Councillor.

The House taking the said Report into Consideration, Concurred therewith, except the appointment of Nathaniel Rochester, Esqr., whose Election to the office of Treasurer is illegal, owing to his holding the Clerkship of Orange County Court.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House propose, if agreeable to the Senate, to ballot on Saturday, at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon, for one Councillor, and a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough, in the room of Nathaniel Rochester, Esquire, whose Election this House have determined illegal, owing to his holding the Clerkship of Orange County.

Colo. Shepperd presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Dobbs County, praying a Division thereof.

Mr. Shepperd moved for leave and presented a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an act entitled an Act for appointing Commissioners to fix on a certain place within the County of Montgomery to build a Court House, prison and Stocks, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send you the Report of the Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider the petition of Abner Nash, Esquire, concurred with by this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Report of the Committee, appointed to consider the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr., Concurred with by this House.
Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to grant a Pardon to Charles Shearing, a Criminal under Sentence of Death in Hillsborough Gaol, the said Shearing having been represented to this House as a person descending from a reputable Family.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting His Excellency the Governor to grant a Pardon to Charles Shearing, a Criminal in Hillsborough Gaol.

The Bill to invest the property of a Bridge lately built by Samuel Ruffin, Deceased, in Etheldred Ruffin, his Heirs or assigns, for Twenty years, was read the second time, amended passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Caswell County, praying a Division thereof, and the same was Rejected.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for the regulation of the Town of Hillsborough, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to invest the Titles of certain Land therein mentioned in Abner Nash, Esquire, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House allowing Benjamin Duberry a certain sum therein mentioned, for pursuing and apprehending Counterfeeters.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House allowing Benjamin Duberry a certain sum therein mentioned, concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send you the Petition of Thomas Burke, Esquire,
which we propose referring to the Committee who were appointed to consider of the Petition of Abner Nash, Esquire.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received the Message of your House proposing to refer the Petition of Thomas Burke, Esqr., to the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr., to which we agree.

The Bill to lay off and establish a Town in Franklin County, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. James Campbell moved for leave to present a Bill to prevent persons from Injuring the Inland Navigation of Rivers, Creeks and Water Courses, in this State, in the Counties therein mentioned, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was read again, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Johnston, According to order, presented a Bill giving the Inhabitants of this State a further time for proving and registering their Deeds and Mesne Conveyances, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Blackstock moved for leave and presented a Bill to establish a Road from James McDaniel's, in Pasquotank County, to the Widow White's, in Perquimans County, and granting a Toll on the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for Erecting a Town on the Land of Thomas Hunter, at Squahawky, in Martin County, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for securing the rights of such persons in the County of Washington as lie between the River Holstein and the dividing line lately run by the Commissioners of this State and the State of Virginia, as the dividing line between the said States, and for dividing the said County of Washington into two distinct Counties, and for other purposes, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for Docking the Intails of all Lands, Tenements & Hereditaments, within this State, and for other purposes, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.
The Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to amend the Staple of Tobacco was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Samuel Smithwick, one of the Members for Martin County, appeared and took his seat.

Resolved, that the Delegates appointed to represent this State in the Continental Congress shall be reimbursed their expenses going to, returning from and attending at Congress; and shall receive such other compensation as the next Assembly shall think reasonable for their trouble and the disadvantages arising from the neglect of their own private business.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for allowing the Delegates their expenses while at Congress, &c.

The Bill for laying a Tax to defray the expense of the public Buildings in the County of Nash, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act concerning Servants & Slaves, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for establishing offices for receiving entries of Claims for lands in the several Counties within this State, for ascertaining the method of obtaining titles to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and also to amend one other Act Entitled an Act to amend an Act for establishing offices for receiving Entries of Claims for Lands in the several Countys within this State, for ascertaining the method of obtaining Titles to the same, and for other purposes, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Memorial of Thomas Benbury, Esqr., in behalf of Thomas Oldham, late of Chowan County.

Resolved, that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to take under Consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.

Read the Petition of Jonathan Allen, praying, &c.

Resolved, that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you the Memorial of Thomas Benbury, in behalf of Thomas Oldham, late of Chowan County, and the Petition of Jonathan Allen, both of which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.

Resolved, that Mr. Hooper have leave to absent himself from the service of this House after To-morrow.

Resolved, that Mr. Sherrod have leave to absent himself from the service of the House.

The Bill to confirm the Titles of Lands to sundry the Inhabitants of Duplin County, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that Mr. William Bennett have leave to resign the appointment of Contractor for the District of Edenton, and that William Gardner be appointed to take care of the provisions, &c., already purchased by Mr. Bennett.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House permitting Mr. William Bennett to resign the appointment of Contractor, and appointing William Gardner to take care of the provisions purchased by Mr. Bennett.

The House Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

Wednesday, 27th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received the Message of yours for Balloting on Saturday next for a Councillor, & Treasurer of Hillsborough District, and concur therewith.
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return you the Resolve of your House allowing the Delegates their expenses while at Congress, Concluded with.

The Bill to invest the property of a Bridge lately built by Samuel Ruffin, deceased, over great Contentney Creek, in Etheldred Ruffin, his Heirs or Assigns, for Twenty years, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave and presented a Bill to empower the Commissioners therein mentioned to purchase a Lot in the Town of Wilmington, for the District of Wilmington, and other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Johnston, according to order, presented a Bill for prolonging the time for saving Lots in the Towns of Windsor and Winton, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to lay off, and establish a Town in Warren County, and other purposes, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for dividing Tyrrell into two Distinct Counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and Rejected.

The Bill to prevent persons from stopping the passage of Fish up Tar River and Dan River, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received the Message of yours proposing to refer the Memorial of Thomas Benbury, Esqr., in behalf of Thomas Oldham, and the Petition of Jonathan Allen, to the Committee appointed to take under Consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.

This House have rejected the memorial of Thomas Benbury, Esqr., but agree to refer the Petition of Jonathan Allen to the consideration of said Committee.

The Bill for granting a Free Pardon to Charles Shearing, now under sentence of Death, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.
Mr. Brown moved for leave and presented a Bill for building a Court House in Elizabeth Town, in the County of Bladen, and other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was read again, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Brown moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to an additional Act Concerning Servants & Slaves, passed at New Bern in the year one Thousand seven hundred & fifty three, and other purposes therein mentioned, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to establish the seat of Government for the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave and presented a Bill for laying a Tax of 2½ per cent. upon all goods, wares and Merchandize exposed to Public Sale, and for regulating public Auctions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for dividing the District of Salisbury, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and Rejected.

The Bill for granting a free pardon to Charles Shearing, now under Sentence of Death, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to prevent the stopping the Fish in the Uharie River, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for establishing Fairs in Halifax Town and Edenton, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for establishing the Salaries of the Judges of the Superior Courts, and of the Attorney General, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received the Report of the Committee of Claims, allowing Major John Armstrong four Hundred and twenty-nine pounds seventeen Shillings; also to Mr. Thomas Stewart, Eight Hundred pounds, which this House have concurred with.

Mr. Tullock moved for leave and presented a Bill to enlarge the
Jurisdiction of Magistrates, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was read again, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for annexing part of Carteret County to Jones, and other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that William Tisdale, Esq., be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, for making the great Seal of this State; that the Treasurers, or any one of them, pay him the same and be allowed.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message;

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House allowing William Tisdale, Esq., the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds, for making the great Seal of this State.

The Bill for directing the method of appointing Jurors in all causes, Civil and Criminal, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House allowing William Flewelling a certain sum, for the use of his waggon and Team.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House allowing William Flewelling a certain sum, for the use of his waggon and Team, Concluded with.

Resolved, that the Bill for granting a free pardon to Charles Shearing, now under Sentence of Death, be read To-morrow Morning for the third and last time.

The House Adjourned til 4 O'Clock P. M.
The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave and presented a Bill directing the Sale of the Estate of John Roberson, deceased, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Norwood moved for leave and presented a Bill to enable John Norwood, surviving Executor of the last Will and Testament of Henry Bradley, Deceased, to sell and convey the Lands of the said Deceased, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Person moved for leave and presented a Bill for Establishing an Academy in the County of Granville, and for appointing Trustees, and for other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for establishing a Town in Lincoln County, on the Land of Valentine Mauney, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that the Bill for establishing a Court of Chancery within the State of North Carolina, and to regulate the manner of proceeding therein, be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Lutrell moved for leave and presented a Bill for Docking the Intail of a certain Tract of Land in Tyrrell County, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for punishing persons concerned in any of the several species of Counterfeiting in this State, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

THURSDAY, 28th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Colo. Martin, Mr. Coor, Mr. Davis and Colo. Irwin, to act with such Gentlemen as the House of
Commons may appoint, to take under consideration the requisition of Congress for a sum of Money from this State, and to devise ways and means to Collect the public Monies now in the hands of Individuals, and to consider of the Tax necessary to be laid for the ensuing year.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have received the Message of yours appointing a Committee, to act with such of this House as might be appointed, to take under Consideration the requisition of Congress for a sum of Money from this State, and to devise ways and means to raise the same, also to devise ways and means to collect the public Monies now in the hands of Individuals, and have, for that purpose, on our part, appointed Mr. Locke, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Persons, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Howard, Mr. Brown and Colo. Hawkins, a Committee.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

From the vast number of Claims that are likely to be presented to the Committee of Claims we are apprehensive that the Committee will not have time during the present Session to examine and allow them. We therefore propose that Mr. Tullock, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Jacob Hunter, from the present Committees, and Mr. Grandy, Mr. Cain, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Lutrell, Mr. Montford and Mr. Isaacs, with such of your members as you may think proper to appoint, shall constitute another Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hooper moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend an act entitled an act for establishing an Academy in the Town of Hillsborough, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Tullock moved for leave and presented a Bill to prevent Distilling Grain into Spirituous Liquors, which he read in his place and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The order of the Day for reading for the second time the Bill for establishing a Court of Chancery within the State of North Carolina, and to regulate the manner of proceeding therein, being called for and read,
Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time; the same was read the second time and rejected.

The Bill for the Division of Dobbs County, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an act entitled an act to encourage Benjamin Heron, Esqr., to build a Bridge over the Northeast branch of Cape Fear River, at or near the place where the ferry is now kept by Edward Davis, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for securing the rights of such persons in the County of Washington as lie between the River Holstein and the line lately run by the Commissioners of this State and the State of Virginia as the Dividing line between the said States, and Dividing the said County of Washington into two Distinct Counties, and for other purposes, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for dividing Anson County, and other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for establishing an Academy in the County of Granville, and for appointing Trustees, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for building a Court House in Elizabeth Town, in the County of Bladen, and other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that Mr. Norwood have leave to absent himself from the services of this House until Monday next.

Resolved, that Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Locke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Patterson and Mr. James Campbell, be a Committee, on the part of this House, to Act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed, to inquire what necessaries are or may be wanting for the use of our Army, and make report thereon.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Locke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Patterson and Mr. James Campbell, be a Committee, to act jointly with such Gentlemen of
the Senate as may be appointed, to enquire what necessaries are
or may be wanting for the use of our Army, and make report
thereof.

Resolved, that Whitmell Hill, Thomas Burke and Allen Jones,
Esquires, Delegates appointed by the present General Assembly
to represent this State in Congress the ensuing year, in conjunc-
tion with John Penn, Cornelius Harnett and William Sharpe,
Esquires, be and they are hereby invested with the same powers
and Authorities that the Delegates appointed by any former
Assembly of this State were invested with.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be impoverished and
requested to make out Commissions to Whitmell Hill, Thomas
Burke and Allen Jones, Esquires, as Delegates, certifying the
powers and authorities which they are invested with, to which the
Great Seal of this State shall be affixed.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their
Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this
House investing the Delegates appointed this present Session of
Assembly with certain powers and authorities, also requesting His
Excellency the Governor to make out Commissions, &c.

The Bill for giving to all persons having Lands in this State a
further time for proving and registering their Deeds and Mesne
conveyances, and for other purposes, was read the second time,
amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received your Message appointing a third
Committee of Claims, to which we agree, and have, for that pur-
pose, appointed Colo. Rhodes, from one of the other Committees,
and Mr. Roberson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Respess and Mr. Kenan.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.
STATE RECORDS.

Friday, 29th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Resolved, that Nicholas Long, Esqr., be directed to furnish Richard Wheeling an express from Virginia to Joseph Green, Esqr., purchasing Commissary, with a Horse.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House directing Nicholas Long, Esqr., to furnish Richard Wheeling an express with a Horse.

The Bill for granting a free Pardon to Charles Shearing, now under sentence of Death, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill to Enlarge the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

On reading the Petition of Charles Radcliff, a prisoner of War, in Halifax,

Resolved, that General Jones be requested to Paroll the said Radcliff to Charles Town in South Carolina, or to some Seaport Town in this State, as to him shall seem best.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting General Jones to Paroll Charles Radcliff, a prisoner of War.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House directing Nicholas Long, Esqr., to furnish Richard Wheeling an express with a Horse, you will with this receive, concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House, referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House investing the Delegates appointed 18—61
this Session with certain powers and authorities, and requesting His Excellency the Governor to make out Commissions, &c., we herewith return you, Concluded with.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Respass, to act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to enquire what necessaries are or may be wanting for the Army, and make Report thereof.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House empowering our Delegates to ratify the Articles of Confederation, on the part of this State, Concluded with by this House.

At the same time received the Resolve referred to in the above Message, Concluded with.

General William Caswell, one of the Members for Dobbs County, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Letter from His Excellency the Governor of the 27th Inst., Inclosing sundry Resolves of Congress, Letters from the North Carolina Delegates, &c., which were read and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The Bill to regulate Ordinaries, Houses of Entertainment and Ferries, and other purposes, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

It being obvious to this House that the sum heretofore allowed Prisoners of War, for their maintenance, is really inadequate; You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House allowing them a larger sum.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House allowing the prisoners of War in this State Six Dollars per Day for their maintenance, Concluded with by this House.

The Bill to carry into effect an Act passed at New Bern, in
November, of the year 1777, entitled an Act for confiscating the property of all such persons as are inimical to the United States, and of such Persons as shall not, within a certain time mentioned, appear and submit to the State, whether they shall be received as Citizens thereof, and of such persons who shall so appear and shall not be admitted as Citizens, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for establishing a Town in Lincoln County, on the Land of Valentine Mauney, was read the second time and rejected.

The Bill to prevent persons from Injuring the Inland Navigation of Rivers, Creeks and water courses in this State, in the counties therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, that General Jones be and he is hereby impowered and requested to Paroll such Prisoners of War, in the District of Halifax, to such place or places as he may judge best for the safety of this State.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House impowering General Jones to Paroll such Prisoners of War, in the District of Halifax, to such places as he may judge best for the safety of this State.

The Bill to enable John Norwood, surviving Executor of the last will and Testament of Henry Bradley, Deceased, to sell and convey the lands of the said Deceased, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for annexing part of Burke County to Lincoln, and other purposes, was read the second time and rejected.

The Petition of Thomas Pierce, Master of the Brigantine Mars, now a Prisoner of War in Halifax, praying, was read and rejected.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Additional Act Concerning servants and slaves, passed at New Bern in the year one thousand seven Hundred and fifty-three, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.
SATURDAY, 30th October, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Bill to empower the Commissioners therein mentioned to purchase a Lot in the Town of Wilmington, for the District of Wilmington, and other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for Building a Court House in Elizabeth Town, in the County of Bladen, and other purposes, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to vest the Title of certain Land, therein mentioned, in Abner Nash, Esquire, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act concerning servants & slaves, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for appointing Commissioners to fix on a certain place within the County of Montgomery to build a Court House, prison and Stocks, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee appointed to examine and receive the public papers from General Skinner, Reported as follows:

Your Committee have examined the papers and find those in a proper State for settlement with the Continental Congress, and that we have received from General Skinner the accounts and vouchers, which we are ready to lay before the House,

The House taking the said Report into Consideration,

Resolved, that the same be Rejected, and the Vouchers rec'd by the Committee, filed in the office of the Clerk of this House, and the accounts stated by General Skinner, on his request, returned to him.

Resolved, that Aaron Dudley, of Martin County, be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for his vigilance in endeavoring to apprehend and take up a certain John Hays, a noted disaffected person to the United States. That any one of the Treasurers pay him the same and be allowed.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, with the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House allowing Aaron Dudley the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take under consideration the state of the Garrison and supplies necessary for Fort Johnston; that for this purpose Mr. Brown, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Macon, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Tullock, be a Committee, to act jointly with such members of the Senate as may be appointed for that purpose.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Mr. Brown, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Macon, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Jones and Mr. Tullock a Committee, to Act jointly with such members of the Senate as may be appointed, to take under consideration the state of the Garrison, and supplies necessary for Fort Johnston.

The Bill for securing the Rights of such persons in the County of Washington as lie between the River Holstein and the line lately run by the Commissioners of this State and the State of Virginia as the dividing line between the said States, and for Dividing the said County of Washington into two distinct Counties, and for other purposes, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Resolved, that Colo. Medlock have leave to absent himself from the Service of this House.

Resolved, that the Treasurers of the District of Wilmington be discharged from any further attendance on this Session of Assembly.

The Bill to Confirm the Titles of Lands to Sundry the Inhabitants of Duplin County, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for dividing Anson County, and other purposes, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive the Resolve of your House allowing Aaron Dudley one Hundred and fifty Pounds for services therein mentioned, concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

The Bill to establish the seat of Government, and for the other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Person, ordered that the Yeas and Nays be taken, which are as follows:


**Nays:**—Messrs. Peebles, Haywood, Tripp, Kennady, Gorham, Williams (Pitt), Hargett, H. Bryan, Blackstock, Bright, Starkey, J. A. Campbell, Boyd, Spruill, Swain, B. Williams, Clinton, L. Bryan, Bloodworth, Horn, Humphries, Grandy, J. Gillespie, Johnston, A. Sheppard, Jacob Hunter, Hancock, Howard, Smithwick, Caswell.

The House Adjourned til 4 OClock P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Bloodworth, who was appointed on the part of this House to Superintend the Balloting for a Councillor, and Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough, Reported,

That by a majority of the votes of both Houses of the General Assembly, Edward Starkey, Esquire, was Elected a Councillor; but that neither of the persons in nomination for a Treasurer had a majority of votes, and recommended to the House to Ballot again for a Treasurer.
The House taking the said Report into consideration, concurred therewith.

Received from the Senate the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House propose to Ballot immediately for a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We agree to Ballot immediately for a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough, and put in nomination Matthew Jones, Memucan Hunt and John Patterson, Esquires.
The House Adjourned til Monday Morning 10 O'Clock.

MONDAY, 1st November, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from His Excellency the Governor a Message inclosing a Letter from the Governor of South Carolina, requesting a further aid from this State for the defence of that State and Georgia.

Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee.
That, for this purpose, Mr. Jones, Mr. Locke, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Montfort, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Brown and Mr. Hawkins, be a Committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you a Message from His Excellency the Governor of South Carolina, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose, on our part, appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Locke, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Montfort, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Brown and Mr. Hawkins, a Committee, who are also to confer with Mr. Edward Rutledge, the bearer of the Letter from the Governor of South Carolina to Governor Caswell, respecting an aid from this State to South Carolina.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Col. Martin, Mr. Davis, Genl. Rutherford, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Rand, Mr. Salter and Mr. Hunt, a Committee, to act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed, to take under Consideration the Letter from the Governor of South Carolina, &c.

Colo. Hawkins, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Turner, of Warren County, Reported as follows:

That the losses of his son, Capt. Jacob Turner, Deceased, in the Battle at Brandy Wine, the 11th of September, 1777, was to the amount of one hundred and seventy pounds at that time, and that the same ought to be allowed.

The House taking the said Report into consideration, Conceded therewith, and

Resolved, that the Treasurers or any one of them pay the said Thomas Turner the same, and be allowed.

On reading the petition of John Robinson, of Burke County, deemed one of the nine months Men, praying to have a formal Tryal by the Court Martial of said County,

Resolved, that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House on the Petition of John Robinson, of Burke County.

Read the Petition of John Robinson, of Wilmington, praying, &c.

Resolved, that the same be referred to a joint Committee. That for this purpose, Mr. Locke, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Harget, be a Committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:
We herewith send you the Petition of John Robinson, of Wilmington, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have, for that purpose; on our part, appointed Mr. Locke, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Harget, a Committee.

The Bill to Enlarge the jurisdiction of Justices, and for other purposes, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to regulate & establish a Militia in this State, was read the first time and rejected.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have thought it most conducive to the Public good to refer the accounts of the Continental Waggons to Colo. Long, supposing he can discern the propriety of such accounts more easily than a Committee of Claims, a resolve for that purpose we herewith send for your Concurrence.

 Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House for referring the accounts of the Continental Waggons to Col. Long to settle, Con- curred with by this House.

The Bill to establish a road from James McDaniel's, in Pasquotank County, to the Widow White's, in Perquimons County, and granting a Toll on the same, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for the Division of Dobbs County, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Governor of South Carolina's Letter, and the same was Rejected.

On taking under Consideration the critical Situation of affairs in Georgia and South Carolina, and it appearing absolutely necessary that an immediate aid from this State should be sent there;
Resolved, therefore, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to order on to South Carolina, with all possible expedition, the Force directed to be raised by an Act passed at the last Session of the General Assembly held at Smithfield, entitled "an Act for raising Regular Forces for the Defence of this and the Neighboring States, and for other purposes," taking care that each and every County in this State send their due proportion of men agreeable to the said Act.

Resolved, also, that His Excellency be empowered, with the advice of his Council, to order further Drafts from the Militia, not exceeding one thousand men, agreeable to the Militia Law, and cause the said Drafts to be marched to South Carolina, under the same Regulations established by the Act herein before mentioned.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their Concurrence, together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House, requesting his Excellency the Governor to send, with all possible expedition, to the aid of South Carolina, the Militia lately drafted in virtue of an Act of Assembly passed at Smithfield, also another Resolve empowering His Excellency to send, by the advice of the Council, an additional aid, &c.

The Bill for laying a Tax for defraying the expence of the public buildings in the County of Nash, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for establishing Fairs in Halifax Town and Edenton, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House in favour of John Robinson, of Burke County, you will herewith receive, Concurrred with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Report of the Committee appointed to take under Consideration the Petition of Thomas Turner, Concurrred with by this House.
At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Messages, Concluded with. The House Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 O'Clock.

TUESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Thomas Burke, Esqr., concurred with by this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Thomas Burke, Esqr., concurred with by this House.

The Bill to prevent Hunting in the woods, in the night time, with Gun and firelight, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for sending an aid to the States of South Carolina and Georgia was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bloodworth, who was appointed, on the part of this House, to superintend the Balloting for a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough, Reported

That Matthew Jones, Esqr., the person in nomination, had the greatest number of votes of any, but that Members sufficient to constitute an Assembly had not voted, and recommended to the House to ballot again.

The House taking the said Report into consideration, Concluded therewith.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House propose to Ballot at 4 O'Clock this evening for a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough, and desire the Concur- rence of the Senate.
We put in nomination Matthew Jones, Memucan Hunt and John Taylor, Esquires.

Mr. Wilson moved for leave and presented a Bill for dividing the Mecklenburg Regiment of Militia into two separate and Distinct Regiments, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to prevent Distilling Grain into Spirituous Liquor, was read the second time and rejected.

Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave and presented a Bill to enable the administrators of John Roberson, Deceased, to sell and dispose of the Estate of said Roberson, which he read in his place, and Delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for laying a Tax of two and a half per Cent. upon all goods, wares and Merchandize exposed to public Sale, and for regulating public Auctions, was read the Second time and rejected.

The Bill for giving to all persons having Lands in this State a further time for proving and registering their Deeds and Mesne Conveyances, and for other purposes, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House allowing Colo. Walter Lindsay the annual Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House allowing Colo. Walter Lindsay the annual Sum of Fifty Pounds, concurred with.

The Bill for erecting a Town on the Lands of Thomas Hunter, Squahawkey, in Martin County, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an act for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed Taxable property, the method of assessing the same, and collecting the public Taxes, and other purposes, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.
A second Bill to amend an act entitled an act for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed Taxable property, the method of assessing the same, and collecting the public Taxes, and other purposes, was read the second time and rejected.

Mr. Person moved for leave and presented a Bill to establish a board of Commissioners for settling and adjusting the public Accounts of this State, and other purposes, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for sending an aid to the States of South Carolina and Georgia, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for Docking the Intail of a certain Tract of Land therein mentioned, was read the Second time and rejected.

The Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act concerning Servants & Slaves, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Mr. Person moved for leave to withdraw and amend the Bill for the more effectually preventing Engrossing, &c.

Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

The House Adjourned til To-morrow Morning 9 OClock.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd November, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Bill for annexing part of Cartaret to Jones, and other purposes, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

As it is evident that at the Balloting on Saturday last a sufficient number of votes appeared in favour of Matthew Jones, Esquire, to Elect him a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough, and this House having Resolved that Election to be legal cannot concur with your Message, for Balloting for a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough again.
The Petition of John Johnston and Walter Baird, prisoners of War, paroled to Halifax, praying to have their parolls extended to New York, was Read and Rejected.

The Bill for Docking the Intail of all Lands, Tenements & Hereditaments, within this State, was read the second time and rejected.

The Bill to impower the Commissioners therein mentioned to purchase a Lot in the Town of Wilmington, build a gaol for the District of Wilmington, and other purposes, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to Establish a Road from James McDaniel's, in Pasquotank County, to the Widow White's, in Perquimons County, and granting a Toll on the same, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to prevent the stopping of Fish from running up Rocky River, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to lay off a Town in the County of Surry, on the lands the property of John Armstrong and William Sheppard, at the Court House of said County, was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The bill for prolonging the time for saving the Lots in the Towns of Windsor and Winton, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting His Excellency to effect an Exchange of Prisoners.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House requesting His Excellency to effect an exchange of Prisoners, Concurred with.

Resolved, that the Bill to carry into effect the Confiscation Act, &c., be read To-morrow for the Second time.
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The Bill to amend an Act entitled an act to encourage Benjamin Heron, Esqr., to build a Bridge over the northeast branch of Cape Fear River, at or near the place where the ferry is now kept by Edward Davis, was read the third time and rejected.

The Bill for docking the Intail of a certain tract of Land in Tyrrell County, was read the second time and rejected.

The Bill for laying a Tax to defray the expense of the Public buildings in the County of Nash, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to amend the Staple of Tobacco, was read the Second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to regulate Ordinaries, Houses of Entertainment and Ferries, and other purposes, was read the Second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to confirm the Titles of Lands to sundry the Inhabitants of Duplin County, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

This being objected to, ordered that yeas and nays be taken, which are as follows:

YEAS:—Messrs. Peebles, Haywood, Tripp, Williams (Pitt), Harrett, Blackstock, Bright, Starkey, J. A. Campbell, Boyd, Spruill, Swain, M. Abernathy, Hinton, B. Williams, Clinton, L. Bryan, M. Crawley, Patterson, Bloodworth, Tullock, Cain, Brown, S. Williams, Horn, Vaughan, Norwood, Arnold, Isaacs, Walton, Clarke, J. Sheppard, Humphries, R. Abernathy, J. Gillespie, S. Miller, Phifer, Wilson, A. Sheppard, Younghusband, Jacob Hunter, Farrow, J. Howard, Smithwick.—44.


Mr. Person moved for leave to enter his reason of dissent against the passage of the before mentioned Bill.

Ordered that he have leave at any time before the breaking up of this Session.

The Bill for the more effectually preventing Engrossing and Forestalling, for the encouragement of Commerce and the fair
Trader, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the Second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.

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THURSDAY, 4th November, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House appointing Colonel Thomas Eaton, Brigadier General of Halifax District; you will also receive General Jones’ Memorial on that Subject.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House appointing Colo. Thomas Eaton, Brigadier General of the District of Halifax, during the time General Jones shall continue a Member of the Continental Congress, Concourced with by this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House empowering the several Sheriffs in this State, to receive in payment of Taxes, all Claims allowed, and certified and Indented Loan office Certificates.

Ordered that the following message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House empowering the several Sheriffs in this State to receive in payment of Taxes all
STATE RECORDS.

Claims allowed and property certified and Indented Loan office Certificates, Concluded with by this House.

The Bill for directing the method of appointing Jurors in all Causes, Civil and Criminal, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to enable the Administrators of John Robeson, Deceased, to sell and dispose of the Estate of said Deceased, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for prolonging the time for saving the Lots in the Towns of Windsor and Winton, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for sending an aid to the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and for other purposes, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Mr. Robert Rowan, one of the Members for Cumberland County, appeared and took his seat.

The House adjourned til to-morrow morning, 9 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 5th November, 1779.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Petition of John Hoof, praying, &c., was read and rejected.

The Bill to Establish and lay out a Town, in Washington County, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to carry into effect an Act passed at New Bern, in November, in the year 1777, entitled an Act for confiscating the property of all such persons as are inimical to this State or the United States, and of such persons as shall not, within a certain time therein mentioned, appear and submit to the State, whether they shall be received as Citizens thereof, and of such persons who shall so appear and shall not be admitted as Citizens, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and for other purposes, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Read the Petition of Thomas Person, Esqr.

Ordered that the same be referred to the joint Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr.

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Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you the Petition of Thomas Person, Esqr., which we propose referring to the joint Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Abner Nash, Esqr., and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill to Establish a board of Commissioners for settling and adjusting the Public Accounts of this State, and other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill for Dividing the Mecklenburg Regiment of Militia into two separate and distinct Regiments, was read the Second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to prevent Persons from stopping the passage of Fish up Tar River and Dan River, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to regulate Ordinaries, Houses of Entertainment and Ferries, and other purposes, was read third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Resolved, that Nicholas Long, Esqr., Deputy Quarter Master General, be requested to furnish the General Assembly with a list of all the waggons in public service, and under his care, and the names of the persons owning such waggons, and an account of the time they have respectively been in service, discriminating those that have been put in service voluntarily from those impressed.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting Nicholas Long, Deputy Quarter Master General to furnish the Assembly with a list of waggons in public service and under his care, &c.

The Bill to prevent persons from injuring the Inland Navigation of Rivers, Creeks and Water Courses in this State, &c., was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received your Message, proposing to refer the Petition of Thomas Person, Esqr., to the Committee appointed to consider the petition of Abner Nash, Esqr., to which we agree.
Resolved, that the Bill for the more effectually preventing Engrossing and forestalling, for the Encouragement of Commerce and the fair Trader, &c., be read to-morrow for the third and last time in this House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.

SATURDAY, 6th November, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

Resolved, that Mr. Boyd & Mr. Grandy have leave to absent themselves from the service of this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House directing Colo. Long to furnish this Assembly with an account of the public Waggons, &c., you will herewith receive, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

Whereas, Benjamin Hawkins, Esqr., Commercial Agent, &c., has purchased on behalf of the State two Hundred thousand weight of Tobacco, and has Chartered a vessel to transport Eighty thousand weight of the same to St. Eustatia; not being able to procure vessels to carry the remainder;

Resolved, that the said Hawkins be impowered to dispose of the said Eighty Thousand weight of Tobacco in manner heretofore directed by Resolve of the General Assembly, and also to contract for the Delivery of the remaining one hundred and Twenty Thousand weight, either in the West Indies or in this State, at his discretion.

Ordered that the above Resolve be sent to the Senate, for their concurrence with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House impowering the commercial agent to dispose of part of the public Tobacco as heretofore directed, and to contract for the delivering of the remainder, either in the West Indies or in this State, at discretion.
The Bill to amend an Act entitled an act to amend the Staple of Tobacco, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill to recruit the Continental Battalions of this State, was read the first time and rejected.

The Bill for dividing the Mecklenburg Regiment of Militia into two separate and distinct Regiments, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to enable John Kirkwood & Thomas Robeson to sell and dispose of the Estate of John Robeson, Deceased, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to enable John Norwood, surviving Executor of the last will and Testament of Henry Bradley, Deceased, to sell and Convey the Lands of the said Deceased, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed Taxable property, the method of assessing the same, collecting the public Taxes, and other purposes, was read the third time, passed and sent to the Senate.

It was moved and Seconded that the Continental Officers, ordered by His Excellency General Washington from the Northward to the Southward, should be allowed three Dollars per Day for subsistence Money, and that the Continental paymaster be directed to pay the same.

This being objected to, the question was put and carried in the negative—the yeas and nays being required by Colo. Luttrell:


The Bill to amend an Act entitled an additional Act concerning Servants & Slaves, passed at New Bern, in the year one thousand Seven Hundred & fifty-three, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to prevent Hunting, in the night time, with Gun and firelight, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House adjourned till 4 o'Clock P. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

Mr. Bloodworth moved for leave and presented a Bill to fill up the Continental Battalions of this State, and other purposes, which he read in his place, and Delivered it at the Table, where it was again read, passed and Sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for establishing offices for receiving Entries of Claims for lands in the several Counties within this State, for ascertaining the method of obtaining titles to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and also to amend one other Act entitled an Act to amend an Act for establishing offices for receiving Entries of Claims for lands in the several Counties within this State, for ascertaining the method of obtaining Titles to the same and for other purposes, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

SUNDAY, 7th November, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Bill to prevent the stopping the Fish from running up Rockey and Haw Rivers, was read the second time, amended passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House directing Benjamin Hawkins, Esqr., in the Execution of the Office of Commercial agent for this State.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House directing Benjamin Hawkins, Esqr., in the Execution of the office of Commercial Agent for this State, Conceded with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House citing William McCauley, Esqr., to appear at the next Session of Assembly to answer the accusations alleged in the Petition of John Hogan, Esqr.

At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate and the Petition of John Hogan, Esquire, referred to in the above Message.

Resolved, that the same be rejected, as the aforesaid Hogan left the service of the Assembly without giving any reason to this House why the aforesaid McCauley should be called on in manner aforesaid.

The Bill to Establish a board of Commissioners for settling and adjusting the Public accounts of this State, and other purposes was read the third time and rejected.

On the question shall the Bill pass or not pass, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Person:


NAYS.—Messrs. R. Smith, Peebles, Jones, Gorham, Williams, (Pitt), H. Bryan, W. Boyd, Spruill, Swain, J. Campbell, S. Williams, Horn, Vaughan, Arnold, Isaacs, Walton, Winslow, R.
Abernathy, J. Johnston, Phifer, Wilson, Luttrell, Younghusband, Jas. Hunter, Jacob Hunter, Farrow, Locke; Morrison, Smithwick —29.

So it was Resolved in the Negative.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive the Resolve of your House allowing William Tisdale, Esqr., one hundred and fifty pounds for making the great Seal of this State, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Received from the Senate a Bill for docking the intail of a certain piece or parcel of Land as therein mentioned, and the same was rejected.

Whereas, General William Skinner, by direction of the General Assembly, at Smithfield, proceeded to state the accounts of this State against the United States, and Completed the same, but it being necessary that Accounts be raised against the several States, individually, with which this State has had dealings, and also against all persons who have been interested with public Money and have failed to account,

Resolved, that General Skinner be requested to state the acc’ts above mentioned up to the end of the Session at Smithfield, and lay them, together with the acc’ts by him already completed, before the General Assembly at their next Session at New Bern, and that he be impowered to call on all persons for such public papers as may be necessary to obtain this end.

Resolved, that General Skinner shall be allowed a reasonable Sum by the General Assembly adequate to his trouble for this additional service.

Mr. Person objected to the above Resolve.

On the question, will the House enter into this Resolve or not, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Person:

Yeas.—Messrs. R. Smith, Jones, Montford, J. Hawkins, Tripp, Gorham, J. Williams (Pitt), Bright, J. A. Campbell, Boyd, Spruill, Swain, J. Campbell, M. Abernathy, Clinton, L. Bryan, McCau-
ley, Patterson, D. Gillespie, Bloodworth, Brown, S. Williams, Horn, Vaughan, Norwood, H. Bryan, Arnold, Issacs, Humphries, Willis, J. Gillespie, Miller, Johnston, Wilson, Jaa. Hunter, Jacob Hunter, Farrow, Morrison, Smithwick, Rowan, Starkey.—41.


So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House requesting Gen. Skinner to compleat the settlement of the public Ace'ts, &c.

The Honbl. the Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Adam Boyd, Esqr.

Ordered that the same be referred to the joint Committee appointed to enquire what necessaries are or may be wanting for the use of our Army.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you a Letter from Adam Boyd, Esquire, which we propose referring to the joint Committee appointed to enquire what necessaries are or may be wanting for the use of our Army.

Resolved, that Nicholas Long, Esqr., be directed to pay the Board of War in Virginia for such goods as were left, by Capt. Knox, of the Eighth Virginia Regiment, in the Town of Halifax in the year 1776, and applied to the use of this State.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House directing Colo. Long to pay the Board of War in Virginia for the Goods therein mentioned.

Resolved, that the Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to make up the Estimate of allowances to the Members at twenty-five Dollars per Day, and to include Wednesday.
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have directed their Clerk to make up the Estimate of allowance at Twenty-five Dollars per Day, and to include Wednesday next.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House, requesting Genl. Skinner to compleat the Settlement of the Public Acc'ts, you will herewith receive, concurred with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House, directing Colo. Long to pay the Board of War in Virginia for the Goods therein mentioned, you will herewith receive, concurred with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House concur with yours in referring the Letter of Adam Boyd, Esquire, to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to consider what articles are necessary for the use of our Army.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the two preceding Messages, concurred with.

The Bill for punishing persons concerned in any of the several Species of Counterfeiting in this State was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to fill up the Continental Battalions of this State, and other purposes, was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to prevent the stopping of Fish from running up Rocky and Haw Rivers, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill to Establish a Town in the County of Surry, heretofore laid out, on the Lands of John Armstrong and William Sheppard, at the Court House of said County, and for other purposes, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House concur with your Message in making up the Estimate of allowances at Twenty-five Dollars per day, including Wednesday next.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.

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**Monday, 8th November, 1779.**

The House met according to adjournment.

Mr. Thomas Hines, one of the Members for Wake County, appeared and took his seat.

The House adjourned till 5 o’Clock P. M.

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The House met according to adjournment.

Resolved, that Mr. Horn and Mr. Johnston have leave to absent themselves from the Service of this House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.

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**Tuesday, 9th October, 1779.**

The House met according to adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House appointing Major Henry Dickson, Inspector General over the aid of Militia voted by the present Assembly for the defence of South Carolina and Georgia, and allowing him a certain sum for such Services.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House appointing Major Henry Dickson, Inspector General over the aid of Militia
voted by the present Assembly for the Defence of South Carolina and Georgia, and allowing him a certain sum for such services, concurred with.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a Captain's Commission to Ptolemy Powell, constituting him Captain of the Guard at Halifax Town.

Resolved, also, that the said Guard consist hereafter of a Captain, two Sergeants, two Corporals, a Drummer, Fifer and Twenty-four privates.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House, requesting His Excellency the Governor to issue a Captain's Commission to Ptolemy Powell, &c.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive, for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House relative to public Stores on Board the Sloop George, now lying at Wilmington; also for citing Colo. Young, of Wilmington, to attend the next Session of Assembly to give information relative to the hire of said Sloop.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House relative to the Stores on Board the Sloop George, &c., and also for citing Colo. Young to attend on the next Session of Assembly, concurred with.

On Reading a Letter from Thomas Craike, Esqr., Deputy Commissary General of Military Stores & Deputy Clothier General, resigning the said appointments.

Resolved, that Robert Rowan, Esq., be, and he is hereby appointed to fill the said appointments, and that he receive of the said Thomas Craike, Esquire, all the Military Stores and Cloaths in his possession, belonging to the United States and this State.
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you a Letter from Thomas Craike, Esqr., resigning the appointments of Deputy Commissary General of Military Stores & Deputy Clothier General; also a Resolve of this House, for your Concurrence, appointing Robert Rowan, Esquire, to fill the said appointments, &c.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive a Resolve of this House recommending Colo. Benjamin Cleveland and Capt. Benjamin Herndon, and others, to His Excellency the Governor, to be pardoned for killing Lemuel Jones and William Coyle, and for beating James Harvell, which is sent for your Concurrence.

On the question will the House concur with the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message or not concur, the yeas & nays being required by Mr. Starkey:


Nays.—Messrs. R. Smith, Jones, Montford, Gorham, Harget, Bright, Starkey, Boyd, Spruill, James Campbell, B. Williams, Clinton, Patterson, Person, Bloodworth, Cain, Bynum, J. Gillespie, Miller, Younghusband, Jacob Hunter, Farrow, J. Howard, Rowan.—24.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House recommending Colo. Benjamin Cleveland & Captain Benjamin Herndon, and others, to His Excellency the Governor, to be pardoned for kill-
ing Lemuel Jones and William Coyle, and for beating James Harvell, Concluded with by this House.

The House adjourned till 4 o'Clock P. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive the Resolve of your House requesting His Excellency the Governor to issue a Captain's Commission to Ptolemy Powell, Concluded with.

At the same time received the Resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message.

The Bill to carry into effect an Act passed at New Bern, in November, in the year 1777, entitled an act for confiscating the property of all such persons as are inimical to this State or the United States, and of such persons as shall not, within a certain time therein mentioned, appear and submit to the State, whether they shall be received as Citizens thereof, and of such persons who shall so appear and shall not be admitted as Citizens, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and for other purposes, was read the third time, amended by Consent of the Senate, passed and ordered to be Engrossed. Mr. Howard objected against the said Bill's passing, and moved for leave to enter his dissent against the same.

On motion,

Resolved, that Mr. Howard, on behalf of himself and the other Members who were against the passage of the said Bill, have leave to enter their reasons of dissent against it at any time before the breaking up of this Session of Assembly.

The Bill for the more effectually preventing Engrossing and forestalling, for the Encouragement of Commerce and the fair Trader, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time and Rejected.

On the question shall the Bill pass or not pass, The yeas and nays being required by Mr. Person:
YEAS.—Messrs. Peebles, J. Hawkins, Macon, Tripp, Gorham,
H. Bryan, Blackstock, Spruill, Hinton, Clinton, Patterson, Person,
Cain, Brown, Arnold, Walton, J. Shepperd, J. Gillespie, Miller,
Phifer, Wilson, Jas. Hunter, Hancock, Farrow, Lock, Morrison.
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NAYS.—Messrs. Smith, Jones, Montford, Harget, Bright, Starkey,
J. A. Campbell, Boyd, H. Hawkins, Swain, J. Campbell, M. Ab-
ernathy, B. Williams, L. Bryan, McCauley, Bloodworth, S. Wil-
liams, Bynum, Norwood, Isaacs, Clarke, Humphries, R. Abernathy,
A. Sheppard, Luttrell, Jacob Hunter, Howard, Smithwick, Rowan,
Johnston, Vaughan, Willis.—32.

So it was Resolved in the Negative.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will hereafter receive for your Concurrence, a Resolve of
this House, citing John Hatch to attend at the next Session of As-
sembly to give information of a waggon and Horses lost in the ser-
vice on an Expedition to South Carolina.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House citing John
Hatch to attend on the next Session of Assembly, &c., Concluded
with.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 20th November, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send you the Report of the joint Committee
appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Abner Nash,
Esqr., to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Person, Esquire, Conceded with by this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Thomas Person, Esqr., concurred with by this House.

Mr. Howard, according to order, presented the following protest against the Bill for carrying into effect the Confiscation Act, &c., viz.:

Reasons assigned for protesting against the Bill entitled a Bill for carrying the Confiscation Act into Effect:

1st. Because the Treason Bill, passed at New Bern, in April, 1777, declares that Merchants, &c., refusing to take the oath of allegiance shall depart out of the State and provides that all persons so departing shall and may dispose of their property agreeable to the directions of the said act, and shall not return on pain of Death. Whereas, the present Act, after reciting the preamble of the Confiscation Act, declares that the property of all persons who come within the meaning of said Act shall be seized by the Commissioners, and yet includes among the names wherein inserted all persons who went out under the Treason Bill aforesaid without any reference to the said Treason Bill, and altho' it is expressly declared by the Confiscation Bill, passed at New Bern, as aforesaid, that such persons as departed from the Country, under compulsive authority of the Treason Bill, should not be construed to come within the said Confiscation Bill. Thus this part of the present Act condemns all the property of the persons above referred to which they were possessed of on the fourth day of July, 1776, even altho' disposed of bona fide agreeable to the Treason Act, and condemns the said property for this Reason, that the said persons did not appear and submit to the General Assembly, whether they should be received as Citizens, and have the possessions which to them formerly belonged restored, when at the same time it is evident by the Treason Act that if they did appear they must suffer
Death. And yet, the fourteenth section of the present Act declares that sales bona fide made agreeable to the Treason Bill, shall not be void. Thus the first Section of the present Act expressly contradicts the Confiscation Act passed at New Bern, as aforesaid, and the Treason Bill, which are both in force, and the said first Clause is again expressly contradicted by the fourteenth Section of this Act above referred to, so that we humbly conceive the aforesaid first Section to be fraught with the highest Injustice (which happily however cannot be carried into Execution) inasmuch as it Tends to make void Titles bona fide obtained agreeable to the Treason Bill; and that it also involves such a Complication of Blunders and betrays such ignorance in Legislation as would disgrace a Set of Drovers.

2nd. Because by the Act passed at Halifax, for carrying the Confiscation Act into Effect, provision was made for such unfortunate and Innocent Wives and Children resident in the State, who had been abandoned by their Fathers or Husbands, and also for aged parents in particular Cases. Whereas, the present Act destroys that provision without suggestion of Blame or misconduct on the part of the Objects of it, seizes all their property or nearly all to the use of the State, directs immediate Sale thereof, and leaves the unhappy sufferers to precarious Dependance on the Charity of a future Assembly. That we may not draw down upon our Heads the Curses of the unfortunate, helpless, innocent sufferers above referred to, we declare that we war not against such aged parents or against Women & Children, more especially being, as in this Case, our fellow Subjects, and in this public manner testify our Disapprobation.

3rd. In mere modesty and Humility, and that no merit may be imputed to us as Members of the House of Commons on Account of the bright Display of Wisdom, Virtue and Humanity exhibited by the General Assembly in this masterly performance, we enter this our protest.

STATE RECORDS.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House impowering Colo. Long to take into his possession all the Public Waggons, Horses & Military Stores, lately made use of by the State Regiment.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive a Resolve of this House appointing a Deputy Inspector General over the aid of Militia ordered to South Carolina, which we send for your Concurrence.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House impowering Colo. Long to take into his possession all the Public Waggons, Horses & Military Stores, lately made use of by the State Regiment; also the Resolve appointing a Deputy Inspector General over the aid of Militia ordered to South Carolina, Concerred with.

The Bill to vest the Title of certain Lands, therein mentioned, in Abner Nash, Esquire, and other purposes, was read the third time, amended by Consent of the Senate, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House appointing Thomas Scurlock, Commissary of Issues, for the purpose of supplying the Soldiers & Prisoners in and about Halifax with Provisions.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House appointing Thomas Scurlock, Commissary, &c., concurred with.

The Bill for establishing an Academy in the County of Granville, and for appointing Trustees, and for other purposes, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

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Whereas, it has appeared to this House that there is at this time a number of Stray Cattle and Horses in different parts of this State belonging to the Public; Therefore,

Resolved, that the Commanding Officer of each County, where there are any such Strays, be authorized and empowered to appoint some person to take them into possession and deliver them to some of the Contractors or Commissaries employed in victualing the Troops for the aid of South Carolina, for which a reasonable allowance shall be made by the public.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House impowering the commanding officers in the respective Counties to appoint persons to take into their possession the Cattle belonging to the Public.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for establishing offices for receiving Entries & Claims for Lands, in the Several Counties within this State, for ascertaining the method of obtaining Titles to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and also to amend one other Act entitled an Act to amend an Act for establishing offices for receiving entries of Claims for Lands, in the Several Counties within this State, for ascertaining the method of obtaining Titles to the same, and for other purposes, was read the third time, amended by consent of the Senate, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House in favour of John Graham.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House in favour of John Graham, concurred with.
STATE RECORDS.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House enjoining the persons, who by this Assembly shall be appointed Deputy Commissary of Military Stores & Deputy Clothier General, to take an oath of office.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House enjoining the person to be appointed Deputy Commissary of Military Stores & Deputy Clothier General, to take an oath of office, concurred with.

Whereas, there is in the possession of Matthew Locke, Esqr., a considerable number of broken Guns belonging to this State, and a broken Waggon belonging to this State, and entirely rendered useless, therefore,

Resolved, that Mr. William Locke take into his possession said Guns and Waggon, and Sell the same by public vendue, or otherwise, to the best advantage, and account for the Money arising from such Sale, with the Treasurer of the District of Salisbury, for the same.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House, impowering Mr. William Locke to receive a number of old Guns, &c., a broken Waggon from Matthew Locke, Esqr., to sell the same and pay the Money to the Treasurer of the District of Salisbury.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House impowering the Commanding Officers, in the respective Counties, to appoint persons to take into their possession the Stray Cattle & Horses belonging to the public, you will herewith receive, concurred with.
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive the Resolve of your House appointing Robert Rowan, Esqr., Deputy Commissary of Military Stores & Deputy Clothier General, concurred with.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive the Resolve of your House empowering Mr. William Locke to receive a number of old Guns & a broken Waggon from Matt Locke, Esqr., and to sell the same, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolves of this House referred to in the above Messages, concurred with.

Resolved, that Robert Rowan, Esqr., before he Enters on the Execution of the offices of Deputy Commissary General of Military Stores and Deputy Clothier General, shall enter into Bond, with sufficient Security, in the Sum of five Hundred Thousand pounds, payable to His Excellency the Governor & His Successors, for the faithful Discharge of the said offices.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House requiring Robert Rowan, Esqr., to Enter into Bond, with Security, &c., before he enters into the Execution of the office of Deputy Commissary General of Military Stores, &c.

The Bill to fill up the Continental Battalions of this State, and other purposes, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive a Resolve of this House in favour of Andrew Allison, a wounded Continental Soldier, which is sent for your Concurrence.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House in favour of Andrew Allison, concurred with.
STATE RECORDS.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for embodying a Company for the defence of Ocracoke.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House impowering the Governor to establish a Company of Militia for the Defence of Ocracoke, &c., concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive the Resolve of your House requiring Robert Rowan, Esqr., to enter into Bond, concurred with by this House.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

It appearing by the Reports of the Committee of Accounts that there is in the hands of the Chairman the sum of two thousand five hundred & Eighteen pounds four shillings, old proclamation Money, which we propose burning, and desire that the Senate would send some of the Members of their House to see the same done.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council be and he is hereby invested with power to call a meeting of the Assembly sooner than the first Monday in April next, provided it shall appear to be absolutely necessary.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House impowering His Excellency the Governor, with the advice
of the Council, to call a meeting of the Assembly sooner than the first Monday in April next, provided it shall be absolutely necessary.

Resolved, that the Clerk of this House be and he is hereby directed to deliver to General William Skinner, or his order, the vouchers belonging to the account he stated against the United States, &c., which was delivered into his care by order of this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence, a Resolve of this House directing the Clerk to deliver to General William Skinner, or his order, the vouchers, &c., belonging to the Accounts he Stated against the United States, &c.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive the Resolve of your House empowering His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council, to call a meeting of the Assembly sooner than the first Monday in April next, provided it shall be absolutely necessary, concurred with by this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will herewith receive a Resolve of this House in favour of Martin Armstrong, which is sent for your concurrence.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House in favour of Martin Armstrong, concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:
You will, with this, receive the Resolve of your House directing the Clerk to deliver to General Skinner, or order, the vouchers, &c., therein mentioned, concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, Concurred with.

Resolved, that each of the Members of the Council of State be allowed the additional Sum of Ten Dollars per Day to what they were allowed by Act of Assembly for each Day they shall be on duty as Councillors of this State.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send, for your Concurrence, a Resolve of this House for allowing an additional Sum of Ten Dollars per Day to the Members of the Council of State.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House allowing Ten Dollars per Day to the Councillors, Concurred with.

At the same time received the Resolve of this House referred to in the above Message, concurred with.

The business of the Session being ended,

Resolved, that the Speaker sign the several Acts as the Acts of Assembly, and the Journal as the Acts of this House.

Resolved, that the thanks of this House be given to the Honorable Thomas Benbury, Esquire, for his able, faithful and public spirited Services as Speaker of the House of Commons.

By Order J. HUNT, C. H. C.

A list of the Members of the House of Commons:

Willie Jones. Samuel Williams.
Henry Montford.  William Horn.
John Macon.  William Hooper.
William Haywood (dead.)  Thomas Sherrod.
James Gorham.  John Arnold.
John Williams (Pitt).  Elisha Isaacs.
Frederick Hargett.  Jesse Walton.
Hardy Bryan.  Henry Clark.
John Blackstock.  Jacob Shepperd.
Willis Bright.  Moses Winslow.
John Campbell.  John Humphreys.
Benjamin Spruill.  Richard Spaight.
Joshua Swain.  Robert Abernathy.
James Campbell.  James Gillespie.
Miles Abernathy.  Stephen Miller.
Benjamin Williams.  William Wynns.
Richard Clinton.  Caleb Phifer.
Thomas Reading.  Abram Shepperd.
Mark Patterson.  James Hunter.
Daniel Gillespie.  Jacob Hunter.
Thomas Person.  Peter Farrow.
Timothy Bloodworth.  Matthew Lock.
Thomas Tullock.  James Howard.
William Morrison.
Samuel Smithwick.
SUPPLEMENT.

FRAGMENT OF HOUSE JOURNAL APRIL—MAY, 1779.

NOTE.—In Volume 18, page 823, the House Journal abruptly ends and a note is added that the remainder was lost. By the researches of Dr. Cyrus Thompson, the Secretary of State, the missing part has been found and is here printed.—Ed.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The resolve of your House empowering the Sheriff of Orange County to hold an election for Commissioners for the town of Hillsborough we herewith return you concurred with.

At the same time received the resolve of this House referred to in the above message concurred with.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled, “an Act for levying a tax for defraying the Contingencies of the several Counties in this State, and for other purposes,” was read the third time, amended by consent of both Houses, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill to repeal an act entitled, “an Act to carry into effect an act passed at New Bern, in November in the year 1777, entitled, ‘an act for confiscating the property of all such persons as are inimical to the United States, and of such persons as shall not within a certain time therein mentioned appear & submit to the State whether they shall be received as Citizens thereof, and of such persons who shall so appear and shall not be admitted as Citizens, and for other purposes therein mentioned,’” was read the first time and rejected.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House propose, if agreeable to the Commons, to ballot at 4 o’clock this evening for a Brigadier General for the District of Edenton in the room of General Skinner, resigned; for Treasurers 18—51
for the different Districts of this State, and put in nomination for a Brigadier General Isaac Gregory and John Pugh Williams, Esquires; for a Treasurer for Hillsborough District, William Johnston, Esquire; for Salisbury, William Cathay; for Halifax, Green Hill, Esquire; for Edenton, William Skinner, Esquire; for New Bern, Benjamin Exum, Esquire; and for Wilmington, John Ashe, Esquire. We have appointed Mr. Faulcon and Mr. Seawell to superintend the Balloting on the part of this House. Should your House accede to this measure you will signify the same by Message.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have received the Message of yours proposing to Ballot at 4 o'clock this evening for a Brigadier General for the District of Edenton and Treasurers for the different Districts of this State, to which we agree and have on our part put in nomination for a Brigadier General Isaac Gregory, John Pugh Williams and James Blount, Esquires; for a Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough, John Rand; for the District of Salisbury, David Nisbit and Matthew Lock; for the District of Halifax, Green Hill and Goodorum Davis; for the District of Edenton, William Skinner; for the District of New Bern, Richard Cogdell and William Ward; for the District of Wilmington, John Ashe and Henry Rhodes, Esquires. We have appointed Mr. Person and Mr. Samuel Williams to superintend the Balloting.

Resolved, That General Rutherford and Maxwell Chambers for the District of Salisbury, Thomas Person and John Hogun for the District of Hillsborough, Benjamin Seawell and Henry Montfort for the District of Halifax, Samuel Johnston and Robert Smith for the District of Edenton, James Coor and Abner Nash for the District of New Bern and Edward Starkey and William Hooper for the District of Wilmington, or a majority of them, be Commissioners to view the several places in the Counties of Johnston, Wake and Chatham, which may be proposed as proper for becoming the seat of Government, and that they recommend to the Assembly at their next session that place, which from its natural advantages and a respect to the general convenience and advantage of the inhabitants of this State, in the opinion of the majority of such Commissioners ought to have the preference.
Resolved, That the said Commissioners be allowed five pounds per day each for their services. That they meet at Wake Court House on or about the 25th Day of September next, to proceed on the business enjoined them by their appointments.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House beg to call the attention of the Senate to the Resolve which accompanies this, it being intended as a substitute for a Resolve the same in substance which failed yesterday from clerical errors or accidental misapprehension.

Received from His Excellency the Governor the following Message:

To the Honorable the General Assembly,

Gentlemen:

I lay before you the petition of sundry Inhabitants of Currituck County with several depositions and other papers relative to the subject matter of the said petition which I recommend to your consideration.

RD. CASWELL.

At the same time received the several depositions and other papers therein referred to, and the same being read were ordered to be sent to the Senate together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you a Message from His Excellency the Governor together with the sundry papers therein referred to.

Resolved, That Mr. William Bennett be appointed to sell the armed Brigantine, "Pennsylvania Farmer," with her Guns, apparel and Rigging to the highest bidder for ready money, the said Bennett first giving forty days notice thereof in the Virginia and North Carolina Gazettes, and account with the General Assembly at their next session on account of such sale.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a Resolve of this House for selling the armed Brigantine, "Pennsylvania Farmer."
Mr. Person one of the Committee appointed on the part of this House to superintend the balloting for a Brigadier General for the District of Edenton & a Treasurer for each of the Superior Court Districts in this State reported that by a Majority of the votes of both Houses, John Pugh Williams, Esquire, was elected a Brigadier General for the District of Edenton; William Skinner, Esq., Treasurer for the District of Edenton; William Cathay, Esq., Treasurer for the District of Salisbury; William Johnston, Esq., Treasurer for the District of Hillsborough; Green Hill, Esq., Treasurer for the District of Halifax; Richard Cogdell, Esq., Treasurer for the District of New Bern; John Ashe, Esq., Treasurer for the District of Wilmington.

The House taking the said report into consideration concurred therewith.

Mr. Brown from the joint committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of John Cruden, Senr., reported as follows, vizt.:

Your Committee have had under consideration the petition of John Cruden, Senr., and have examined the facts and allegations therein contained, and are of opinion that they are true and recommend him as a person who might safely be admitted a citizen of this State.

The House taking the said report into consideration concurred therewith.

Ordered that the above report be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence the report of the committee appointed to take under consideration the petition of John Cruden, Senr., concurred with by this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House appointing William Skinner, Esquire, to settle and adjust the public accounts and allowing him a certain sum for that service. Also proposing to rescind the resolve adopted by the Assembly appointing three persons for that purpose.
At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message and the same being read was concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

Herewith we return you the resolve of your House appointing General William Skinner to adjust the accounts of this State with the Continental Congress, &c., and allowing him a certain sum therein mentioned for those services, concurred with.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 8 O'Clock.

Thursday 13th May, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

Ordered. Mr. Thos. Sherrod have leave of absence after to-morrow.

Resolved, That Thomas Craik, Esquire, Commissary of Stores, be allowed the sum of two thousand one hundred and four pounds three shillings and four pence for his services making up clothing & selling Goods for the Continental Officers and Soldiers of this State from the 23rd of November, 1776, to this date. That the Treasurers, or either of them, pay him the same and be allowed.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House in favor of Thomas Craik, Esquire, Commissary of Stores.

Resolved, that Messrs. Luttrell, Person, Rowan, Smith and Phifer be a Committee on the part of this House to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to point out and ascertain the services to be performed by the commissary of stores, as also the allowance for such services.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Messrs. Luttrell, Person, Rowan, Smith and Phifer a Committee on their part to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to point out and ascertain the services to be performed by the Commissary of Stores, as also the allowance for such services.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have appointed Mr. Relfe and Mr. Respess to act with such Gentlemen as the House of Commons may appoint to take into consideration the several letters, &c., relative to the Inhabitants of Currituck.

Resolved That Messrs. Brown, Smith, Campbell and P. Hawkins be a Committee on the part of this House for the purposes above mentioned.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Messrs. Brown, Smith, Campbell and P. Hawkins to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to take under consideration the several Letters, &c., relative to the Inhabitants of Currituck.

Read the petition of George Lamkin, late Sheriff of Tryon County. Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee. That for this purpose Messrs. Hawkins, Montfort, Tripp, Wilson, Phifer & Rowan be a Committee on the part of this House.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House have appointed Messrs. Hawkins, Montfort, Tripp, Wilson, Phifer and Rowan a Committee to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to take under consideration the petition of George Lamkin, late Sheriff of Tryon County.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House relative to the Brigantine "Pennsylvania Farmer" concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House appointing commissioners to recommend to the next Assembly a suitable place for fixing the seat of Government concurred with.

At the same time received the resolves of this House referred to in the above Messages concurred with.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the petition of John Cruden, Senr., concurred with.

At the same time received the report of the Committee referred to in the above message concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Resolve of your House in favor of Thomas Craike, Esquire, you will with this receive concurred with.

At the same time received the resolve of this House referred to in the above message concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received the message of yours appointing a Committee to point out and ascertain the services to be performed by the Commissary of Stores, and also the allowance for such services, and have on their part for that purpose appointed Messrs. Rutherford, Sanders and Hogun.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the amendments necessary to be made in the bill for raising regular forces for the defence of the United States being called for and read, Resolved, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration. The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly and chose Richard Cogdell, Esquire, Chairman, and after sometime spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Chairman reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions on the matter referred to them but not having time to reduce them to form desired leave to sit again in the afternoon.

Resolved, That the said Committee have leave to sit again in the afternoon.

The House adjourned 'til 4 O'clock P. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

The order of the afternoon for taking into further consideration the amendments necessary to be made in the bill for raising Regular Forces for the Defence of the United States being called for and
read, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to take the same into their further consideration, Richard Cogdell, Esquire, Chairman, and after sometime spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Chairman reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions on the matter referred to them which he was ready to report to the House, and the same being read was rejected.

Mr. I. Campbell moved for leave to withdraw and amend the said Bill. Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

Mr. Jones from the Committee appointed to draw up and make report of Instructions to His Excellency the Governor relative to the Letter from His Excellency Governor Henry and to consider several letters from Col. Jonas Johnston, reported as follows:

Your Committee having examined the letter addressed to Patrick Henry, Esquire, Governor of Virginia, by advice of the Council, to His Excellency Richard Caswell, Esquire, find that it contains a proposition to this State of a strange nature, founded in reasons which have no weight in themselves; a reflection on which is as painful to your Committee, as a repetition of them on the Journals of the Assembly is unnecessary and improper. But the amount of the proposition is this: That this State shall furnish Troops to oppose the British forces to the Southward, as well for the Commonwealth of Virginia as for itself. This being the case, your Committee are of opinion it will suffice that his Excellency acknowledge the receipt of the letter, testifying our total disapprobation of the proposition, and appeal from the sense of the Council to the wisdom and virtue of the General Assembly of Virginia.

Your Committee having also examined Col. Johnston's Letter are of opinion that it is unnecessary for the Assembly to take any Resolution respecting the public pork left at his House because the disposal of it ought to be regulated by the contract made between Col. Johnston and William Wooten, Contractor of Halifax District. Your Committee observe that Col. Johnston in his said letters suggests that there are many delinquents among the men ordered out under his command, that those who appeared were extremely ill provided with arms and other necessaries, and complains that there is no provision made for paying the men their monthly bounty or daily pay. Your Committee feel themselves incapable of pointing
out Remedies for all these evils; but as there is at present no Continental money in our own Treasury, and our Militia to the Southward must suffer exceedingly unless they are provided with money,

Your Committee would recommend that General Butler be empowered to draw on the Treasury of South Carolina for any sum not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars to be applied to the payment of our Militia while in that State; and His Excellency Richard Caswell, Esquire, be desired to write to the Governor of South Carolina, pledging the faith of this State for all sums of money so advanced for the purposes aforesaid.

The House taking the said report into consideration concurred therewith, and resolved that General Butler lay an account of the monies received in virtue of this resolve before the next General Assembly at their next session.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence the report of the Committee appointed to draw up and make report of Instructions to His Excellency the Governor, relative to the Letter from His Excellency Governor Henry, &c., concurred with by this House.

The House adjourned 'til to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

Friday 14 May, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina addressed to His Excellency Richard Caswell, Esquire, purporting the movements of the enemy and the situation of our army to the southward, and the same being read was ordered to be referred to a joint Committee.

Resolved; That Messrs. Hooper, Jones and Person be a Committee on the part of this House for that purpose.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Me. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send you a letter from the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina addressed to His Excellency Richard Caswell, Esquire, which we propose referring to a joint Committee & have for that purpose on our part appointed Messrs. Hooper, Jones and Person a Committee.

Mr. Hawkins from the Committee appointed to take under con-
sideration the petition of the Inhabitants of Currituck respecting the Militia of said County being exempt from Military draughts, reported as follows: That the said Militia in the opinion of your Committee cannot be exempt as set forth in the said petition. All which is submitted.

The House taking the said report into consideration concurred therewith.

Ordered that the above report be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of Currituck concurred with by this House.

Mr. Bloodworth from the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Charles Medlock, Esq., Colonel of the Anson Regiment of Militia, reported as follows:

Your Committee having read the several depositions relative to the balloting of Capt. George Wilson's Company in said County, are of opinion that the same was irregular, illegal and nugatory, in as much as all the persons by the said Company balloted were either by law exempt or belonged to other Companies, except Judge Spencer, who was on the Circuit and was not produced by the said Company to the proper officers in due time.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the field officers of the said County of Anson were by law authorized to nominate other persons of the said George Wilson's Company to serve in lieu of those so balloted as aforesaid, and the persons so nominated having failed to attend and perform the service required are to be considered as delinquents and ought to be treated accordingly.

The House taking the said report into consideration concurred therewith.

Ordered that the above report be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence the report of the Committee appointed to consider the petition of Charles Medlock, Colonel of the Anson Regiment of Militia, concurred with by this House.

Resolved, That General Skinner in order to enable him to make
the state of public accounts required by the General Assembly be authorized to demand and receive of the clerks thereof, or other persons any public papers in their possession relative to the said accounts and General Skinner's receipt shall be a sufficient voucher for the delivery.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a Resolve of this House authorizing General Skinner to demand and receive of the Clerks of the General Assembly, or other persons any public papers in their possession, &c.

Whereas, there is only one Commissioned Officer of the Magazine Guard at Halifax (to-wit.) a Captain. And the said Captain is frequently under a necessity of leaving the Town to go in pursuit of deserters, or on other public business, on which occasions the Guards are too inattentive to their duty.

Resolved therefore, That His Excellency the Governor be authorized and desired to appoint a Lieutenant to the said Guard.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a Resolve of this House desiring His Excellency the Governor to appoint a Lieutenant to the Guard of the Magazine at Halifax.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a Resolve of this House directing the commissioners appointed by last Assembly to purchase provisions to take care of the same until called for by proper officers.

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above Message and the same being read was concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House directing the Commissioners appointed by last Assembly to purchase provisions to take care of the same, &c., concurred with.
Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return you the report of the Committee appointed to draw up and make report of Instructions to His Excellency the Governor relative to the Letter from His Excellency Governor Henry, &c., concurred with by this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return you the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of Currituck County concurred with by this House.

At the same time received the reports referred to in the above Messages concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a Resolve of this House relative to the Continental Money of the emissions of May 20th, 1777, and 11 April, 1778.

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above message & the same being read was concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House relative to the Continental Money of the emissions of May 20, 1777, and 11th April, 1778, concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

This House have received your Message, together with a Letter from the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina to the Governor of this State, and have appointed Mr. Johnston & General Rutherford to act with the gentlemen by you appointed to take the said letter under consideration.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House directing His Excellency to appoint a Lieutenant to the Guard of the Magazine at Halifax, concurred with.
STATE RECORDS.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the Resolve of your House authorizing Genl. Skinner to demand and receive from the Clerks of the Assembly, or other persons, certain papers therein mentioned, also the report of the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Col. Medlock, concurred with.

At the same time received the resolves and report referred to in the above Messages concurred with.

Resolved, That the Treasurers of this State receive of the County Treasurers and Entry Takers certificates for money deposited in the Continental Loan Office in this State redeemable the first day of August next in discharge of their collections, &c., which said certificates the Treasurers are hereby authorized to draw the money for the use of this State.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your Concurrence a Resolve of this House empowering the Treasurers to receive Loan Office Certificates of the County Treasurers & Entry Takers in Discharge of Collections, &c.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to order Six of the Eighteen and Six of the Twenty-four pound Cannon Guns imported in the Ship "Holy Heart of Jesus," from Edenton to Fort Johnston, for the defence of that place. That he also be requested to grant a warrant on the Treasury of this State in favor of the Commissioners of the said Fort for the sum of seven thousand five hundred pounds to enable them to complete the same.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House requesting His Excellency the Governor to order the Cannon Guns therein mentioned to Fort Johnston for the defence of that place, &c.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House directing the Treasurers to receive of the County Treasurers and Entry Takers
Certificates for money deposited in the Loan office, &c. Concluded with.

At the same time received the resolve of this House referred to in the above message concurred with.

Mr. Jones from the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina's Letter, reported as follows:

That a most earnest and pressing requisition be made to Congress to order the return of the Troops of this State in the Continental service in order that they may march to the aid of South Carolina.

That Fifteen Hundred Regular Troops be raised as soon as possible to fill up the Continental Battalions in the service of this State to be marched under proper officers to the aid of South Carolina. That the Governor and Council be empowered to raise Fifteen hundred militia to supply the place of the militia now in the service of South Carolina if necessary, and that they receive the same bounty and their time of service be of the same continuance as those now in service.

That the Assembly call upon Congress for a sum not less than two and a half million of Dollars towards defraying the expense of recruiting, clothing and marching the above Troops.

The House taking the said report into consideration concurred therewith.

Ordered that the above report be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence together with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Letter from the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina to the Governor of this State. Concluded with by this House.

Mr. Campbell who had leave to withdraw and amend the Bill for raising Regular Forces for the defence of this and the Neighbouring States, brought in the same amended.

Ordered, that the said bill be read the third time, the same was read the third time, amended, passed & sent to the Senate.

The Bill to enable the Governor with the advice of the Council to embody and march to the aid of any of the neighbouring States
any number of the Militia not exceeding Two Thousand men, was read the second time and rejected.

Received from the Senate the following Messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House requesting His Excellency, the Governor, to order certain pieces of Cannon to Fort Johnston, &c. Concluded with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return you the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the letter from the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina to Governor Caswell, &c. Concluded with by this House.

At the same time received the Report and Resolve referred to in the above Messages. Concluded with.

The House adjourned 'til to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

Saturday 15th May, 1779.

The House met according to adjournment.

Mr. Benjamin Williams, one of the members for Craven County, and Mr. Thomas Tullock the member for the town of Hillsborough, appeared, were qualified, and took their seats.

Resolved that a writ of election issue to the County of Craven for the election of one member of this House for the town of New Bern in the room and stead of Richard Cogdell, Esquire, whose seat is vacated by his acceptance of the appointment of Treasurer for the District of New Bern.

Also to the County of Franklin for the election of one member of this House in the room of Green Hill, Esquire, whose seat is vacated by his acceptance of the appointment of Treasurer for the District of Halifax. That the said Elections be held on the 25th and 26th Days of June next.

Resolved, That the clerk of the Commons, as soon as possible after the expiration of every session of General Assembly make copies of such Resolutions as may pass therein and transmit them by some safe conveyance to the person or persons directed to carry them into execution without delay.

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections,
to whom was referred the Petition of Ethelred Ruffin, complaining of an undue election in Dobbs County. Reported as follows:

That having examined into the allegations set forth in the said Petition find that the sheriff did not swear the electors altho' desired so to do by the petitioner several times, and that a considerable number of soldiers from several Counties were marched to the election, a part of whom voted.

Upon the whole your Committee are of opinion that the said election was illegal and unfair, all of which is submitted.

The House taking the said report into consideration; Resolved, That they do concur therewith, and that the seats of the members of the said County be vacated, and that a writ of election issue to the said County for the election of two members of this House in the room of Thomas Gray and Jesse Cobb, Esq'rs, the members thereof, That the said election be held on the 6th and 7th Days of September next.

Resolved, that Joseph Green, Esq., Deputy purchasing Commissary for the United States in this State be and he is hereby directed to remove the public Stores from Wilmington up Long Creek to some place of safety immediately.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, together with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a Resolve of this House directing Joseph Green, Esquire, purchasing Commissary, &c., to remove the public stores from Wilmington.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House vesting the Brigadier Generals of this State with certain powers, &c.

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above message, and the same being read, was concurred with.

Ordered that the following message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House vesting the Brigadier Generals of this State with certain powers concurred with by this House.
Mr. Haywood, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported as follows:

Your Committee of Privileges and Elections to whom Buckner Kimball applied setting forth that the election of Montgomery County was an undue one, after hearing the evidence on both sides report as our opinion that the said election is Legal.

The House taking the said report into consideration concurred therewith.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House appointing Armourers to the Brigades of the Militia that shall be ordered on service hereafter, &c.

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above message, and the same being read, was concurred with.

Ordered that the following message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the Resolve of your House appointing Armourers to the Brigades of Militia that shall be ordered on service hereafter, &c., concurred with by this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House impowering Thomas Craike, Esquire, to make up tents, Clothing, &c., and to procure arms for the defence of this State.

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above message & the same being read, was rejected.

Resolved, That John Hunt be allowed the sum of eight hundred pounds for settling and adjusting the accounts of one session at Halifax exclusive of two hundred pounds heretofore advanced him for that service, that the Treasurers or either of them pay him the same and be allowed.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House allowing John Hunt a certain sum therein mentioned.

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Mr. Jones, from the Committee appointed to take under consideration the case of the Continental officers Reported as follows:

That to every officer of the North Carolina Continental Troops who by a Resolution of Congress of the — Day of —— shall be entitled to receive half pay during seven years after the termination of the present War, the half pay shall be continued during the life of the said officer. That the articles hereafter enumerated shall be delivered to the officers and soldiers of the North Carolina line at the prices annexed, West India Rum at 8/ per gallon, Muscovado Sugar at 3/ per pound, Coffee at 4/ per pound, Tea at 20/ per pound, Chocolate at 4/ per pound, Hard Soap at 2/ per pound, Tobacco at 1/ per pound. That every officer of said Troops (except such as shall resign) shall be annually during the War furnished with a complete suit of Regimental Uniform at the price for which it might have been purchased at the Commencement of the War, that the lands which shall be granted within this State to the officers and soldiers serving the Troops of the State in consequence of a Resolution of Congress of September 16th, 1776, shall be exempted from taxation whilst they continue in the possession of such officers and soldiers and before any Alienation thereof made and not after.

That widows of the officers of the said State in the Continental service who have died in the service since the Commencement of the present War, or who may die during the continuance thereof, shall be entitled to half the pay which their husbands were respectively entitled to while in the service during their widowhood.

The House taking the said Report into consideration concurred therewith.

Ordered that the above report be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the case of the Continental Officers, &c., Concurred with by this House.

The Bill for emitting money for defraying the expense of the War, and for other purposes was read the third time, amended by Consent of both Houses, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Resolved, That the Contractor for Wilmington District be directed to deliver to Henry Toomer, Deputy Quarter Master as much corn
as may be absolutely necessary for furnishing the Waggon Horses under his care and the rations for the said Deputy Quarter Master, and the Wagon Master, on application, and that the said contractor take proper receipts for the same, and that the said Quarter Master receive the said Corn, &c., at the place or places where the same is or may be stored.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House, directing the Contractor for Wilmington District to deliver Corn to Henry Toomer, Quarter Master, &c.

Resolved, That John Ashe, Esquire, Treasurer for the District of Wilmington be directed to advance the sum of one thousand pounds to James Bloodworth, Contractor for said District to enable him to remove, overhaul and repack provisions purchased by him for the use of the public, he first giving bond and security for the faithful application thereof. That the said contractor lay an account of his expenditures before the General Assembly at their next session.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence together with the following message.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

Herewith we send for your Concurrence a resolve of this House directing John Ashe, Esquire, Treasurer for the District of Wilmington to advance a certain sum therein mentioned to James Bloodworth, Contractor.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council, be impowered to call the General Assembly together at a shorter day than that to which the Assembly stands adjourned, if any extraordinary, or unforeseen important Event shall make it necessary.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House impowering His Excellency the Governor with the advice of the
Council to call the Assembly together at a shorter day than that to which it stands adjourned if it should be deemed necessary.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House impowering His Excellency to draw on the Continental Treasury for a certain sum of money therein mentioned.

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above message and the same being read was concurred with.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the resolve of your House impowering His Excellency to draw on the Continental Treasury for a certain sum of money therein mentioned concurred with by this House.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House stating the daily pay of Wagons and carts in the service of this State.

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above message and the same being read was concurred with.

Ordered that the following message be sent to the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith return the resolve of your House stating the daily pay of Wagons and Carts in the service of this State concurred with.

Resolved, that the Commercial agent appointed for this State be and is hereby directed, to contract with the French Consul Monsieur Plumbard or others within the United States for arms and other necessaries if practicable, if not, that then he purchase or charter a vessel or vessels as he may think proper to export the public tobacco, by him purchased to St. Eustatia or elsewhere, and to proceed with or without the Tobacco as he may judge most advisable with such advice as the Governor with the advice of the Council of State may think proper to give upon this important occasion and that the Governor furnish him with such draughts on the Treasury as he may judge necessary to carry this resolution into effect.
Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a Resolve of this House impowering the commercial agent appointed for this State to contract for arms, &c., also impowering His Excellency the Governor to grant Warrants on the Treasury for such sums of money as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes therein recommended.

Resolved, That when to the respective surveyors and their deputies within the several counties in this State upon running out any Lands upon a Warrant or order of survey being heretofore surveyed or bounded by lines all round there shall appear to be more land than is specified within the said warrant or order of survey, and where the quantity does not exceed ten per cent. the said surveyors may make a return thereof according to the quantity to the Secretary who is also authorized to prepare the grants agreeable thereto.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herein send for your concurrence a resolve of this House directing the Surveyors to make certain returns of surveys, &c., &c.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to grant a commission to James Moore as Colonel, Arthur Brown as Lieutenant Colonel, James Campbell as first Major and Thomas Pugh as Second Major of Bertie County.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence together with the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House for directing His Excellency the Governor to grant Commissions to certain persons in Bertie county.

John Pugh Williams, Esquire came into the House and returned his most sincere thanks for the Honor done him by the General Assembly in appointing him Brigadier General of the District of Edenton, and begged leave to resign the said appointment.

Ordered that he have leave accordingly.

Resolved, that it be recommended to his Excellency the Governor
to issue a Commission of Brigadier General to Isaac Gregory, Esquire, for the District of Edenton in the room of John Pugh Williams, Esq., Resigned.

Ordered that the above resolve be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence together with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House requesting His Excellency the Governor to issue a Commission of Brigadier General to Isaac Gregory, Esq., of the District of Edenton.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return the resolve of your House requesting His Excellency, the Governor to make out a Commission of Brigadier General for the District of Edenton to Isaac Gregory, Esquire in the stead of John Pugh Williams, Esq., resigned, concurred with by this House.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith return you the resolve of your House directing John Ashe, Esq., Treasurer for the District of Wilmington, to advance Mr. James Bloodworth a sum therein mentioned concurred with:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House directing the contractor of Wilmington District to deliver corn to Mr. Toomer, Concurred with by this House.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herein return you the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the case of the continental officers concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herein return the resolve of your House impowering His Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council to call the Assembly together at a shorter day than that to which it stands adjourned Concurred with by this House.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House empowering the Commercial Agent of this State to Contract for Arms, &c. also empowering His Excellency the Governor to grant warrants on the Treasury for the necessary sums of money to carry into effect the purposes therein mentioned concurred with by this House.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

We herewith return the resolve of your House requesting His Excellency the Governor to grant Commissions to certain persons in Bertie County concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Herewith you will receive the resolve of your House in favour of Mr. John Hunt concurred with.

At the same time received the several resolves and reports referred to in the above messages concurred with.

Received from the Senate the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We herewith send for your concurrence a resolve of this House allowing a further sum to the superintendents and signers of the last Emission of money:

At the same time received the resolve of the Senate referred to in the above message and the same being read, was rejected.

The business of the session being over, Resolved, that the Speaker sign the several bills as the acts of the Assembly, and the Journals as the acts of this House.

The House adjourned till the first Monday in October next, then to meet in the town of Halifax.

By order,

JOHN HUNT, C. H. C.

THOS. BENBURY, S. C.