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State of North Carolina,  
In Senate, 15th April, 1782.

At a General Assembly begun and held at Hillsboro the 15th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and in the sixth year of the Independence of the said State, it being the first session of Assembly.

The returning officers for sundry counties within the State certified that the following persons were duly elected to represent such counties in Senate, vizt.:

For Anson, Thomas Wade,  
Beaufort,  
Bertie,  
Brunswick,  
Bladen, Thomas Brown,  
Burke,  
Craven, James Coor,  
Carteret,  
Currituck, Wm. Ferebee,  
Chowan,  
Camden, Isaac Gregory,  
Caswell, John Williams,  
Chatham, Wm. B. Smith,  
Cumberland,  
Dobbs,  
Duplin, James Kenan,  
Edgecomb, Isaac Sessums,  
Franklin, Henry Hill,  
Guilford, Alexander Martin,  
Gates, William Baker,  
Granville, William Gill,  
Halifax, Willie Jones,  
Hertford, John Baker,  
Hyde,  
Johnston,  
Jones,  
Lincoln, James Johnston,  
Martin,  
Mecklenburg,  
Montgomery,  
Nash, Hardy Griffin,  
Northampton, Samuel Lockhart,  
New Hanover, Caleb Grainger,  
Onslow,  
Orange, Will Mebane,  
Pasquotank, Edw. Everagen,  
Perquimans,  
Rutherford, James Miller,  
Richmond, Charles Medlock,  
Rowan,

For Randolph, John Collier,  
Surry,  
Sullivan, Anthony Bledsoe,  
Tyrrell,  
Washington,  
Wayne,  
Wake,  
Warren, Nathl. Macon,  
Wilkes, Elijah Isaacs.

Pursuant to which the following members appeared, were qualified agreeable to law and took their seats, to-wit: Thomas Wade, Thomas Brown, James Coor, William Ferebee, Isaac Gregory, Edward Everagen, John Williams, William B. Smith, Isaac Sessums, James Kenan, Henry Hill, Alexander Martin, William Baker, William Gill, Willie Jones, John Baker, James Johnston, Hardy Griffin, Samuel Lockhart, Caleb Grainger, William Mebane, James Miller, Charles Medlock, John Collier, Anthony Bledsoe, Nathaniel Macon, and Elijah Isaacs, Esquires.

The House then proceeded to the choice of a speaker when the Honorable Alexander Martin, Esquire, was proposed and unanimously chosen and conducted to the chair.

On motion, John Haywood was appointed Clerk and Sherwood Haywood Assistant.

WILLIAM MURPHY, Doorkeeper.

Adjourned until Tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Alfred Moore, the member for Brunswick County, appeared, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House being now formed are ready to proceed on the dispatch of public business.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

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

On motion, ordered that the following message be addressed to & sent his Excellency the Governor, first having the approbation of the House of Commons:

To his Excellency Thomas Burke Esquire Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of North Carolina &c.:

Sir:

The General Assembly inform your Excellency that they are convened, and are ready to take under Consideration such dispatches and other public matters you may think proper to communicate for their deliberation.

Ordered that the foregoing Address with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive a message which we wish presented his Excellency the Governor and have for that purpose on our part appointed Mr. Coor.

On motion agreed that Mr. Macon, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gill, Mr. Wade, Mr. Gregory and Mr. Moore be a Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Read the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Chatham County praying, &c. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

On motion agreed that Mr. Brown, Mr. William Baker & Mr. Hill be a Committee on the part of this House to receive the returns from the District Auditors and to settle with such County Commissioners as may attend the General Assembly for that purpose.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appointed Mr. Brown, Mr. William Baker and Mr. Hill a Committee who will act jointly with such Gentlemen as you may appoint to receive the returns from the District Auditors and to settle with such County Commissioners as may attend this General Assembly for that purpose and make report thereof.

On motion agreed that Mr. Medlock, Mr. Grainger and Mr. Johnston be a Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have appointed Mr. Medlock, Mr. Grainger, Mr. Kenan and Mr. Johnston a Committee of Propositions & Grievances

who will act jointly with such of your body as may be appointed for that purpose.

On motion, ordered that a writ of election issue for the County of Randolph, the election lately held for said County being illegal and that the election be held on the 26th and 27th instant.

Read a recommendation from the Court of Richmond County in favour of Joseph Hall,  
Whereupon

Resolved, that Joseph Hall of Richmond County be and he is hereby exempted from the payment of Public Taxes.

Ordered that the foregoing resolve with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Together with the recommendation of the Court of Richmond County we send for your Concurrence a Resolve in favour of Joseph Hall of said County.

Read the Petitions of John Cole, John Crawford and Mary Mullen, praying, &c.

Ordered that they be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose that the Petitions of John Cole, John Crawford and Mary Mullen herewith sent you be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to consider of and report on.

Adjourned until Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, 17th April, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Robert Irwin, the member for the County of Mecklenburg, appeared, produced his certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We herewith send for your consideration and perusal a message from His Excellency the Governor accompanied by sundry letters from the President of Congress, the Superintendent of Finance, &c.

Received the message from the Governor and the other papers

above referred to, which being read, Ordered that Mr. Jones, Mr. Coor, Mr. Macon, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Moore be a Committee on the part of this House to consider of and report thereon, and that they prepare and bring in bills relative to the subject matter of such of them as they may think proper and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Coor, Mr. Macon, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Moore a Committee who will act jointly with such of your body as may be appointed to consider of and report on His Excellency the Governor's message of yesterday, the resolves of Congress, &c., accompanying it and prepare and bring in Bills relative to the subject matter of such of them as they may think proper.

On motion ordered that Mr. Jones be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Received from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have appointed Mr. Bagge, Mr. Montford, Mr. Young, Mr. John Johnston and Mr. Harrison Macon as a Committee on their part to act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed as a Committee to receive the returns from the District Auditors and to settle with the County Commissioners, &c., and Mr. Bryan, Mr. Person, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. John Macon and Mr. Bagge as a Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the petitions of John Cole, John Crawford and Mary Mullen be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We herewith send for your perusal and consideration an address from William Tisdale, Esquire, on the subject therein mentioned, which we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the Letter from William Tisdale, Esquire, and the papers accompanying it be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A letter of the 9th February last from sundry Inhabitants of New Hanover County, addressed to the General Assembly, was read. Ordered it be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievance and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive a letter from sundry of the Inhabitants of New Hanover County addressed to the General Assembly, which we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This accompanies a Memorial from a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington and its vicinity, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose on our part appointed Mr. Sharp, Mr. Payne, Dr. Williamson, Mr. Person and Mr. Jo. Hawkins a Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Moore, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Kenan and Mr. Isaacs act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Moore, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Isaacs will on the part of this House act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the Memorial of the Inhabitants of Wilmington and its vicinity.

Received from the Commons the following bills, vizt.:

A Bill for the promotion of learning in the District of Edenton.

A Bill for regulating the town of Edenton and

A Bill to restrain the propagation of diseases amongst horned cattle. Endorsed in the House of Commons 17th April, 1782. Ordered said bills be read. The same being read were passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Mr. Jas. Atkins, the member for Cumberland County, appeared,

produced his certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

On motion, ordered that Mr. Isaac Sessums have leave of absence during the remaining part of this session on account of his bad Health.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We herewith send for your perusal a Return of Sundries imimpressed for public purposes.

Received the Return alluded to in the foregoing message, which being read, Ordered that the same be field among the public papers and the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose that the return of sundries impressed for the use of the public as made by Mr. Hardy Murfree be filed among the papers belonging to the General Assembly. If you approve of this measure you will cause that the same be done.

Mr. Williams moved for leave and presented a Bill to establish a Court of Equity in the State of North Carolina, which was read the first time, passed and sent to the Commons.

Adjourned until Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 18th April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Received from the Commons the following Bills, vizt.:

A Bill to vest in Frederick William Marshall of Salem in Surry County, Esquire, the Lands of the Unitas Fratrum in this State for the use of the said United Brethren and other purposes & A Bill to compel the attendance of members of the General Assembly. Endorsed in the House of Commons 17th April, 1782. "Read the first time and passed."

Ordered said bills be read. Read, passed the first time & sent the Commons.

Mr. Macon moved for leave and presented a Bill to prolong the time of saving Lotts in Warren County, which was read the first time, passed & sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the letter from a number of the Inhabitants of New Hanover County be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We herewith send for your perusal two messages from his Excellency the Governor, addressed to the General Assembly, and the Letters, Papers, &c., therein referred to, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the several Papers, &c., referred to in His Excellency the Governor's message of yesterday.

The messages from His Excellency the Governor, Papers, &c., alluded to in the above message being read

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that His Excellency the Governor's Messages of yesterday and the Papers accompanying them be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration his other message to the General Assembly and the State Papers.

Received from the Commons a Bill for giving an Equity Jurisdiction to the Superior Courts. Endorsed in the House of Commons 18 April, 1782. Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bills be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose referring the Petition of John Hay, herewith sent you, to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed Mr. J. Hawkins, Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Herndon a Committee on their part.

Ordered that Mr. Jones, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Isaacs act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Jones, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Isaacs will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the petition of Mr. John Hay.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose referring the petition of Josiah Boushall, herewith sent you, to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed Mr. Branch, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. J. Hays, Mr. Horton and Mr. Turner on their part as a Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Mebane, Mr. Hill and Mr. J. Baker act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Mebane, Mr. Hill and Mr. John Baker will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the Petition of Josiah Boushall.

Received from the Commons a Bill for appointing commissioners to examine the claims of Thomas Clark and others against the estates of James Murray and other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 18 April, 1782. Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said Bill be read. Read, passed the first time & sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons a Bill for building a Prison and Jailor's House in the town of Edenton. Endorsed in the House of Commons 18 April, 1782. Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time & sent the Commons.

Major General Caswell, the member for the County of Dobbs, and Colonel Abram Jones, the member for the County of Hyde, appeared, produced their certificates, qualified agreeable to law and took their seats.

On motion, ordered that General Caswell be added to the Committee appointed to report on the Governor's messages and the State papers laid before this Assembly and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have, &c. Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Friday, 19th April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Irwin from the joint Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Mr. John Hay reported as followeth:

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider of and report on the Petition of Mr. John Hay, met according to order. Present Mr. Irwin, Chairman, Mr. Jones, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Herndon, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. McCulloch.

The Committee having considered the Memorial of Mr. Hay and the Papers which accompanied it are unanimously of opinion that the prayer of his Memorial be granted and that an act of the General Assembly ought to pass agreeable thereto.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration resolved that they do concur therewith.

Ordered that the said report with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will with this receive the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Mr. John Hay concurred with by the House.

Received from the Commons the Bill to vest in John Hay the property of certain lands in Duplin County. Endorsed in the House of Commons 18 April, 1782. Read first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Received also a Bill for altering the time of holding certain Courts therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 18 April, 1782. Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve requesting the Secretary to lay before the General Assembly a list of the Justices as therein mentioned.

The resolve referred to being read was agreed to and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House requesting the Secretary of State to lay before this Assembly a list of Justices of the Peace as therein mentioned we return you concurred with.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlmen:

We send herewith for concurrence a resolve requesting his Excellency to lay before the Genl. Assembly the descriptive lists therein alluded to.

The resolve referred to being read was agreed to and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House requesting His Excellency the Governor to lay before the General Assembly the descriptive lists therein alluded to you will herewith receive concurred with.

Recd. likewise the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your perusal a Petition from the Justices, &c., in Onslow County on the subject therein alluded to.

The Petition, &c., being read were ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration.

On motion, ordered that Mr. Grainger, Mr. Brown, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Gregory on the part of this House be a Committee to hear and report on such Reasons as may by any officers of this State who have taken paroles from the Enemy, be urged in justification of their having so done.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appointed Mr. Grainger, Mr. Brown, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Gregory a Committee who will act jointly with such of your body as may be appointed to hear and report on such Reasons as may by any officers of this State who have taken paroles from the Enemy be urged in justification of their having so done.

Mr. Gregory from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported as followeth:

The Committee of Privileges and Elections to whom was referred the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Chatham County setting forth that the person returned as a representative for said County in the Senate was not qualified agreeable to the Constitution, &c., report

That having examined the facts set forth in the said petition we are of opinion that William B. Smith, Esquire, the person returned for said County as aforesaid was not a resident of said County agreeable to the Constitution at the time of the late Election and therefore that his seat ought to be vacated.

ISAAC GREGORY, Ch.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration concurred therewith, whereupon

Ordered that a writ of election issue for the County of Chatham and that the election be held on the first and second days of May next.

Received from the Commons a Bill to prolong the time of saving Lotts in Warrenton in Warren County. Endorsed in the House of Commons 18 April, 1782. Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Mr. John Whedbee the member for Perquimans County appeared, produced his certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a message from His Excellency the Governor, addressed to the General Assembly, accompanied by the several Letters and State Papers therein referred to, which this House propose referring to the same Committee to whom other State Papers were referred.

Read the message and Papers alluded to in the above, which being read, ordered that they be referred to the Committee to whom was referred His Excellency the Governor's former messages & the State Papers accompanying them and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that His Excellency the Governor's message to the General Assembly of this day, together with the Papers accompanying it, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred His former messages and the State Papers accompanying them.

Dr. Isaac Guion and Mr. Edward Salter, the first the member

for the County of Onslow, the latter for the County of Pitt, appeared, produced their certificates, qualified agreeable to law and took their seats.

Received from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of John Hay, Concurred with by the Commons, who have added the Honorable Abner Nash, Esquire, to the Committee to whom the several State Papers were referred.

Recd. the report referred to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 19th April, 1782. Concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have appointed Mr. Phil. Hawkins, Mr. Nash, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gillispie and Mr. Young a Committee on their part, who will act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed as a Committee to hear and report on such reasons as may by any officers of the State who have taken paroles from the Enemy be urged in justification of their having so done.

Received from the Commons the following Message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a resolve of this House for exempting Christopher Kershner of Surry County and Isaac Dawson of Duplin County from the payment of poll taxes.

This resolve being read was agreed to and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the resolve of your House exempting Christopher Kershner and Isaac Dawson from the payment of poll taxes concurred with.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We herewith send you a Petition from sundry of the Inhabitants of Salisbury and vicinity thereof which we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Salisbury and its vicinity be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday, 20th April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Read the Petition of Mr. William Blount, setting forth, &c. Whereupon ordered that the same be entered on the Journals of this House, which was as followeth, vizt.:

The Petition of William Blount humbly showeth that your petitioner did in May, 1780, settle his accounts with your Committee, when there appeared a balance in his hands unaccounted for of Fourteen Thousand five hundred and sixty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and four pence, as will appear by the report of the said Committee. In June and July following he received from the public Treasury for the use of his department eight hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds currency, the greater part of which your petitioner had in camp August 16, 1780, on which important day your petitioner, with pain, is constrained to add that upwards of three hundred thousand pounds of the above sum was by him lost, together with many articles, his own private property, and never since recovered. Your Petitioner does not conceive himself bound in justice to replace this sum to the public no more than every other person who on that day lost any other kind of public Property. Yet as your Petitioner wished to remove every imputation of injury done the public by him, and to the end that the mouth of defamation on his head be silenced, it is the prayer of your Petitioner that you will be pleased to pass a Resolution directing the auditors to settle the accounts of your Petitioner agreeable to the current Mercantile depreciation; that is to say, that your Petitioner shall be charged for the money in his hands unaccounted for at the value it ought to have been paid out of his hands and that your Petitioner shall have credit against such debts for all money by him paid away at the value it was paid out, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray.

WM. BLOUNT.

Ordered that Mr. Blount's Memorial be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to report on & that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the Memorial of William Blount, Esquire, herewith sent to you be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to consider of and report on.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the memorial of Bennett Crafton which we propose referring to a joint Committee and have for that purpose appointed Mr. Jo. Hawkins, Mr. Wilson, Mr. H. Macon and Mr. Ramsey a Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Gill, Mr. Salter and Mr. Grainger act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appointed Mr. Gill, Mr. Salter and Mr. Grainger a Committee who will act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the Memorial of Bennett Crafton.

Received from the Commons a Bill to vest in John Hay the property of certain lands in Duplin County. Endorsed in the House of Commons 19th April, 1782. Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose balloting at 4 o'clock on Monday next for a Governor and Naval officer for Port Brunswick, and put in nomination for Governor Alexander Martin, Samuel Johnston, William Sharpe, Thomas Burke and John Williams of Granville, Esquires. For Naval Officer, John Walker, Thomas Craike and John James. If you accede to this proposition you will signify the same by message.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the General Assembly ballot at 4 o'clock this evening for a Governor of this State for the current year and put in nomination for Governor the Honorable Alexander Martin, Samuel Johnston, William Sharpe, Thomas Burke and John Williams of Granville, Esquires.

For a Naval Officer for Port Brunswick, Thomas Craike and John Walker, Esquires, and propose that the balloting be conducted at the Church. You will herewith receive the memorial of Mr. Craike relative to the appointment of a Naval Officer for said port.

On motion, ordered that Dr. Guion be added to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on His Excellency's messages and the State Papers laid before this Assembly, and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have added Dr. Guion to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on His Excellency the Governor's Messages and the State Papers laid before this Assembly.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Monday, 22d April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Nathan Bryan, the member for Jones County, appeared, produced his Certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree to ballot at the Church this evening for a Governor and Naval Officer for Port Brunswick and have appointed Mr. Winslow and Mr. McCulloch to superintend the Balloting.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the Memorial of William Blount, Esquire, be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Coor and Mr. Macon will on the part of this House superintend the Balloting for a Governor, &c.

Joseph Blount, Esquire, the member for the County of Chowan, appeared, produced his certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Colonel Thomas Brown from the joint Committee appointed to hear and report on such Reasons as may by any Officers of this State be urged in justification of their having taken Paroles from the Enemy reported as followeth:

Your Committee appointed to hear and report on such reasons as may by any officers of this State who have taken paroles from the Enemy be urged in justification of their having so done, Report as follows:

That your Committee having inquired into the cases of Thoma Lucas, Captain, and John Blocker, Lieutenant, of the Bladen Militia; George Lucas, Isaac Jones, William McKee and George Brown, Esquires, of Bladen County, and Joseph Pender, Esquire, of Edgecombe County, Justices of the Peace; John White, Clerk of Bladen County Court, and Burwell Mouring, Esquire, Major of the Wayne Regiment of Militia; Report as their opinion that they be severally reinstated in their respective Offices, as nothing appeared to your Committee that anything Criminal was intended by any of them in taking Paroles from the Enemy.

All which is submitted.

THOMAS BROWN, Ch.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons propose that the scrolls of paper or ballots for a Governor should be put in a box separate from the box in which the scrolls of paper or ballots for a Naval Officer shall be in.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the scrolls of paper in Balloting for a Governor be put in a box separate from those that are for a Naval Officer, and propose that the balloting begin immediately.

Mr. Coor and Mr. Macon, from the joint Committee appointed to superintend the balloting for a Governor of this State for the current year and for a Naval Officer of Port Brunswick reported:

That having agreeable to the order of the House executed the trust reposed in them in superintending the said balloting, on summing up the scrolls it appeared that the Honorable Alexander

Martin, Esquire, was appointed Governor of this State for the current year and that John Walker, Esquire, was appointed Naval Officer for Port Brunswick.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration, resolved that they do concur therewith.

Matthew Lock, Esquire, the member for the County of Rowan, appeared, produced his Certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, 23d April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a memorial from James Tate, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed on our part Mr. Webb, Mr. Spaight, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Phifer and Mr. Moore a Committee.

The Petition above referred to being read was ordered to lie for consideration.

Read the Petition of Ambrose Ramsey, Esquire, setting forth, &c. Ordered that the same be referred, the first part to the Committee appointed to receive the returns from the District Auditors and settle with the County Commissioners to report on; the latter part to the Executive of the State and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The House have appointed Mr. Nash, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Person, Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. Spaight and Mr. McCulloch a Committee on their part, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill of Attainder, a Bill repealing the Act making paper money a Tender in payment of Debts, &c., and a Bill for paying all private Debts and Contracts and making out a Table of Depreciation for such cases to which it may be applicable.

Ordered that Mr. Bryan, Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Lockhart act on

the Committee, and that the following message be sent to the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Bryan, Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Lockhart on the part of this House will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill of Attainder, a Bill repealing an act making paper money a Tender in payment of Debts and a Bill respecting the payment of all private debts & contracts, &c.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to restrain the propagation of diseases among neat cattle. Endorsed in the House of Commons 19th April, 1782, read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read the second time was rejected.

Recd. also a bill for dividing the Rowan Regiment of Militia into two separate and distinct Regiments. Endorsed in the House of Commons 22d April, 1782, read the first time & passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time & sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill to vest in Frederick William Marshall of Salem in Surry County, Esquire, the lands of the Unitas Fratrum in this State for the use of the said United Brethren and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons the 23d April, 1782, read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bills be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for Concurrence a Resolve for giving the Thanks of the General Assembly to the Honorable Thomas Burke, Esquire.

The resolve referred to being read was agreed to and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House declaring that the thanks of the General Assembly be given His Excellency Thomas Burke, Esquire, for his steady and constant attention to the duties of his Office, &c., we return you concurred with, and propose that the Speaker of this

Assembly be requested to communicate to His Excellency the sense of the two Houses on this Head.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This accompanies an address from the Officers of the North Carolina line which we propose referring to a joint Committee and have for that purpose on our part appointed Dr. Williamson, Mr. Jo. Hawkins, Mr. Nash and Mr. Winslow a Committee.

The address referred to being read, ordered that Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Baker and Mr. Grainger on the part of this House act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Lockhart, Mr. John Baker and Mr. Grainger will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the Memorial of the North Carolina Officers.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This accompanies two messages from His Excellency the Governor and the several papers therein referred to, which we propose referring to the joint Committee to whom the other State papers were referred. This House have appointed Mr. Macon, Mr. Spaight, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cummins and Mr. Stephens a Committee, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to settle His Excellency the Governor's accounts agreeable to his Request.

Ordered that Mr. Wade and Mr. Kenan act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the Messages from His Excellency the Governor to the General Assembly of the 22d Instant be referred to the Committee to whom the other messages and the State Papers were referred. They have appointed Mr. Wade and Mr. Kenan, who will act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed to settle his accounts.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for levying a further tax of—Shillings on every Hundred pounds value of taxable property in

the County of Camden for defraying the expense of completing the public Buildings thereof. Endorsed in the House of Commons 22d April, 1782, read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee appointed to consider of and report on the cases of Paroled officers concurred with by this House.

Recd. the report referred to in the foregoing message Endorsed in the House of Commons 22d April, 1872, concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have on their part appointed Mr. McCulloch, Mr. J. Macon, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Phifer & Mr. Young a Committee, who will act jointly with a Committee of the Senate to settle and report on the accounts of Mr. Sharpe agreeable to the Request herewith sent you.

Ordered that Dr. Guion and Mr. W. Baker act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Dr. Guion and Mr. William Baker on the part of this House will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to examine and report on the accounts of Mr. Sharpe.

Recd. from the Commons the bill to vest in John Hay the property of certain lands in Duplin County. Endorsed in the House of Commons 23d April, 1782, read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill for the relief of persons who have suffered or may suffer by their deeds and Mesne Conveyances not being proved and registered within the time heretofore appointed by Law. Endorsed in the House of Commons 23d April, 1782, read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill for erecting a Prison in the County of Bertie. Endorsed in the House of Commons 23d April, 1782, read the first time & passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the first time, passed & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a Petition from John Ward & others which we propose referring to a joint Committee and have for that purpose on our part appointed Mr. Herndon, Mr. J. Macon, Mr. Payne, Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. Phifer and Mr. Gilbert a Committee.

The Petition referred to being read, ordered that Mr. Williams and Mr. Miller act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Williams and Mr. Miller will on the part of this House act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to report on the petition of John Ward and others.

On motion, agreed that Mr. Jones and Mr. Coor on the part of this House act with such Gentlemen as the House of Commons may appoint to inform the Honorable Alexander Martin, Esquire, of his late appointment to the Chief Magistracy of this State and to prepare an address to be presented him, and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appointed Mr. Jones and Mr. Coor who will act jointly with such of your body as you may appoint to inform the Honorable Alexander Martin, Esq., of his late appointment to the Chief Magistracy of this State and to prepare an address to be presented him.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This accompanies a Petition from Mary Wright of Wilmington, which we propose shall be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the petition of John Hay.

The Petition above referred to being read was rejected.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the memorial of Thomas Clarke, Esquire, Colonel of the first Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Troops, which we propose shall be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the address from the officers of the North Carolina line, together with the letter of Colonel Lytle of the 30th of January last.

The Memorial referred to in the above being read, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that Colonel Clarke's Memorial be referred to the Committee appointed to report on the Address from the North Carolina Officers to the General Assembly.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have received the petition of Ambrose Ramsey and the message from your House proposing to refer the first part thereof to the Committee appointed to receive the returns of the District Auditors, &c., and the latter to the Executive of this State, with which we do not concur, but propose that a joint committee be appointed to examine into the facts contained in the said petition and to settle the accounts agreeable to the Prayer thereof. The Commons have for that purpose on their part appointed Mr. H. Macon, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Newman and Mr. Johnston a Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Everagen and Mr. Bryan act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that a joint committee examine and report on the facts contained in Colonel Ramsey's Petition and settle his accounts agreeable to the prayer thereof and have on their part for that purpose appointed Mr. Everagen & Mr. Bryan.

On motion agreed that Mr. Wade be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have added Mr. Wade to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This accompanies a Memorial from John Taylor, Esquire, of Virginia and a Resolution of this House in consequence thereof, which we send for your concurrence.

The Memorial and resolve referred to in the foregoing message being read were ordered to lie on the table.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have appointed Mr. Phil. Hawkins and Mr. Sharpe to act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed to inform the Honorable Alexander Martin, Esquire, of his late appointment to the Chief Magistracy of this State and to prepare an address to be presented him.

Colonel Irwin presented sundry Memorials and petitions from the District of Salisbury, which being read, ordered that they be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive sundry Memorials and Petitions from the District of Salisbury which we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to report on.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th April, 1782.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve for exempting Francis Falkner of Cumberland County from paying poll taxes.

The resolve referred to being read was agreed to and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the resolve of your House exempting Francis Falkner of Cumberland County from the payment of poll Taxes concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to prevent the stopping of the

passage of Fish up Neuse River. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the first time & passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read the first time was rejected.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of Bennett Crafton, Major of the State Regiment, cond. with by this House.

The report referred to being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this we return you the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of Major Crafton cond. with by this House.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This accompanies a petition from Jesse Darden and Joseph Herring which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the petition of John Hay.

The Petition referred to in the above message being read was ordered to lie on the Table.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for erecting a town on the lands of Colonel James Bonner. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the second time, passed and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to vest a certain tract of land in Robert Cummins. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time & sent the Commons.

Received also a Bill for dividing the Rowan Regiment of Militia into two separate and distinct Regiments. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands therein

mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This accompanies a petition from the Honorable Abner Nash, Esquire; the Commons in consequence thereof propose that the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe also settle those of Mr. Nash.

The Petition referred to being read, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

The Senate agree that the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe also settle the accounts of Mr. Nash.

Recd. from the Commons the following Bills, vizt.:

A bill to oblige the Inhabitants of Bladen County to attend Public Meetings with their arms. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the first time and passed.

Received also a bill for ascertaining the Salaries of the Governor, Secretary and other Officers of the State. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the first time and passed.

Ordered these bills be read. The same being read were passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree that the several memorials and Petitions from the District of Salisbury be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for regulating the town of Edenton. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

On motion agreed that Colonel Lockhart be added to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Ambrose Ramsey, Esquire, and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have added Mr. Lockhart to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the petition of Ambrose Ramsey, Esquire.

Recd. from the Commons the bill for vesting power in the several County Courts within this State to levy such tax as they shall deem necessary for repairing, erecting and completing their public buildings and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the first time and passed.

Ordered this bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for the relief of persons who have suffered or may suffer by their deeds or Mesne Conveyances not being proved & registered within the time heretofore appointed by law. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the second time, passed and sent the Commons.

Received likewise the bill to prolong the time of saving Lotts in the several towns in this State. Endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1782, read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered this Bill be read. Read, passed the third time and sent the Commons.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Coor from the joint Committee appointed to prepare an Address to be presented the Honorable Alexander Martin, Esquire, informing him of the late vote of the General Assembly respecting the Chief Magistracy of the State reported the same as followeth:

To the Honorable Alexander Martin, Esquire, Governor, Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State of North Carolina:

Sir:

On Monday the General Assembly proceeded to the choice of the Chief Magistrate to preside in the Executive department of the Government of the State, when you, sir, was elected to that high and important office by joint ballot of both Houses.

The many great and fortunate events atchieved in the Course of

the last year by the military skill of General Washington, Count De Rochambeau and Genl. Greene, the gallant conduct of the Officers and the bravery of the Troops of the United States and of our illustrious ally have entirely changed the fame of our affairs, the Clouds which overcast the political Horison of America are dispersed and Joy and Smiling Hopes of future success have succeeded in their place, yet much remains to be done to effect the completion of our wishes and establish the independence of the United States on a solid Basis.

In a happier hour you are elected by the voice of your Country Successor to our late worthy and able Governor, and it gives me peculiar pleasure to have at the Head of the Executive department a Gentleman on whose ability, Firmness and Integrity we can rely with the utmost confidence.

We assure you, Sir, that nothing shall be left undone on the part of the Legislature which may lead to the general defence and to make your administration easy, happy and honorable.

To you therefore, Sir, as the first Executive Magistrate of this State, we commit and deliver the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, the one ascertaining the civil and political rights of the Freemen of this Country, the other giving existence to your office and the present happy form of Government. That the same under your guardian care may be preserved inviolate, supported, maintained and defended, we present you with this sword as an emblem of that power and authority with which you are invested for the defence of the State and the Rights and Liberties of the People.

We do, therefore, announce and proclaim you, Alexander Martin, Esquire, Governor, Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief in and Governor over the State of North Carolina; of which all the good and liege people of the same are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The foregoing report being read was agreed to and ordered to be sent the Commons with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive the report of the joint Committee appd. to inform the Honl. Alexander Martin, Esquire, of the late vote of the General Assembly respecting the Chief Magistracy of

this State and to propose an address to be presented him, Concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a Petition from the standing Committee of people called Quakers for your perusal.

The petition above referred to being read, ordered that Mr. Williams and Mr. Lockhart on the part of this House be a Committee to report thereon and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have with your message received the Petition from the standing Committee of the people called Quakers and propose that the same be committed and have for that purpose on their part appd. Mr. Williams and Mr. Lockhart a Committee.

Recd. also the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the petition of John Speers which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed Dr. Williamson, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Gillispie a Committee on our part.

This Petition being read, ordered that Mr. Hill and Mr. Atkins act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Hill and Mr. Atkins on the part of this House will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of the Petition of John Speers.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 25th April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the report of the joint committee appointed to inform the Honorable Alexander Martin, Esquire, of the late

vote of the General Assembly respecting the Chief Magistracy of this State and to prepare an address to be presented him, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the address referred to endorsed in the House of Commons 24 April, 1772, concurred with.

Mr. William Cocke, the member for the County of Washington, and Mr. Andrew Bass, the member for the County of Wayne, appeared, produced their respective certificates, qualified agreeable to law and took their seats.

Read the Petition of David Marshall of the town of New Bern praying. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Mr. John Hay, with the addition of Mr. Hill thereto, and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Petition of David Marshall of the town of New Bern herewith sent you we propose referring to the Committee appd. to take under consideration the Petition of Mr. John Hay, to which committee we have added Mr. Hill.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Colonel Ambrose Ramsey concurred with by this House.

The report referred to being read was rejected, whereupon

Resolved, that Colonel Ambrose Ramsey be permitted to send as much tobacco to Charles Town as will be sufficient to discharge the debts he may have contracted with any of the Inhabitants of said Town during his continuance there as a prisoner of war, provided the same doth not exceed thirty-six hundred weight.

Ordered that the foregoing resolve with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have thought proper to reject the report of the Committee on the Petition of Ambrose Ramsey, Esquire, and propose that the resolve herewith sent you be published in lieu of a part thereof:

It is our opinion that the Committee appointed "to receive the

returns from the District Auditors and settle the accounts of the County Commissioners,” do settle his accounts for monies he may have received from the Treasury on public account and make report thereof.

Recd. Quaker message.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolve of the Commons of the 22rd Instant, respecting certain lands in dispute between John Taylor & Edmund Pendleton, Esquires, of Virginia, and certain citizens of this State, Resolve that the same be rejected, whereupon

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House received the message and resolve of yours of the 20th Instant declaring that the General Assembly of this State would, agreeable to the petition of John Taylor, Esquire, on Friday next hear the contending parties respecting certain lands in dispute between himself and Edmd. Pendleton, Esq., of Virginia on the one part, and certain citizens of this State on the other part, which we have thought proper to reject and propose that a hearing of this matter be had in presence of both Houses of the Legislature in the Church on Tuesday next.

On motion, agreed that Mr. Grainger have leave of absence during the remaining part of this session.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Friday, 26th April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Colonel Lockhart, from the joint Committee appd. to take under consideration the Petition from the standing Committee of the people called Quakers, reported as followeth:

The Committee appointed to take under consideration the petition from the standing Committee of the people called Quakers report

That your Committee are of opinion that the said petition ought to be rejected, for that it would be of dangerous consequence to the Community at large to tolerate the owners of slaves to set them free.

SAML. LOCKHART, Ch.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration cond. therewith and ordered that it be sent with the following message to the House of Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this we send you the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of the people called Quakers, cond. with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a Petition from a number of people called Quakers in the Western Quarter, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose on our part appd. Mr. Crawford, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Branch & Mr. Bugge a Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Cocke, Mr. Everagen and Mr. Sheppard act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appd. Mr. Cocke, Mr. Everagen and Mr. Sheppard a Committee who will act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appd. to consider of the Petition of the people called Quakers in the Western Quarter.

Read a Representation from the Secretary of State showing, &c.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe and that the following message be sent the Commons.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive the representation of James Glasgow, Esquire, Secretary of State, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to amend an act entitled an Act for the relief of such persons as have taken Paroles & for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 26 April, 1782.  
Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to vest in Fredk. Wm. Marshall of Salem in Surry County, Esq., the lands of the Unitas Fratrum

in this State for the use of the said United Brethren and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 25 April, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read, the same being read was amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree to postpone hearing the contending parties respecting certain lands in dispute between John Taylor & Edmd. Pendleton, Esquires, of the one part, of Virginia, and certain citizens of this State on the other until Friday next, agreeable to your proposition on that head.

Mr. Speaker, &c.:

We return herewith the resolve of your House entered into in consequence of the Petition of Ambrose Ramsey, Esq., cond. with. We agree that the committee appointed to receive the Returns of the district auditors and settle the accts. of the County Commissioners do also settle his accounts.

Recd. the resolve referred to, endorsed in the House of Commons 25 April, 1782, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for docking and destroying Intails. Endorsed in the House of Commons 26 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for giving an Equity Jurisdiction to the Superior Courts. Endorsed in the House of Commons 26 April, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the Report of the joint Committee on the Petition of the people called Quakers, cond. with by this House.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree to refer the Petition of D. Marshall to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Hay.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Petition of Jesse Darden and Joseph Herring, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the Petition of Jesse Darden and Jos. Herring be referred to the Committee appd. to take under consideration the Petition of Mr. John Hay.

Read a rect. and Certificate respecting a Saddle taken for public use from James Bezell of Duplin County, whereupon

Resolved, that the Auditors for the District of New Bern do allow therefor to the said Bezell the sum of 44/. specie.

Ordered that with the foregoing resolve the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker, &c.:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of James Bezell of Duplin County.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have appointed Mr. Nash, Col. Phil. Hawkins and Mr. Phifer a Committee who will act jointly with such Gentlemen of your Body as may be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for appointing one place for holding the General Assembly at hereafter.

Ordered that Genl. Lock, Col. Irwin & Mr. Coor act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker, &c.:

Mr. Lock, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Coor will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for appointing a place at which the General Assembly hereafter shall be held.

Recd. also the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of the Revd. Henry Patello and John Springer, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed on our part Dr. Williamson, Mr. Spaight, Mr. Nash, Mr. Avery and Mr. J. Moore a Committee.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Jones, Mr. Macon and Mr. Williams will, with the Gentlemen by you appointed, consider of and report on the Petition of the Revd. Mr. Patello and Mr. John Springer.

Recd. also the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Sarah Brashman, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from the people called Quakers in the Western Quarter.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Petition of Sarah Brashman be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of the People called Quakers in the Western Quarter.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for appointing Commissioners to examine the claims of Thomas Clarke and others against the estate of James Murray and other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 26 April, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read was amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Martha Thompson, which we propose referring to a joint Committee to examine and report upon, and have for that purpose on our part appointed Dr. Williamson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bryan, Mr. McCawley and Mr. Phil. Hawkins a Committee.

We send a Petition from sundry refugees from South Carolina and Georgia for your perusal.

Ordered that Mr. Blount, Mr. Whedbee and Mr. Cocke act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Petition of Martha Thompson be referred to a joint Committee, and for that purpose have on our part appointed

Mr. Blount, Mr. Whedbee and Mr. Cocke, who will act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed for that purpose.

On motion, agreed that Mr. Hill have leave of absence until Tuesday next.

Adjourned until tomorrow 9 o'clock.

Saturday, 27 April, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to suppress excessive gaming. Endorsed in the House of Commons 23 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered this Bill be read. Read, amended, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose referring the Settlement of the accounts of the late General Davidson to the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Continental officers, agreeable to the request of Mr. Sharpe herewith sent you.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Committee to whom was referred the Mem. of the Continental Officers settle the accounts of the late General Davidson.

Received from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree to refer the Representation of the public Secretary to the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your perusal a letter from James Davis, Esq., and the resignation of Mem. Hunt.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Proceedings of a Board of Officers of the North Carolina line and a resolve of this House permitting certain officers therein mentioned to return on half pay in consequence thereof for your concurrence.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House permitting certain officers of the Continental line belonging to this State to retire on half pay we return you concurred with.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of John Birdsong, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ambrose Ramsey.

The Petition of Mr. Birdsong referred to being read, was ordered to lie for consideration.

Whereas, many of the Officers and other Inhabitants of this State, late prisoners in Charlestown, have been under the necessity of contracting debts with the merchants and others of that place,

Resolved, that his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of Council of State, do whatever it may appear necessary, grant permission to persons under the aforesaid circumstances to transport such quantities of Tobacco to Charlestown as will be sufficient to discharge the debts by them contracted as aforesaid.

Ordered that the above resolve with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a Resolve in favour of such officers and other Citizens of this State who when in captivity with the Enemy at Charlestown have been under the necessity of contracting debts with the merchants and others of that place.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Resolve of your House in favour of James Seawell we return you herewith concurred with.

Recd. the resolve referred to in the foregoing message. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to repeal an act entitled an act investing the property of a bridge or causeway in Gideon Lamb, his Heirs and assigns, by him already built through the great dismal Swamp from Lebanon to Camden County, for the term of

twenty-five years. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered this Bill be read. The same being read was passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for docking and destroying Intails. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered this bill be read. The same being read was amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also the bill to prolong the time of saving Lotts in the several Towns in this State. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said Bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

Recd. likewise a bill for dividing the district of Salisbury. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the Bill for extending the Boundary line between this State and the Cherokees and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the first time, passed and sent the Commons.

Colonel Wade moved for leave and presented a Bill to appoint Commissioners for fixing on a place within the County of Anson to build a Court House, Prison and Stocks and other purposes therein contained, which was read the first time, passed and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to encourage Caleb Grainger to build a bridge over Smith's Creek at the place where the late bridge stood in New Hanover County. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the resolve of your House in favour of such Officers and other Citizens of this State who when in captivity with the Enemy at Charlestown have been under the necessity of contracting debts with the merchants and others of that place, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to encourage Caleb Grainger to build a bridge over Smith's Creek at the place where the late Bridge stood. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to repeal such laws which make paper money a legal tender in the payment of private debts and contracts and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 27 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Monday, 29 April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your concurrence a Resolve of this House respecting the appointment of Justices of the Peace made at Halifax and Wake sessions.

The resolve referred to being read, was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House respecting the appointment of Justices of the Peace made at Halifax and Wake sessions we return you concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for erecting a town on the lands of Colonel James Bonner. Endorsed in the House of Commons 26 April, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Waightstill Avery, Esquire, and the Petition of Charles Vandiver, which we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered that the following message be sent:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Your proposition respecting the Petition of W. Avery, Esquire, and the Petition of Chas. Vandiver we agree to.

Received from the Commons a Bill for raising a Revenue for the support of Government. Endorsed in the House of Commons 29 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Read a Petition from the Officers of Rutherford County in favour of the wife of George Russell, late of Rutherford County, praying, &c.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the Petition of sundry officers of Rutherford County, herewith sent you, in favour of the wife of George Russell and the Petitions of William Landsell and Isaac Newton be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Recd. from the Commons the bill to oblige the Inhabitants of Bladen County to attend public meetings with their arms. Endorsed in the House of Commons 29 April, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a Bill for appointing the place at which the future Assemblies shall be held. Endorsed in the House of Commons 29 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed

Ordered this bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the petition of Timothy Bloodworth, Esquire, and propose that the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe do also settle the accounts of Mr. Bloodworth agreeable to the prayer of his said Petition.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe settle likewise the accounts of Mr. Bloodworth.

Read a letter from Mr. George Clause of New Bern respecting a Bill of exchange drawn in this State in his favour by the Marquis De Britigney, Whereupon

Resolved, that it be recommended to his Excellency the Governor to accept the bill of exchange, dated 12 Oct., 1781, drawn on this State by the Marquis De Britigney for 740 Spanish Milled Dollars in favour of Mr. George Clause of New Bern, and order the payment thereof in specie out of the public Treasury, or to order the same paid at cash Prices out of any public Tobacco or pork in the hands of any persons in this State, delivering the same in New Bern or Washington at the option of the said Mr. George Clause.

Ordered that the foregoing resolve with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a Resolve relative to a bill of exchange drawn on this State by the Marquis De Britigney in favour of Mr. George Clause of New Bern.

On motion, ordered that a writ of Election issue for the County of Guilford for one member in the stead of the Honourable A. Martin, Esquire, and that this election be held on the 20th and 21st days of May next.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We have read the Petition of sundry Officers of Rutherford County in favour of the wife of George Russell and the Petition of Wm. Lansdell and Isaac Newton, and agree that they be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a message from His Excellency the Governor and the resignation of Benjamin Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a Petition from the Inhabitants settled on Cumberland River, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose on our part appointed Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Avery and Mr. P. Hawkins a Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Shepperd act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Isaacs and Mr. Shepperd will act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed to report on the Petition from the Inhabitants settled on Cumberland River.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to alleviate in some degree the distressed inhabitants of the several Counties in the district of Wilmington. Endorsed in the House of Commons 29 April, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Dr. Guion from the joint Committee to whom was recommitted the Representation from the Secretary of the State reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Representation of the Secretary of State having taken the same into consideration, do report

That it appears to your Committee, on examining the accounts and vouchers of the Secretary of State, that after deducting the sums by him received there remains due from the public to him for cash advanced, expresses, Contingencies of Office and for defraying the expences of removing the public Records belonging to this State the sum of two hundred and one pounds nine shillings specie.

Your Committee are of opinion that adequate Fees be allowed by law for private services in the Secretary's office. All which is Submitted.

ISAAC GUION, Ch.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, 30 April, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Pursuant to appointment both Houses now convened in the Church to hear and determine on the claim of Edmund Pendleton and John Taylor, Esquires, of Virginia on the one part and citizens of this State on the other part respecting a tract of land lying on Reedy or West Creek, and after some time spent therein each branch of the Legislature repaired to its respective House.

Received from His Excellency the Governor the following message, vizt.:

The Governor requests the members of the respective Counties of the district of Salisbury and Hillsborough to ascertain as near as may be the number of Militia therein and make return thereof to him, as no returns of those districts have yet come to hand. He wishes by this to form an estimate of the strength of the State and lay the same before the General Assembly, so necessary for them in their present deliberations.

Ordered that His Excellency's the Governor's message be referred to the members of the district of Hillsborough and Salisbury and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the message from His Excellency the Governor, herewith sent you, be referred to the members of the districts of Hillsborough and Salisbury.

Adjourned until tomorrow 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, 1 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Colonel John Williams, from the joint Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of John Ward and others, reported as followeth:

The Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of John Ward, Elias Burguon, Joshua Rains and Solomon Ward of Dobbs and Pitt Counties, report

That your Committee are of opinion that the Petitioners ought, in Justice and Equity, to have a right in Fee Simple to the Six Hundred and forty acres of land mentioned in said petition, and

that the said Patent be confirmed by an act of this General Assembly, which is submitted.  
JOHN WILLIAMS, Ch.

The foregoing report being read, was agreed to and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of John Ward and others concurred with by this House.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Henry Williams, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker, &c.:

We agree that the Petition of Henry Williams be referred to the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your concurrence a resolve recommending for Continental Commissions the Officers mentioned in the arrangement made by a Board of Officers of the North Carolina line March 30, 1782.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House respecting the arrangement of the Officers of the North Carolina line we return you concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for finishing the Court House in the town of Windsor in Bertie County and other purposes and a Bill to repeal an act entitled an act to suppress excessive gaming. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to encourage Caleb Grainger to build a bridge over Smith's Creek at the place where the late bridge stood in New

Hanover County. Endorsed in the House of Commons 30 April, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the petition of John Crawford, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to hear and report on such reasons as may by any officers of this State who have taken paroles be urged in justification of their having so done instead of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the Petition of John Crawford be referred to the Committee appointed to hear and deliver in such reasons as may by any officers of this State who have taken paroles be urged in justification of their having so done.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to confirm certain Patents to them specified, issued in Virginia, for lands which on the extension of the Boundary line between this State and that are found to lie within the State of North Carolina. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a Bill for dividing the Counties of Hyde, Currituck and Carteret and for establishing a new County by the name of \_\_\_\_\_. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read was rejected.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for dividing the Rowan Regiment of Militia into two separate and distinct Regiments. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read, was amended by consent of the Commons, passed the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for appointing a place for the

future meeting of the General Assembly. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for appointing Commissioners to fix on a place to build a Court House, Prison and Stocks in the County of Wayne. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the relief of such persons of a particular description as have taken paroles and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for appointing Commissioners to examine the claims of Thomas Clarke and others against the estate of James Murray and other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 29 April, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed & ordered to be engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker, &c.:

We send for concurrence a resolve allowing William Bryan, Esquire, of Craven County, £100 Specie.

The resolve referred to being read was rejected.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to confirm the right of a certain Patent therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence a resolve of this House allowing Benjamin Wade of Granville County a certain sum therein mentioned.

The resolve referred to being read was rejected.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for docking and destroying Intails. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read, the same being read was rejected.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for the promotion of learning in the District of Edenton. Endorsed in the House of Commons 19th April, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill to be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of John Ward and others concurred with by this House.

Recd. the report concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the message of his Excellency the Gov., referred to in your message, be referred to the members of the Districts of Salisbury and Hillsboro.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for dividing the district of Salisbury. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Read the Memorial of John Devane of New Hanover County, praying, &c., Whereupon

Resolved, that the assessment of the property of the said John Devane made by the assessors of Duplin County be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void. And resolved further, that the said Devane be assessed and pay taxes in like manner as the other Inhabitants of New Hanover County, in proportion to his assessable property for the year 1781.

Ordered that the foregoing resolve with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of John Devane of New Hanover County, together with his Petition.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Martha Thompson, concurred with by this House.

The report referred to being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Martha Thompson, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for levying a further tax of—shillings on every hundred pounds value of taxable property in the County of Camden for defraying the expence of completing the public Building thereof. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to establish a department for adjusting and liquidating the public accounts of this State and for appointing a Comptroller. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time & passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

On motion, agreed that Mr. Ferebee and Mr. Medlock have leave of absence during the remaining part of this session.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 2 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Received from the Commons a bill to amend an act passed at New Bern 2d day of May, 1778, entitled an act to empower the Courts of pleas and quarter sessions in this State to order the laying public roads and establish and settle ferries and other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to amend an act entitled an act for dividing

Tryon County and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered this bill be read. Read, passed the first and sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill to empower the Commissioners therein mentioned to repair the public buildings in the town of Hillsborough. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to dock the Intail of certain lands therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read, the same being read the second time was rejected.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Thomas Kilpatrick, which we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The Petition referred to being read, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the Petition of Thomas Kilpatrick be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House in favour of John Devane of New Hanover County, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the resolve referred to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, concurred with.

Received from the Commons a bill for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed taxable property, the method of assessing the same and collecting the public taxes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for appointing Commissioners for the purpose

of carrying on and completing the Building of a Court House, Prison and Stocks in the County of Caswell. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to confirm certain Patents therein specified, issued in Virginia for lands which on the extension of the boundry line between this State and that are found to be within the State of North Carolina. Endorsed in the House of Commons 1 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for levying a specific provisional tax for defraying contingences and supporting the armies of the United States for the year 1782. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for raising troops to compleat the Continental Battalions of this State. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered this bill be read. Read, amended, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the recommendation of the Court of Caswell County in favour of William Korsey and John Swayney, and the Petitions of William McClean and Younger Burt, herewith sent you, be re-referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Read the recommendation of the Court of Franklin County in favour of Daniel Lasley, James Morley and Jane Bledsoe, poor infirm people of said County, Whereupon

Resolved, that the said Daniel Lasley, James Morley and Jane Bledsoe of the County aforesaid be and they are hereby respectively exempted from the payment of public taxes.

Read the recommendation of Jones County in favour of Talus Bumpas, an infirm man, whereupon

Resolved, that the said Talus Bumpas be and he is hereby declared exempt from paying poll taxes.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Daniel Lasley, James Morley and Jane Bledsoe of Franklin County and a Resolve in favour of Talus Bumpas of Jones County.

Read the affidavit of Hezekiah Marrett of Jones County respecting a claim on the public by him lost, whereupon

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Board of Auditors for the District of New Bern to issue a certificate in favour of Hezekiah Marrett for the sum of £400 State Currency in lieu of one for the like sum by him obtained from said Board in March, 1781, which is since lost.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Hezekiah Marrett of Jones County.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for the security of the Bank of North Carolina. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Read a receipt for thirty bushels of Corn & sixty dozen sheaves of wheat furnished by Benjamin Orman of Lincoln County for the use of a British Flag of Truce, whereupon

Resolved, that the Auditors of the District of Salisbury do grant a certificate to said Orman for the amount thereof, charge the same to his Britannic Majesty and transmit a Copy of such charge to the Commissary of Prisoners in this State.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Benjamin Orman of Lincoln County.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend an act entituled an act for the relief of such persons of a particular description as have taken paroles and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a Resolve allowing Thomas Tynes a certain sum therein mentioned; also a Resolve allowing John Stewart a certain sum therein mentioned for your concurrence.

These resolves being read the first was agreed to and the latter rejected.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive your resolve in favour of Thomas Tynes, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send you for concurrence a resolve for exempting Lazarus Benton and William Watson from the Payment of poll taxes.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive the Resolve of your House exempting Lazarus Benton and William Watson from the payment of Poll Taxes, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for the promotion of learning in the District of Edenton. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Read a Remonstrance and Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the District of Salisbury. Ordered that it be sent to the Commons with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send you herewith for your perusal a Remonstrance and Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the District of Salisbury.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for the relief of persons who have suffered or may suffer by their deeds and mesne conveyances not being proved and registered within the time heretofore appointed by law. Endorsed in the House of Commons 26 April, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read was amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons the bill to confirm certain Patents therein specified, issued in Virginia for lands which on the extension of the Boundary line between this State and that are found to lie within the State of North Carolina. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of William Hannah, which we propose referring to the joint Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of the Quakers in the Western Quarter. We propose that the Petitions of Waightstill Avery, of Charles Vandiver and of Thomas Kilpatrick be also referred to the same Committee.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Petitions of William Hannah, Waightstill Avery, Esq., and Charles Vandiver and Thomas Kilpatrick be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the petition of the Quakers in the Western Quarter.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Friday, 3 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Thomas Gray, Esquire, the member for the County of Johnston, appeared, produced his certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Colonel Wade, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the settlement of the accounts of Thomas Burke, Esquire, late Governor of this State, reported as followeth, vizt.:

That your Committee having examined the accounts, find that he hath on hand Five Thousand Dollars Currency, which he will pay into the Treasury when demanded.

That we find 34,106 Dollars were taken with his baggage, which we are of opinion should not be charged him.

That we find a balance due to him on his Specie account as per the within, his Salary included, of Four Hundred and fifty pounds Specie, exclusive of his Expences when a prisoner at Charlestown, the account of which hath not been received by him, which accounts when they come to hand we are of opinion should be allowed.

THOMAS WADE, Ch.

The foregoing report being read was concurred with & the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive the report of the joint Committee on the accounts of Thomas Burke, Esquire, late Governor of this State, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Williams, concurred with by this House, and a resolve in consequence thereof for your concurrence.

The resolve referred to being read was agreed to, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Williams and the resolve of your House entered into in consequence thereof, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return you the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Representation of the Secy. of State, cond. with by this House.

Recd. the report cond. with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House in favour of Hezekiah Marrett, cond. with by this House.

Recd. the resolve referred to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to oblige the Inhabitants of Bladen County to attend the public meetings with their arms.

Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for ascertaining the Salaries of the Governor, Secretary and other Officers of the State. Endorsed in the House of Commons 2 May, 1782, Read second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to amend an act entituled an act for dividing Edgecomb County and for other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Mr. McCawley & John Branch, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the settlement of Mr. Sharpe's accounts.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Petition of William McCawley & John Branch, Esquires, be referred to the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Mr. Sharpe.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Mem. of Rd. Nassau Stephens, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Hay.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Mem. of Rd. Nassau Stephens be referred to the Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Mr. John Hay.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House in favour of Benjamin Oram, cond. with by this House.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose that the Remonstrance and Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the District of Salisbury be referred to the Committee of Propositions & Grievances.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the Remonstrance and Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Salisbury District be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the recommendation of the Court of Caswell County in favour of William Korseby and John Swayney and the Petition of William McClean and Younger Burt be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances. This House cannot concur with the resolve of your House exempting Daniel Lasley, Jas. Morley, Jane Bledsoe and Talus Bumpas from paying taxes, but agree that they be exempted from paying poll taxes.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that Talus Bumpas be exempted from the payment of poll taxes only.

On motion, resolved that the Treasurers of this State respectively do pay and deliver the printed certificates of seven thousand five hundred dollars each, intended as a bounty for the volunteers, Drafts or Substitutes raised for Continental service by act of the General Assembly passed in Feb., 1781, which have not been applied agreeable to the said act to the persons entitled to receive the same, provided they produce a discharge or other sufficient proof of the service, or that the person applied for died in such service or was taken prisoner by the enemy.

Ordered that the above resolve with the following message be sent the Commons.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a Resolve respecting the printed certificates issued in virtue of an act of Assembly passed in February, 1781.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill directing the sale of confiscated property. Endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons propose balloting at 4 o'clock this evening for delegates to represent this State in Congress the current year, a Council of State, a Judge of the Court of Admiralty and a Marshal for Port Brunswick and an Attor. General, and for a place at which the future Assemblies shall be held, and put in nomination for Delegates Abner Nash, Dr. Hugh Williamson, Thomas Person, William Blount, Ben. Hawkins, Richard D. Spaight, Joseph Jones, Archibald Maclaine and Adlai Osborne, Esquires. For a Council of State, Jno. Penn, Rd. Henderson, Spruce McCay, Willie Jones, Jno. Taylor, Will Johnson, Whitt. Hill, Griffith Rutherford, Hezekiah Alexander, Ben Seawell, Phil. Hawkins, Sen., Allen Jones, Joseph Winston and Robert Lanier, Esquires. For a Judge of the Court of Admiralty for Port Brunswick, John A. Campbell. For a Marshall, Thomas Bloodworth. For an Attorney General, Alfred Moore and John Kinchen, Esquires. For a place at which the future Assemblies shall be held, Halifax, Cross Creeks, Hillsborough and Tarborough. If you accede to this Proposition you will signify the same by message.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the General Assembly ballot at 4 o'clock this evening, as by you proposed. They add to the nomination of delegates Robert Irwin, Esquire. Mr. Coor and Mr. Macon will superintend the balloting, which we propose as usual shall be in the Church.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the report of the joint Committee on the acct. of Thomas Burke, Esquire, late Governor of this State, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the report referred to endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, concurred with.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have added Memucan Hunt, Esquire, to the nomination for Councillors and Thomas Jones for a Marshall for Port Brunswick.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to encourage Caleb Grainger to build a bridge over Smith's Creek at the place where the late bridge stood in New Hanover County. Endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for regulating the town of Edenton. Endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the third time, passed & ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill for appointing public Treasurers and directing their duty in office. Endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and ordered to be sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill to regulate and ascertain the fees to the Secretary of State, the Governor's private Secretary, and the Surveyors. Endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate propose that the time when the next Assembly shall be held be also balloted for, and nominate for that purpose the first Monday in November next.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree to ballot for the time when the next Assembly shall be held, and nominate the second Monday in October next. Mr. Payne and Mr. Winslow will superintend the balloting on the part of this House.

Mr. Coor and Mr. Macon, from the joint Committee appointed to superintend the balloting for delegates to represent this State in Congress the current year, a Council of State, an Attorney General, a Judge and Marshal of the Court of Admiralty for Port Brunswick and the time when and place where the next Assembly shall be held, reported that having attended the same, on casting up the ballots it appeared that Abner Nash, Hugh Williamson, Benjamin Hawkins and William Blount, Esquires, were elected Delegates; Richard Henderson, Allen Jones, Spruce McCay, Philemon Hawkins, Sen., Griffith Rutherford, John Penn and Benjamin Seawell, Esquires, were elected a Council of State; Alfred Moore, Esquire, Attorney General of the State; John A. Campbell, Judge of the Court of Admiralty for Port Brunswick, and Thomas Bloodworth, Marshal of the Court of Admiralty for said Port; that the first Monday in November next was the time appointed for holding the next session of Assembly, but that the place when that session shall be held is yet to be balloted for.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration, concurred therewith.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Saturday, 4 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hill, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Benthall, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee appointed to take under consideration the Petition of Joseph Benthall beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that Jos. Wood, Esquire, has been guilty of misbehaviour in office, for which he ought to be cited to appear before the next General Assembly, and in the meantime that he be suspended from executing his office as Justice of the Peace. All which is submitted.

HENRY HILL, Ch.

The foregoing report being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Joseph Benthall, concurred with by this House.

Col. Charles McDowell, the member from the County of Burke, appeared, produced his certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House respecting the printed certificates, concurred with.

Recd. the resolve above alluded to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, cond. with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on Mr. Bloodworth's Petition concurred with by this House and a resolve in consequence thereof for your Concurrence.

The report and resolve referred to being read were rejected.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for laying a further tax of one shilling on every one hundred pounds value of taxable property in the County of Camden for defraying the Expence of compleating the public buildings thereof. Endorsed in the House of Commons 3 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate propose that the General Assembly Ballot immediately for the place at which the future Assemblies shall be held.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree to ballot immediately for a place at which the future Assemblies shall be held.

Mr. Macon and Mr. Coor, from the joint Committee to superintend the balloting for a place at which the future Assemblies

shall be held, reported that having executed that trust, on summing up the Ballots it appeared that the town of Hillsboro was the place appointed for the purpose.

The House taking this report into consideration, concurred therewith.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a message from His Excellency the Governor with the papers therein referred to, which we propose shall be referred to a joint Committee and that this Committee point out the mode as recommended by His Excellency the Governor. For this purpose Mr. Payne, Mr. J. Macon, Mr. Phifer and Mr. Armstrong will act as a Committee with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Macon, Mr. Lockhart and Mr. John Baker will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of His Excellency the Governor's message of yesterday and the papers therein alluded to.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend an act entituled an act to prevent burning the woods, and

A bill for levying a further tax of \_\_\_\_ shillings on every hundred pounds value of taxable property in the County of Jones for defraying the expense of completing the public buildings thereof. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bills be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

James Williams, Esquire, the member for the County of Chatham, appeared, presented his certificate, qualified agreeable to law and took his seat.

On motion, agreed that the Committee of Privileges and Elections report on the legality of the election of James Williams, Esquire.

Whereas, an act has passed in this General Assembly appointing Commissioners to enquire into the claim of Col. Thomas Clarke, John Innis Clark and Anne Hooper, Wife of William Hooper,

Esquire, against James Murray, late of this State, and to make return of their proceedings therein to the next Assembly,

Resolved, that the Commissioners or Commissioner of confiscated property already appointed or who shall be appointed forbear to sell or dispose of the estate, either real or personal, of the said Murray until such return as aforesaid shall be made to the Assembly and their decision had thereon.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a Resolve entered into by this House in consequence of the act passed by the present Assembly respecting the claim of Colonel Clarke and others against the estate of James Murray.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of William Borden, which we propose referring to the joint Committee to whom the Petition of the Quakers in the Western Quarter was referred.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the Petition of William Borden be refd. to the Committee to whom was refd. the Petition of the Quakers in the Western Quarter.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for concurrence a resolve for citing Jas. Phillips, one of the Justices of the Peace in Tyrrell County, to appear before the General Assembly, &c.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House citing Jas. Phillips of Tyrrell County to appear before the next Assembly we concur with.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to appoint Commissioners for fixing on a place within the County of Anson to build a Court House, Prison and Stocks and other purposes therein contained. Endorsed in House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for appointing Commissioners to fix on a place to build a Court House, Prison and Stocks in the County of Wayne and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petitions of James Archer, Jno. Griffith, David Mucklewrath, Brice Collins and Lewis Kirk & the representation of the upper Board of Auditors for the District of Salisbury, all of which we propose referring to the joint Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Quakers in the Eastern Quarter.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the several petitions by you enumerated and the Representation of the upper Board of Auditors be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Quakers in the Eastern Quarter.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of John Walker, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Spears. The Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Surry County and the Petition of Giles Kelly and Absalom Manley of Wilkes County and a Representation of Grievances from the District of Salisbury we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the Petition of John Walker be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Spears; they also agree that the other Petitions & the Representation by you mentioned be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Jos. Benthall, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the report concurred with.

Read the proceedings of a Court Martial held for the Trial of Colo. Chas. McDowell of Burke County and a letter from Brig. Genl. Rutherford relative thereto, whereupon

Resolved, that this House, convinced of the recitude of the Intentions of the said Colo. Chas. McDowell, are of opinion that he be reinstated in his office as Colo. of the County afsd.

Ordered that the foregoing resolve with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a Resolve respecting the proceedings of a Court Martial held for the Trial of Colo. Charles McDowell of Burke County; we also send herewith the proceedings aforesaid.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend an act passed at New Bern the 2d day of May, 1778, entitled an act to empower the Courts of Pleas and Quarter sessions in this State, to order the laying off public roads and establish and settle ferries and other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to amend an act entitled an act for dividing Tryon County and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a Bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act passed at New Bern in May, 1780, Entitled an act to enlarge the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to alleviate in some degree the distressed Inhabitants of the several Counties in the District of Wilmington. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Read the Petition and Remonstrance of Edward Nicholson of Nash County, praying, &c. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on such excuses as may be any officers of this State who have taken Paroles from the Enemy be urged in justification of their having so done and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive the Petition of Edward Nicholson, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on such excuses as may by any officers of this State who have taken Paroles from the Enemy be urged in justification of their having so done.

Read the Petition of Nathan Bryan and Lewis Bryan of Jones County, praying, &c.

Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee, that for this purpose Mr. McDowell, Mr. Gray and Mr. Bass be a Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the Petition of Nathan Bryan and Lewis Bryan, Esquires, of Jones County, herewith sent you, be referred to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed Mr. McDowell, Mr. Gray and Mr. Bass, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen as you may appoint for that purpose.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for adding part of Burke County to Lincoln County, for appointing Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned and for laying a tax to compleat the public buildings therein. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for appointing Commissioners for the purpose of carrying on and compleating the buildings of a Court House,

Prison and Stocks in the County of Caswell. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read the second time was rejected.

Recd. also a bill for finishing the Court House in the town of Windsor in Bertie County and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read the second time was rejected.

Recd. likewise a bill to amend an act entituled an act for dividing Edgecombe County and for other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 4 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the commons.

Recd. the Recommendation of the Court of Rutherford County in favour of George Lewis, a blind man of said County, whereupon

Resolved, that the said George Lewis be allowed thirty Barrels of Corn, to be paid him annually out of the specific tax of said County by the Commissioners thereof.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence a resolve of this House in favour of George Lewis of Rutherford County.

On motion, agreed that Mr. William Baker have leave of absence during the remaining part of this session.

John Collier, Esquire, the member for the County of Randolph, appeared, produced his certificate, qualified agreeable to Law and took his seat.

On motion, agreed that Mr. William Cocke have leave of absence during the remaining part of this session.

On motion, resolved that the public Treasurers or either of them pay to James Glasgow, Esquire, Secretary, Two Hundred and one pounds nine shillings specie, the Ballance of his account as per Report of the Committee to whom the same was referred, concurred with by the General Assembly, and be allowed the same in the settlement of their accounts.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve directing the Treasurers or either of them to pay James Glasgow, Esquire, a certain sum therein mentioned.

Recd. a return of the Election for Tyrrell County. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Recd. the Resignation of Robert Bignall, Esquire, Commissioner of Trade. Ordered that the same, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the resignation of Robert Bignall, Esquire, Commissioner of Trade, which this House accept of.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Sunday, 5 May, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Colonel Irwin, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Richard Nassau Stephens, reported as followeth: The Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of Richard Nassau Stephens, having considered the same and the copy of a deed thereby referred to, Report as follows:

That the facts alleged in the Memorial appear to be true in particular, that the writing said to be copy of a deed from William Heritage to Phebe and Mary Lester is in the handwriting of Mr. Patrick Gordon and appears to be a true copy of a deed conveying the Lotts and Lands mentioned therein to the said Phebe and Mary Lester, which was duly executed and proved but never registered. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that an act of Assembly ought to pass for admitting the said copy to Record and declaring the same to be as valid as the original would have been had it been duly registered.

ROBERT IRWIN, Ch.

The House taking this report into consideration, concurred therewith and ordered it be sent the Commons with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this we send you the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of Richard Nassau Stephens concurred with by this House.

Col. Irwin, from the joint Committee appointed to consider and report on the Petition of Jesse Darden and Jos. Herring, reported as followeth, vizt.:

Your Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Jesse Darden & Jos. Herring report

That Felix Kenan, as agent for Henry E. McCulloch, on the 22d day of October, 1777, bargained to sell to the said Darden Three Hundred Acres of land lying on Burkhaw Swamp in Duplin County, and bound himself to convey the same under the penalty of two hundred pounds proc. But it does not appear that any part of the purchase money is paid.

Your Committee also find that the said Kenan, as agent for said McCulloch, sold three hundred and forty-six acres of land lying upon the head of Zeb Branch, a prong of Galor's Branch, to Jos. Herring for one hundred and fifty pounds proc. and promised to make a conveyance when he was enabled so to do, but never gave such deed. It appears that the said Herring on the 8th day of September, 1778, paid fifty pounds proc., in part of the above consideration money and no more. Under these circumstances your Committee are of opinion that the Commissioner or Commissioners of Confiscated Property ought to be directed not to take into possession or make sale of the said lands, but that the said Darden and Herring ought to have the said lands confirmed to them when they shall account with the General Assembly for the consideration money due for the same.

ROBERT IRWIN, Ch.

This report being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of Jesse Darden and Joseph Herring, concurred with by this House.

On motion, agreed that John Baker, Esquire, have leave of absence after Thursday next.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the petition of John Warrington, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and do for that purpose on

our part appoint Mr. Nash, Mr. I. Johnston, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Bagge, Mr. McCawley, Mr. Gorham, Mr. Person and Mr. Phil. Hawkins a Committee. We also appoint Mr. McCawley, Mr. Sharpe and Mr. P. Hawkins a Committee who will act with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to devise ways and means to defray the expence of the members of the General Assembly and also ways and means to support the Delegates in Congress and other Officers of the civil list.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Coor, Mr. J. Williams and Mr. Lock will, with the Gentlemen by you appointed, consider of and report on the Petition of John Warrington and Mr. Irwin. Dr. Guion, Mr. Moore and Mr. Coor on the part of this House will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to devise ways and means for defraying the expences of the members of the Genl. Assembly, &c.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We herewith send for your concurrence the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants on Cumberland River, cond. with by this House.

Rejected.

Recd. from the Commons, &c.: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House allowing James Glasgow, Esquire, a certain sum therein mentioned & the resolve in favour of George Lewis, concurred with. We also send for concurrence a resolve of this House allowing Daniel Shaw a certain sum therein mentioned.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We do not concur with your resolve allowing Daniel Shaw Thirty pounds specie, but will consent that he be allowed thirty barrels of Corn.

Recd. from the Commons, &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the petition of William Eldridge and a resolve of this House in consequence thereof for your concurrence.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen: Your resolve in favour of William Eldridge we return concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to repeal part of an act entituled an act to suppress excessive gaming and to amend the said act. Endorsed in the House of Commons 5 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for dividing Washington County into two distinct Counties and for other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 5 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read was rejected.

Recd. likewise a Bill for granting out certain vacated lands therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 5 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read was rejected.

Recd. also a bill for establishing a County by the name of ——— on Cumberland River, ascertaining the quantity of land for each officer and soldier in the Continental line and for appointing Commissioners to survey the same. Endorsed in the House of Commons 5 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered this bill be read. The same being read was rejected.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House in favour of Colonel Charles McDowell, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the resolve referred to cond. with. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree to refer the Petition of Lewis Bryan and Nathan Bryan, Esquires, to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed Mr. Turner, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Hardin, Mr. Phil. Hawkins and Mr. Nash a Committee.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree that the Petition of Edward Nicholson be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on

such Excuses as may by any officers of this State who have taken Paroles from the Enemy be urged in justification of their having so done.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for building a Prison and Jailer's House in the Town of Edenton. Endorsed in the House of Commons 5 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Monday, 6 May, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Dr. Guion, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Wm. McCawley, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Major William McCawley report

That for sundry sums of money by him paid to sundry volunteers and drafts of the County of Orange for the aid of South Carolina in June, 1780, as per account of vouchers to the amount of nine thousand two hundred and forty pounds.

It also appears to your Committee that for the purpose of paying the said aid Major McCawley received from the Treasury Twelve thousand eight hundred pounds and that there remains a ballance due to the State of Three thousand five hundred and sixty pounds, which the said McCawley is ready to repay in the Treasury, and is submitted.

ISAAC GUION, Ch.

The foregoing report being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the Committee on the accounts of Major William McCawley, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Memorial of Dennis O'Bryan, which we propose referring to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and the Petition of Martin Hankey, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Spiers.

The Petitions referred to being read, that of Martin Hankey was rejected, the other concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the Memorial of Dennis O'Bryan be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances for your concurrence, which is concurred with by this House, who have appointed Mr. Nash and Mr. Sharpe a Committee on their part to act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill agreeable to such report.

Ordered that Mr. Jones, Mr. Coor and Mr. Williams act on this Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances concurred with as by your House, and have appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Coor and Mr. Williams to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to prepare a bill as therein recommended.

Received from the Commons a bill for establishing a copy of a Deed therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 6 May, 1872, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Jesse Darden and Joseph Herring and on the Memorial of Richard Nassau Stephens, concurred with by this House. We agree that Daniel Shaw be allowed thirty barrels of Corn instead of the thirty pounds specie which the House allowed him by resolve this day.

Recd. the reports referred to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 6 May, 1782, cond. with.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the joint Committee on the settlement of Mr. John Baker's accounts as Commissioner of Hertford county, concurred with by this House.

We send the Memorial of Colonel James Armstrong, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have appointed General Caswell, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Macon a Committee on their part for that purpose.

Also the Memorial of Joseph Martin of Sullivan County, Agent and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and for that purpose do appoint Mr. Shelby, Mr. Person and Mr. Avery a Committee. And also the account of Lewis Bryan, Commissioner for purchasing Horses in the District of New Bern, the settlement of which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to settle with the County Commissioners, &c.

The report referred to being read was rejected and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appointed Mr. Salter, Mr. Jas. Williams and Mr. Baker a Committee, who will act jointly with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the Memorial of Mr. James Armstrong. Mr. John Williams and Mr. McDowell will act with the Gentlemen by you named to consider of and report on the Memorial of Col. Jas. Martin. We agree that Lewis Bryan's accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to settle with the County Commissioners, &c.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for concurrence the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of William Borden, concurred with by this House, also a resolve in consequence thereof.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the joint Committee on the report of William Borden and the resolve of your House in consequence thereof we return you concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the resignation of Joseph Herndon as first Major of the Wilkes Regiment of Militia, also a letter from Thomas Burke, Esquire, the subject of which we propose referring to the Committee to whom the settlement of his accounts as Governor was referred, and also a message from his Excellency the Governor for your perusal.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House accept Major Joseph Herndon's resignation and agree that the letter from Thomas Burke, Esquire, of the 3d Inst., be referred to the Committee to whom his accounts as Governor of this State were referred.

On motion, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House being determined to finish the session on Saturday next, propose the estimates be made out to that day, and in order that the public business may be finished, request you will be pleased to attend to that only and give it all the dispatch you possibly can.

Read a letter from the Honourable Samuel Ashe, Esquire, of the Superior Court.

Ordered that the same be sent the Commons with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your perusal a letter of the 12 Ult. from the Honl. Samuel Ashe, Esquire, addressed to the General Assembly.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the officers of the North Carolina line, concurred with by the Commons, who have on their part appointed Doctor Williamson and Mr. Phil. Hawkins a Committee to prepare and bring in a bill agreeable to such report.

The report referred to being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate return the report of the Committee on the Memorial of the officers of the North Carolina line, concurred with, and have appointed Mr. Coor & Mr. Gray, who will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to propose and bring in a bill agreeable to the Recommendation therein contained.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee on Major McCawley's accounts, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the report. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, cond. with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to attain certain persons therein mentioned of Treason; to pardon others on certain conditions; for repealing the acts disqualifying non Jurors and for the relief of certain Officers, therein described, who have taken paroles from the Enemy. Endorsed in the House of Commons 6 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for laying a duty on certain goods imported in this State, therein mentioned, and for establishing a Fund for defraying the expences of keeping up the Stakes which point out the channels leading up the several sounds and Rivers from Ocacock Bar and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 6 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Tuesday, 7 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed taxable property, the method of assessing the same and collecting the public taxes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 6 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your perusal a message from His Excellency the Governor and the sundry letters, &c., therein referred to.

The message and Papers referred to being read were ordered to be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on the messages from the late Governor to this Assembly and the other State Papers and the following message was ordered to be sent the Commons.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that His Excellency's the Governor's message of yesterday and the letters accompanying it be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on the other State Papers laid before this Assembly.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence a resolve exempting Robert Brasher from paying poll Taxes.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your concurrence a Resolve appointing Ammon Grandy Commissioner for the purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House exempting Robert Brasher from paying poll taxes and your resolve appointing Ammon Grandy a Commissioner for the purposes therein mentioned, concurred with by this House.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of Nathan and Lewis Bryan, concurred with by this House.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of Nathan and Lewis Bryan, Esquires, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend the several acts passed within the State to prevent the stoppage of the passage of Fish up the several Rivers therein mentioned and

A Bill to amend an act for appointing District Auditors and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence two reports of the Committee appointed to receive the returns of the District Auditors, &c., concurred with by this House.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on the accounts of James Coor, Esquire, Comr. of Craven County, and on the Proceedings of the Board of Auditors for the District of New Bern we return you concurred with.

Recd. &c.: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of Colonel James Armstrong, concurred with by this House, also a resolve of this house in consequence thereof.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the joint Committee on the Mems. of Colonel James Armstrong we return you herewith, concurred with by this House; we also concur with your resolve relative thereto.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the State Board of Auditors on the accounts of Nicholas Long, Esquire, D. Q. M. G., which we

propose referring to a joint Committee, and do for that purpose appoint on our part Mr. McCawley, Mr. D. Wilson, Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Jo. Hawkins a Committee.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Lock, Dr. Guion, Mr. Coor & Mr. Blount will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed a Committee on the State Board of Auditors on Col. Long's accounts.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your concurrence a resolve for exempting Matthew Lyon from paying poll taxes, also the recommendation of the Court of Orange County in favour of Dd. Anderson, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Forbes.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House exempting Matthew Lyon from the payment of poll taxes we concur with and agree that the recommendation of the Court of Orange County in favour of David Anderson be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Forbes.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to alter the times of holding several County Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions within the District of Morgan. Endorsed in the House of Commons 6 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a letter from Matthew Brooks, Comr. of Surry County, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Colonel Jos. Martin. The Petition of Elizabeth Forbes, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have appointed Mr. Vaughan, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Webb, Mr. Horton and Mr. Hunter a Committee on our part for that purpose. And the Petition of John Walker, John Moore and Caleb Grainger,

Esquires, which we also propose referring to a joint Committee, and have appointed Mr. Simpson, Genl. Caswell, Mr. H. Macon, Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Horton a Committee on our part for that purpose. We also send you the resignation of John Taylor, Esquire, one of the State Board of Auditors.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Jones absent after Sunday.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the letter from the Commissioner of Surry County be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Colonel Jo. Martin. Mr. Atkins, Mr. Mebane and Mr. Gill will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to report on the Petition of Elizabeth Forbes and Mr. Brown, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Gray, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Baker will with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the Petition of John Walker, Jno. Moore and Caleb Grainger, Esquires. The Resignation of Mr. Taylor, one of the State Auditors, we accept of.

Read the Memorial of Captain John Arnold. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to report on the Petition of Nathan and Lewis Bryan and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Memorial of Captain John Arnold, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to consider of the Petition of Nathan and Lewis Bryan, Esquires, to report on.

Colonel Irwin, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of David Marshall, reported as followeth, vizt.:

Your Committee to whom the Memorial of David Marshall was referred, having considered the same, report

That it appears by the Bond of Samuel Cornell, Esquire, to the said Marshall, dated July 11th, 1772, that he, the said Cornell, did sell to the said Marshall a certain Lott in New Bern, No. 510, and agreed to convey the same in fee simple to the said Marshall, his Heirs and Assigns, on this condition: That the said Marshall should pay to the said Cornell Two Hundred and fifty pounds proc. at four different payments, vizt.: Fifty pounds on the 11 day of May, 1773; Fifty pounds on the 11 day of May, 1774; Fifty pounds on the 11 May, 1775, and one Hundred pounds on

the 11 May, 1776. It appears also that the said Marshall on the 18th August, 1775, paid to the said Cornell Sixty-one pounds four shillings and five pence proc., in part of the said consideration money. The aforesaid several sums, amounting on the whole to Two Hundred and fifty pounds, were to carry Interest from the date of the agreement, vizt., July 11, 1772; so that the Principal and interest on the day of the only payment made, vizt., 18 August, 1775, amounted to £296, 5 /., from which sum sixty-one pounds,  $\frac{4}{5}$ , then paid, is to be deducted, which leaves Two hundred and thirty-five pounds and seven pence, and this sum with Int. to this time, amounts to three hundred and twenty-nine pounds & seven pence. On this state of the case your Committee are of opinion that the said David Marshall, on payment of the said three hundred and twenty-nine pounds and seven pence in specie, at any time within 12 months from this date, with Interest, to the Commissioner or Commissioners who shall be appointed for the sale of confiscated property ought to have the said Lott No. 510 vested in him, his Heirs & Assigns.  
ROBERT IRWIN, Ch.

Ordered that the foregoing report with the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of David Marshall of the town of New Bern, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your perusal a message from His Excellency the Governor and the letter, &c., therein referred to.

The message and letter alluded to being read, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that His Excellency the Governor's message of this day, addressed to the General Assembly, & the Papers accompanying it be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on the other State Papers & Messages from the late Governor.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for the relief of the officers and

soldiers in the Contl. line and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to repeal part of an act passed at Wake Court House in the year 1781, entitled an act to regulate and ascertain the several officers' fees therein mentioned and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered this bill be read. Read, passed the first and sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill to amend an act entitled an act to prevent burning the woods. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. a bill to repeal part of an act to prevent excessive gaming and to amend the said act. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill to amend an act entitled an act for dividing Edgecombe County and for other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill to regulate and ascertain the fees to the Secy. of State, the Governor's private Secy. & the Surveyors. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for appointing Commissioners to fix on a place to build a Court House, Prison and Stocks in the County of Wayne & other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

It appearing to this House that Francis Newby of Franklin County hath received a wound when acting as a Militia soldier in the service of this State, which renders him incapable of procuring a maintenance,

Resolved, therefore, that the said Francis Newby be allowed thirty barrels of corn, to be paid him out of the specific tax by the Commissioner of his County.

Ordered that the above resolve, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a Resolve in favour of Francis Newby of Franklin County.

Recd. the representation of Captain James Reed. Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee, that Mr. Macon and Mr. James Williams act thereon and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House propose that the representation of Captain James Reed, herewith sent you, be referred to a joint Committee, and for that purpose have on their part appointed Mr. Macon and Mr. James Williams.

Received from the Commons a bill to alleviate in some degree the distressed Inhabitants of the several Counties in the District of Wilmington. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read was passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

On motion of Colonel Irwin, ordered that the yeas and nays be taken on the passage of this bill, which were as followeth, vizt.: For the bill, Messrs Mebane, Coor, Griffin, Willie Jones, Brown, Johnston, Kenan, Salter, Atkins, Abram Jones, Guion, Bryan, Bass, Gray and McDowell, 15. Against the bill, Messrs. Jno. Williams, Macon, Gill, Hill, Lockhart, Miller, Bledsoe, Isaacs, Irwin, Lock, Sheppard and James Williams, 12. So the bill was passed.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Wednesday, 8 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the joint Committee to whom a letter from His Excellency the Governor respecting the Rank of the Officers of the State Legion was referred, which is concurred with by this House.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the joint Committee respecting the rank of the Officers of the State Legion, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the petition of Lewis Tucker, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Forbes, also the petition of Benjamin Kimball and Settleberry White, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan and Lewis Bryan.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Petition of Lewis Tucker be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Forbes; we also agree that the Petition of Benjamin Kimball and Settleberry White be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan and Lewis Bryan, Esquires.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of David Marshall and the resolve of your House in favour of Francis Newby concurred with. This House agree that the representation of Captain Reed be referred to a joint Committee, and for that purpose do appoint Mr. Winston, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Branch & Mr. McCulloch a Committee. We also agree that the message from His Excellency the Governor be referred to the Committee as by you proposed.

Recd., concurred with, &c.

On motion, resolved that the Commissioner or Commissioners of confiscated property be directed not to make sale of Lott 510 in the Town of New Bern, formerly the property of Samuel Cornell, Esq., now claimed by David Marshall, until after the expiration of 12 months from this date, unless the General Assembly at some future session should otherwise direct. Resolved also, that the said David Marshall, on payment of the principal and Interest due for the purchase of the said Lott, shall be allowed such sums of money agreeable to the value thereof as he has already paid or shall pay to the Commissioners for Rent of said Lott.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve entered into by this House in consequence of the Report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of David Marshall.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree that the Memorial of John Arnold be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan and Lewis Bryan, and that His Excellency the Governor's Message & the Letters accompanying it be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of and report on other State Papers.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Memorial of James Houston of Rowan County, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan and Lewis Bryan.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate agree that the Memorial of James Houston be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan and Lewis Bryan, Esquires.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to establish a department for adjusting and liquidating the public accounts of this State and for appointing a Comptroller. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

James Williams, Esquire, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the representation of Captain Reed, Reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee to whom was referred the Representation of Captain James Reed, report

That it appears to your Committee that the sorrel Horse mentioned in said representation died in the service of this State and he was of equal or greater value than the grey Horse now in the possession of Captain Reed;

Therefore your Committee are of opinion that the property of the said grey Horse be vested in said Reed in lieu of the said sorrel Horse that died in the service. All which is submitted.

JAMES WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The House taking this report into consideration, concurred therewith and ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive the report of the joint Committee on the Representation of Captain James Reed, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for establishing a copy of a deed therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 8 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received also a bill for giving an Equity Jurisdiction to the Superior Courts. Endorsed in the House of Commons 8 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended & passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Commons a bill to amend an act entituled an act to amend an act passed at New Bern in May, 1780, Entituled an act to enlarge the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons a bill for raising a revenue for the support of Government. Endorsed in the House of Commons 7 May, 1782, read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report on the Representation of Captain James Reed and the Resolve of your House in consequence of the report on the Petition of David Marshall, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the report and resolve referred to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 8 May, 1782, concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Brigadier General Sumner, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the Representation of Captain Reed.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Petition of Brigadier General Sumner be referred to the committee to whom was referred the Representation of Captain Reed.

Received from the Commons a bill for appointing a place for the future meetings of the General Assembly. Endorsed in the House of Commons 8 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Thursday, 9 May, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Read the petition of John King of Bladen County, praying, &c., whereupon ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee for this purpose, that Mr. Irwin & Mr. Brown be a Committee and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the Petition of John King of Bladen County, herewith sent you, be referred to a joint Committee, and have for

that purpose on our part appointed Mr. Irwin and Mr. Brown a Committee.

Read the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Duplin County, praying, &c.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Duplin County, herewith sent you, be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

On motion, agreed that Dr. Guion, Mr. Lock, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Wade, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Hill, Mr. Salter and Mr. Gregory have leave of absence after Sunday next.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have appointed Mr. Bryan, Mr. Jo. Hawkins, Mr. Payne, Mr. Person, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Gillispie and Mr. Shelby a Committee on their part, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to enquire into the State of the public buildings in the Town of New Bern and report on the expediency of selling the same, who shall also prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Coor, Mr. Gray and Mr. Jones will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to enquire into the State of the public buildings in the Town of New Bern, &c.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House do appoint Mr. Spaight, Dr. Williamson, Mr. Person, Mr. Gillispie, Mr. Herndon, Mr. McCulloch & Mr. David Wilson a Committee on their part, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen of the Senate as may be appointed to settle on a Scale of Depreciation.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Irwin, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Jas. Williams & Mr. Griffin will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to fix and settle a Scale of Depreciation.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith sundry letters which show that Geo. Meek of Wilmington carries on a correspondence with the Enemy at Charlestown, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to devise ways and means to defray the Expence of the Members of the General Assembly. We propose that the Memorials from Mecklenburg and Guilford and the report of the Committee on Col. Long's accounts, herewith sent you, be referred to the Committee appointed to enquire into the State of the public buildings at New Bern.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the several letters now before this session showing that Geo. Meek of Wilmington corresponds with the Enemy at Charlestown be referred to the Committee appointed to devise ways and means to defray the expences of the members of the General Assembly, and that the Memorials from Mecklenburg and Guilford and the report of the Committee on Col. Long's accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to enquire into the State of the public buildings in New Bern.

Received from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve for allowing Major Henry Dixon a certain sum therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Auditors, &c., on the accounts of Charles Abercrombie, Absalom Tatom & others therein mentioned, concurred with by this House.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We concur with your resolve in favour of Major Dixon and return the report of the Committee on the accounts of Charles Abercrombie, Absalom Tatom and others, concurred with by this House.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Memorial of James Hogg & William Johnston in behalf of themselves & others, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose on our part appd. Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Person, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Phifer, Mr. P. Hawkins and Mr. Hardin a Committee.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Moore, Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Coor and Mr. Jno. Williams will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of the Memorial of James Hogg & Wil. Johnston.

Recd., &c.: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the memorial of William Lenoir, which we propose referring to a joint Committee, and do for that purpose on our part appoint Mr. Shepperd & Mr. McCawley a Committee.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

Mr. Shepperd and Mr. Johnston will act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of the Memorial of William Lenoir.

Recd. from the Commons a bill directing the sale of confiscated property. Endorsed in the House of Commons 8 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered this Bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

On reading this bill a motion was made and seconded that the name of Mr. Peter Mallett be inserted in the bill among those whose Property is declared forfeited to the State. This being objected to, the question was put and carried in the affirmative, 22 against six. Then on motion of Mr. Moore, ordered that the yeas and nays be taken, which were as follows, vizt.: Yeas, Messrs. Mebane, John Williams, Coor, Macon, Griffin, Gill, Hill, Gregory, Brown, Johnston, Kenan, Collier, Isaacs, Irwin, Atkins, Bryan, Lock, Bass, Shepperd, Gray, McDowell and Salter. Nays, Messrs. Willie Jones, Blount, Moore, Wade, Bledsoe and James Williamson.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The dissentients moved for leave and entered as followeth, vizt.:

On the question whether Peter Mallett's name should be entered in the bill directing the sale of confiscated property.

Dissentient.

For the Reason: That the said Peter Mallett has already surrendered himself and given Bail to stand Tryal agreeable to the Laws of the Land for all offences wherewith he is chargeable against the State, and we mean that our dissent should extend to the names of all persons under similar circumstances.

Willie Jones,  
Alfred Moore,  
Joseph Blount,  
Tho. Wade,  
Anthony Bledsoe,  
James Williamson.

Received also a bill to empower the Commissioners therein mentioned to repair the public buildings in the town of Hillsborough and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 8 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Read the petition of Joseph Dixon, also the petition of Sarah McLain, Widow of Alexander McLain. Ordered they be referred to the Committee appointed to receive the Returns of the District Auditors and settle with the County Commissioners, & that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Petition of Joseph Dixon & the Petition of Sarah McLain, widow of Alexander McLain, both of which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to receive the returns of the District Auditors and settle with the County Commissioners.

Received from the Commons a Bill for raising Troops to complete the Continental Battalion of this State and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 9 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received also a Bill for adding part of Burke County to Lincoln County, for appointing Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned, and for levying a tax to complete the public buildings therein. Endorsed in the House of Commons 9 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received likewise a Bill for establishing a copy of a deed therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 9 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

Received likewise a bill to vest a certain tract of land in Robert Cummins. Endorsed in the House of Commons 9 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and ordered to be sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the Committee on Mr. Brooke's Letter, concurred with by this House. We also send for your perusal a message from His Excellency the Governor, with a letter from the superintendent of Finance & a Resolution of Congress, and also the account of Judge Spencer, which we propose referring to the Committee to whom was referred the settlement of Mr. Sharpe's accounts.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on Mr. Brooke's Letter we concur with; we propose that the message from His Excellency the Governor and the Papers accompanying it be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the other State Papers; we agree that Judge Spencer's accounts be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the settlement of Mr. Sharpe's accounts.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Kilpatrick, the report of the Committee on the Petition of Sarah Beaucham and the report of the Committee on the Petition of Waightstill Avery, Esquire, and a resolve of this House in consequence thereof.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Kilpatrick, the report on the Petition of Sarah Beaucham and the report on the petition of W. Avery, Esquire, and the resolve of your House in consequence thereof we return you concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Duplin County be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and have appointed Mr. Dood, Mr. Gillispie and Mr. Bryan a committee to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to consider of and report on the Petition of John King.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the Committee to whom was recommitted the report on Colonel Long's accounts, concurred with by this House, also a resolve of this House in consequence thereof.

The resolve and the report referred to being read was ordered to lie for consideration.

Read the Memorial of W. B. Smith respecting the election of a Senator for Chatham County. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Friday, 10 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. James Williams, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Brigadier General Sumner, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Hon. Brigadier General Sumner report

That it appears to your Committee that the Horse of one hundred pounds value was shot under him the 8th of September at the Battle of the Utaw, and that he was the General's own property;

Therefore, your Committee are of opinion that Colonel Nicholas

Long, Deput. Quartermaster General, deliver to General Sumner a Horse of equal value to the one by him lost as aforesaid.

JAMES WILLIAMS, Ch.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration, concurred therewith, and ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Brigadier General Sumner, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to confirm the right of a certain patent therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to amend an act passed the last session of the General Assembly, Entituled an act for laying a specific premium tax. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the first time & passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill to repeal such laws and clauses of laws which make paper money a legal tender in the payment of private debts & contracts and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 8 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received also a bill to amend an act passed at New Bern the second day of May, 1778, Entituled an act to empower the Courts of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in the State to order the laying of public roads and to establish and settle ferries and other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 9 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill to repeal part of an act entituled an act to suppress excessive gaming. Endorsed in the House of Commons 9 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the third time and rejected.

Recd. likewise a bill for erecting a prison in the County of Bertie and finishing the Court House. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

On motion, ordered that Mr. Jones and Mr. Coor, on the part of this House, examine the engrossed copies of the bills passed this session and that the following Message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate have appointed Mr. Jones and Mr. Coor, who will act jointly with such Gentlemen as you may appoint to examine the Engrossed copies of the bills passed this session.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Col. Clark for your Concurrence.

Ordered, &c. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on the Memorial of Colonel Clark we return to you, concurred with by this House.

Recd. a bill for altering the times of holding certain Courts therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 23 April, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for building a Prison in the town of Edenton. Endorsed in the House of Commons 9 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd., &c.: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will, with this, receive sundry letters and resolves of Congress, which we send for your perusal, as also two messages from His Excellency the Governor.

The messages, &c., referred to, being read, were referred to the committee on the State Papers.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree that the Petitions of Joseph Dixon and Sarah McLain be referred to the Committee as by you proposed, as also the Governor's Message and State Papers.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the Committee on the Memorial of Dennis O'Bryan and others and a resolve of this House in consequence thereof for your concurrence.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on the Memorial of Dennis O'Bryan and others and the resolve of your House in consequence thereof we return you herewith, concurred with by this House.

On motion, resolved that whereas it appears to the General Assembly that Dennis O'Bryan, George Duncan and Joseph Pitman of the County of Granville were taken up and turned over into the Continental service for a supposed delinquency in the Militia service, unjustly and unlawfully, therefore the persons who took up the said O'Bryan and others have no right of Exemption from any Militia duty for such imaginary service, and the commanding officer of said county is directed to take due notice hereof.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your concurrence a resolve respecting such persons who have taken up Dennis O'Bryan, George Duncan and Jo. Pitman from a supposition of their being delinquents from the Militia service.

On motion, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Book in which the names of those recommended as Justices of the Peace and Field Officers for the respective Counties of this State are to be entered is now prepared. This House disapproving the mode heretofore adopted, wish that for the future Recommendations of that kind be conducted as followeth, vizt.: The

Representatives of each County shall recommend in writing such persons whom they deem proper to be commissioned either as justices or field officers, which recommendation, by them signed & delivered to the Speaker of the House of Commons, if approved by that House, shall be countersigned by the Speaker and sent to the Senate, when, if the same is approved of, they will cause that the names therein contained be entered in the book. We propose that this business be done tomorrow. Should you approve of this measure you will signify the same by message.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to confirm the right of a certain Patent therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill to amend an act entituled an act to prevent burning the woods. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. likewise a bill for erecting a Prison in the County of Bertie & finishing the Court House. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill to vest a certain tract of land in Robert Cummins. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. likewise a bill for levying a further tax of one shilling on every hundred pounds value of taxable property in the County of Jones for defraying the expence of compleating the public Buildings thereof. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the second time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons have appointed Mr. J. Macon, Mr. Payne & Mr. Bagge to act with the Gentlemen by you appointed to examine the engrossed copies of the bills passed this session.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the Committee on the Petition of the Honl. Brigadier General Sumner, concurred with by this House. We approve of the mode by you pointed out by which the Justices and Field Officers shall hereafter be nominated.

Mr. Hill, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Spiers, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Spiers of Cumberland County beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that the said John Spiers be allowed thirty barrels of corn out of the specific tax of said county. All which is submitted.

HENRY HILL, Ch.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of John Spiers, concurred with by this House.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday, 11 May, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Read a letter from Lt. Col. Lytle of the 4th North Carolina Regiment. Ordered that the same be referred to a joint Committee, that Mr. Mebane and Mr. Hill act thereon and that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the letter from Lt. Col. Lytle herewith sent you be referred to a joint Committee, and have for that purpose appointed on our part Mr. Hill and Mr. Mebane.

Mr. Mebane, from the joint Committee to whom the recommendation of the Court of Orange County of David Anderson, as an indigent person, wounded and disabled in the service of the State, and who therefore is a proper object to be exempted from

the payment of pecuniary and specific taxes, was referred, having considered the same, do report as their opinion that the said David Anderson ought to be exempted from the payment of the aforesaid taxes so long as he continues disabled. Your Committee having also considered the Petition of Lewis Tucker, wounded and disabled by the Tories, Report that the Commissioners of Randolph County be directed to advance to the said Tucker out of the collection of specific taxes for the said County for the year 1782, Twenty barrels of Corn, or the value thereof in other specific articles.

Your Committee having also considered the Petition of Elizabeth Forbes, whose Husband was wounded in the battle of Guilford Court House and died thereof, Report that the said Elizabeth Forbes, in consideration of the above circumstance, and in order to enable her to support a numerous distressed family, be allowed twenty-five barrels of Corn out of the Specific tax for the County of Guilford for the year 1782, and the like quantity out of the tax for 1783, and that her receipts shall be a discharge to the Commissioners for the said allowance.

WILL. MEBANE, Ch.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the Committee on the cases of David Anderson, Lewis Tucker and Elizabeth Forbes concurred with by this House.

Recd. a bill for extending the Boundary line between this State and the Cherokees & other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Whereas, many worthy Citizens of this State are now in captivity, confined on Board Prison ships and suffering the most cruel hardships, and as Humanity and Policy combined make it our indispensable duty to endeavour to procure their enlargement,

Resolved, that His Excellency be directed to send on Samuel Bryan, John Hampton and Nichls. White, now under sentence of death and confined in Salisbury jail, to be exchanged for Militia

Officers of similar rank belonging to this State; and that His Excellency also immediately cause a sufficient number of Tories, who have been in arms against this State & who are charged with Military offences only against the same, to be sent on to General Greene's camp to be exchanged for the aforesaid Citizens, taking care to send into Charlestown the wives and families of the Tories so to be exchanged, and this is to be done from time to time, as Circumstances may render the measure necessary: provided, that General Leslie, or the Commanding Officer at Charlestown, shall first give His Excellency the Governor explicit assurances that he will exchange the Citizens of this State now in captivity, or who may hereafter be captured, on the terms aforesaid. But if General Leslie, or the commanding officer at Charlestown, shall fail or refuse to accept of the proposition hereby made in a reasonable time after the same is notified, then the Treason Laws of this State are to have their full effect, His Excellency the Governor always observing that Justice is to be tempered with mercy.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve respecting such of the Good Citizens of this State who are in Captivity at Charlestown.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested, as soon as may be, to address the Honorable Brigadier General the Marquis of Bretigny on the subject of his agency from this State to the Island of Martinique, and assure him of the high sense this Government entertain of his warm attachment to the United States and this State in particular, as manifested by the many and important services rendered by him to this Government, as well within the civil as military department, and inform him that the late prosperous events of war have caused the necessity to cease of his continuing at Martinique as agent for this State, and that he will be pleased to return to this State as soon as convenient, in order to secure that generous compensation sacredly promised him at his appointment, and that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit to the Marquis a copy of this Resolve.

Ordered that the above resolve, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve respecting the Agency of the Marquis of Bretigny.

Resolved, that the District Auditors of Halifax District be directed to liquidate the accounts of Allen Jones, Whitmell Hill and Willie Jones, late delegates in Congress for this State, allowing them at the rate of eight hundred pounds specie per annum, expences included, for the time they were actually serving at, going to and returning from Philadelphia, and the said auditors are directed to debit the said delegates with the amount of such sums of money as they and every of them have received from the Contl. Treasury or the public Treasury of this State at the real value of such money at the times it was received, and then to grant special certificates for the balance, if any, which shall be due, which certificates shall be on the same footing with other specie certificates in every respect.

Ordered that the above, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive for concurrence a resolve respecting the settlement of the accounts of Allen Jones, Whitmell Hill & Willie Jones, Esquires, late Delegates of this State in the Congress of the United States.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the Committee to whom was recommitted the report of Col. Long's Accts., cond. with by this House, also a resolve of this House in consequence thereof.

The report being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee to whom was recommitted the report of the Committee on Col. Long's accounts, we concur with, and send for concurrence a resolve which we adopt in lieu of the one by you proposed on that Head:

Resolved, that the late State Auditors be empowered and directed to reconsider the accounts of Colonel Nicholas Long, Deputy Quartermaster General, and that they ascertain what part of the

balance of said accounts is for articles furnished by himself at specie prices, & that they make out and deliver Col. Long a specie certificate agreeable to the prices charged in such account, as also a certificate in currency for the balance due in currency.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons agree to refer the letter of Lt. Col. Lytle to a joint Committee, and have on their part appointed Mr. P. Hawkins, Mr. Turner, Mr. Shepperd and Mr. Vaughn a Committee. We return the report of the Committee on the situation of David Anderson, Lewis Tucker, Elizabeth Forbes & John Spiers and the resolve of your House respecting such persons who have taken up Dennis O'Bryan and others therein mentioned, concurred with by this House.

Received from the Commons a Bill for the security of the Bank of North America. Endorsed in the House of Commons 11 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the third time, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill for raising Troops to compleat the Continental Battalions of this State. Endorsed in the House of Commons 10 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the Memorial of John Taylor of the Town of Hillsborough, which we propose referring to the Committee appointed to receive the returns and settle with the County Commissioners, &c.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We do not agree that the settlement of Mr. John Taylor's accounts be referred to a Committee, but propose that they be settled by the auditors of the District of Hillsborough.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to empower the commissioners therein mentioned to repair the public buildings in the town of

Hillsborough and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 11 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

William Shepperd, Esquire, from the committee to whom was referred the Memorial of William Lenoir, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee appointed to take under consideration the Memorial of William Lenoir report as follows, vizt.:

That your Committee are of opinion that the upper Board of Auditors for the District of Salisbury be empowered by a resolve of this General Assembly to reissue such certificates allowed by said Board, as the aforesaid Lenoir shall make appear is lost, in such manner as to avoid any imposition on the public. All which your Committee humbly submit.

WILL. SHEPPERD, Ch.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration, concurred therewith, whereupon

Resolved, that the upper Board of Auditors for the District of Salisbury be empowered to reissue to William Lenoir of Wilkes County all such certificates as have heretofore been issued by the said Board of Auditors to him, the said William Lenoir, on his making it appear that the said certificates are lost, in such manner as to avoid any imposition on the public by the redemption of the said certificates first granted and lost as aforesaid.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will receive herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of William Lenoir, concurred with by this House. We send likewise a resolve of this House entered into in consequence of this report for your concurrence.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House empowering the late Auditors to settle the accounts of Colonel Long, concurred with.

Received the resolve referred to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 11 May, 1782, concurred with, &c.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House respecting such of the good Citizens of this State who are in Captivity at Charlestown, the Resolve respecting the Agency of the Marquis of Bretigny and the resolve respecting the settlement of the accounts of Allen Jones, Whitmell Hill and Willie Jones, Esquires, late Delegates from this State to Congress, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the resolve referred to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 11 May, 1782, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for altering the time of holding several County Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions within the District of Morgan. Endorsed in the House of Commons 11 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Sunday, 12 May, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

General Gregory, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee of Privileges and Elections, having taken under their consideration the Return from Tyrrell County for the annual Election for a Senator, are of opinion that it would be improper to issue a writ for a new election until the Gentleman returned takes a seat in the Senate. All which is submitted.

ISAAC GREGORY, Ch.

The foregoing report being read was agreed to.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence the report of the Committee of ways and means, concurred with by this House. We have caused the amendment referred to in the said report to be made.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the report of the Committee on Ways and Means be amended by erasing that part of the 7, 8 and 9 lines

included within a Parenthesis, otherwise we cannot concur with this report. Should you approve of this amendment, you will make the report conformable and return it.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the settlement of Mr. John Taylor's accounts be referred to the Auditors for the District of Hillsborough. We return the report of the joint Committee on the Petition of William Lenoir and the resolve of your House in consequence thereof, concurred with by this House.

Read the resignation of John Collier, Esquire, Colonel of the Randolph Regiment of Militia. Ordered that the same be sent the Commons with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the resignation of John Collier, Esquire, Colonel of the Randolph Regiment of Militia, accepted by this House.

Read the Petition of William Lansdell, a wounded and poor man of Bladen County, whereupon

Resolved, that the said William Lansdell be allowed thirty Barrels of corn, to be paid him out of the specific tax of the County aforesaid by the Commissioners thereof.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of William Lansdell of Bladen County.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Monday, 13 May, 1782. Met according to adjournment.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Nathan and Lewis Bryan of Jones County.

The resolve being read was rejected.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence the report of the Committee on Ways and Means, concurred with by this House. We have caused

the amendment referred to in the said Report to be made in the bill.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on Ways and Means we return you, concurred with by this house.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your concurrence the report of the joint Committee appointed to receive the returns of the District Auditors on the accounts of Colonel Joseph Dixon and the Petition of Sarah McLain, concurred with in this house. We send also for your concurrence a resolve of this House in consequence thereof.

Ordered, &c. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the joint Committee on the Petition of Colonel Joseph Dixon and the Petition of Sarah McLain & the resolve of your House in consequence thereof, we return you concurred with.

Mr. Hill, from the Joint Committee to whom was referred the the letter from Colonel Lytle, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Col. Arch. Lytle report as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that Colonel Nicholas Long, D. Q. M. G., be directed to furnish Colonel Archd. Lytle with a Horse suitable to his rank, that he may thereby be enabled to repair to General Greene's Camp. All which is submitted.

HENRY HILL, Ch.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive the report of the joint Committee on the Letter from Colonel Lytle, concurred with by this House.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your perusal a message from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by a copy of a letter to General Leslie.

Recd. the Papers referred to, which were read.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for abolishing the State Quarter Master and Commissary Departments within this State and for restraining impressments. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the first time and sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill for the relief of the officers and soldiers of the Continental line and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of James Hogg and others, concurred with by this House.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on the Memorial of James Hogg & William Johnston in behalf of themselves and others we return you, concurred with by this House.

Received from the Commons a bill to amend an act passed the last session of the General Assembly, entitled an act for laying a specific and pecuniary tax. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend an act passed the last session of the General Assembly, entitled an act for continuing the District Auditors of this State, directing their duty in office and for other purposes; and also one other act passed at Halifax on the 18th day of January, 1781, entitled an act for appointing District Auditors for the settlement of public Claims. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill to amend the several acts passed within this State to prevent the stopping of the passage of Fish up the several rivers therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time & sent the Commons.

Recd. likewise a bill for levying a further tax of one shilling on every hundred pounds value of taxable property in the County of Jones for defraying the Expence of compleating the public buildings thereof. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill to alter the times of holding the several County Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions within the District of Morgan. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. a bill to amend an act entituled an act for dividing Tryon County and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. a bill to appoint Commissioners for fixing a place within the County of Anson for building a Court House, Prison and Stocks and other purposes therein contained. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and sent the Commons.

Recd. also a bill for adding part of Burke County to Lincoln County, for appointing Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned & for laying a tax to compleat the public buildings therein. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Tuesday, 14 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have appointed Mr. Wade and Mr. Isaacs, who will act in conjunction with such Gentlemen as you may appoint as a Committee to take under consideration the Memorial from the Inhabitants of Rutherford and Burke Counties.

Read a letter from Waightstill Avery, Esquire, whereupon

Resolved, that the Treasurers, or either of them, pay into the hands of Waightstill Avery, Esquire, the sum of sixty pounds specie for attending the Superior Courts of Law held for the Districts of Hx. (Halifax) and New Bern, Apl. & May Terms, 1778, as the Atto. General of this State, for which sum they shall be allowed in the settlement of their public accounts.

Ordered that the above resolve, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve allowing Waightstill Avery, Esquire, a certain sum therein mentioned.

Resolved, that the Treasurers, or either of them, pay James Coor or order the sum of one hundred and fourteen pounds nine shillings specie for his own and son's attendance as Auditor and Clerk to the first day of April, 1782, and for other articles as per report of the Committee, and that the Treasurer be allowed for the same in the settlement of his public accounts.

Resolved, that the Treasurers, or either of them, pay John Hawks Forty-six pounds specie for his attendance as an Auditor to the first of April, 1782, as by report of the Committee, and that the Treasurer be allowed for the same in the settlement of his public accounts.

Resolved, that the Treasurers, or either of them, pay William Bryan Twenty pounds specie for his attendance as Auditor to the first day of April, 1782, as by report of the Committee, and that the Treasurer be allowed the same in the settlement of his public accounts.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence sundry resolutions directing the Treasurers, or either of them, to pay the respective sums therein mentioned to the persons named, agreeable to the report of the Committee on that Head.

Recd., &c.: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your Concurrence a resolve for the protection of the frontiers of this State, which we propose instead of referring the Petition from Rutherford and Burke Counties.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House for the protection of the frontiers of this State we return you, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House have directed their clerk to make out the estimate to include Thursday next at Twenty shillings per day, and propose that the members who attended at Salem in Nov. & Jany. last be allowed two Dollars per day for their attendance.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the estimate be made out in every Respect as by you proposed.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We agree that the Memorial of John Huske be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the settlement of Governor Burke's accounts; we return you the resolve in favour of William Lansdell and the report of the joint Committee on Col. Lytle's Letter, Concurred with by this House.

Recd., concurred with, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve of this House in favour of Adam Cooper.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive the resolve of your House in favour of Adam Cooper, concurred with.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Mrs. Davidson, Relict of the late General Davidson, Decd.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House in favour of Mrs. Davidson we return you concurred with.

Col. Wade, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the Adjusting the Accounts of Governor Burke, reported as followeth, vizt.:

Your Committee to whom the letter and account of Thomas Burke, Esquire, late a Delegate from this State to the Continental Congress, have examined and considered the same, and in finding that Mr. Burke has lost his Papers that contain his Expences while in the service of this State as a Delegate, are of opinion that he be allowed on the settlement of his accounts during his service in the character of a Delegate at the rate of £75 per month for every month he has actually served after the passing a resolution at Hx. respecting the Continental Delegates in the year 1779, the same to be in lieu of all compensation and Expence, and that he be charged with all such sums as he hath received on the public account for his private use at the real value at the time of receiving the same, and that the allowance made by the General Assembly previous to the said resolution be reduced to the value of eight hundred pounds specie per annum, notwithstanding any greater nominal allowance. All which your Committee submit.

THOMAS WADE, Ch.

The foregoing report being read was concurred with, whereupon

Resolved, that Thomas Burke, Esquire, late a delegate from this State to the Continental Congress, be allowed on the settlement of his accounts during his actual service in that character at the rate of the sum of seventy-five pounds for every month he has actually served after the passage of a resolution by the General Assembly

at Halifax respecting the Contl. Delegates in the year 1779. The same to be in lieu of all compensation and expences, and that he be charged with all such sums of money as he has received on the public account for his private use at the real value at the time of receiving the same, that the allowance made by the General Assembly previous to the said resolution be reduced to the value of eight hundred pounds specie per annum, notwithstanding any greater nominal allowance, and that any District Auditors, or other persons appointed to adjust public claims, be authorized to adjust his account and to give specie certificate for any balance which may appear to be due to him.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the accounts of Thomas Burke, Esquire, late a delegate from this State to the Congress of the United States, concurred with by this House. We send also for your concurrence a resolve entered into by this House in consequence thereof.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence a resolve of this House in favour of Waightstill Avery, Esquire, which we propose adopting instead of the one by you proposed on the same subject.

Recd. the resolve referred to, which being read was rejected.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence the report of the Committee to whom was referred the settlement of Mr. Sharpe's accounts, concurred with by this House. We also send for your concurrence a resolve of the House in consequence thereof.

The resolve referred to being read was rejected, whereupon

Resolved, that the District Treasurers, or either of them, pay William Sharpe, Esquire, the sum of two hundred and forty-eight pounds 9 /. specie, with Int. thereon from the date hereof, the same being the balance of his accounts for services as delegate for this State in the Contl. Congress, for which sum the Treasurer shall be allowed in the settlement of his public accounts.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive for your concurrence a Resolve directing the Treasurers, or either of them, to pay William Sharpe, Esquire, a certain sum therein mentioned, which we propose in lieu of the one by you entered into on that Head.

On motion, resolved that the Treasurers, or either of them, pay Abner Nash, Esquire, the sum of five hundred and ninety-three pounds three shillings and four pence, the same being the balance due him on account of his Salary and public expenditures when Governor of the State, and for this sum either of them paying the same shall be allowed in the settlement of his public accounts.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve directing the Treasurers, or either of them, to pay Abner Nash, Esquire, a certain sum therein mentioned.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for levying a specific provision Tax for defraying contingences and supporting the armies of the United States for the year 1782. Endorsed in the House of Commons 14 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended, passed and ordered to be sent the Commons.

Read the Petition of John Kimbrough of Montgomery County, praying, &c., whereupon

Resolved, that the Collector of public taxes for the District in which said Kimbrough resides do remit to him, the said Kimbrough, the threefold tax on him issued for failing to return a list of his taxable property, and collect from him a single tax as from other persons, it appearing to this House that his neglect thereon was not intentional.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

You will herewith receive the Petition of John Kimbrough and a resolve of this House entered into in consequence thereof, which we send for your concurrence.

Received from the Commons, &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the sundry resolves directing the Treasurers, or either

of them, to pay the respective sums therein mentioned to the persons named in the report of the Committee, &c., concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve for appointing three Justices of the Peace in Surry County.

The resolve being read was rejected.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to regulate and ascertain the Fees to the Secy. of State, the Governor's private Secretary and the Surveyors. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill to amend the several acts passed within this State to prevent the stopping of the passage of Fish up the several Rivers therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 14 May, 1782, Read the third time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for abolishing the State Quarter Master and Commissary Departments within this State and for restraining impressments. Endorsed in the House of Commons 14 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the second time and ordered to be sent the Commons.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House directing the Treasurers, or either of them, to pay William Sharpe, Esquire, a certain sum therein mentioned; the resolve directing the Treasurers, or either of them, to pay Abner Nash, Esquire, a certain sum therein mentioned; the report of the joint Committee on the accounts of Thomas Burke, Esquire, late a delegate from this State in Congress, and the resolve of your House in consequence thereof we return you, concurred with.

Recd. the resolves and Report alluded to, concurred with.

Read the resignation of Thomas Brown, Esquire, Colonel of the Bladen Regiment of Militia. Ordered that the same be sent the Commons with the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

With this you will receive the resignation of Thomas Brown, Esquire, Colonel of the Bladen Regiment of Militia, accepted by this House.

Col. Irwin, from the joint Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of John King, reported as followeth, vizt.:

That said John King lent the sum of Twenty thousand pounds State currency on the 18 day of October, 1780, which sum is now due to the said King, and it appears to your Committee that the value of the money lent at the time and place when the same was lent the public was one hundred State money for one specie, which amounts to £200 and the Int., £19, which Int. we are of opinion said King ought to have a certificate for, such as the members of the Assembly are to receive, and that the principal be divided into three equal parts, and that the said King be furnished with a certificate for each sum in currency, payable on demand. All which is hereby submitted.

ROBERT IRWIN, Ch.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of John King, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend an act passed the last session of the General Assembly, entituled an act for levying a specific and pecuniary Tax. Endorsed in the House of Commons 14 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be Engrossed.

On reading the last mentioned bill a motion was made and seconded that the clause therein which declares, that any person who is still in arrear for the \_\_\_ part of the tax for the year 1781, directed by law to be paid in Continental money, shall either pay the said Continental money or the same sum in State Currency, Dollar for Dollar, should be amended by declaring that such persons should either pay the Continental money or double the sum in State currency, this being objected to, the question was put and carried in the negative. Whereupon, on motion of Colonel Irwin, ordered that the yeas and nays be taken on the question, which were as follows:

For the amendment proposed, Messrs. Blount, Coor, Macon, Griffin, Miller, Wade, Johnston, Irwin, Abram Jones, Lock, Gray and James Williams—12; against, Messrs Jno. Williams, Gill, Hill, Lockhart, Brown, Moore, Kenan, Collier, Bledsoe, Isaacs, Atkins, Bass and McDowell—13; so the proposed amendment was rejected and the bill passed as is now to be on that act. Then on motion of Mr. Macon, ordered that the yeas and nays be taken as to the passage of this bill, which were as follows: For the Bill, Messrs. Mebane, Jno. Williams, Gill, Hill, Lockhart, Brown, Moore, Kenan, Collier, Bledsoe, Isaacs, Atkins, Bass and McDowell—14; against the bill, Messrs. Blount, Coor, Macon, Griffin, Miller, Wade, Johnston, Irwin, Jones, Lock, Gray and J. Williams—12.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Wednesday, 15 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Recd. from the Commons a bill directing the sale of confiscated property. Endorsed in the House of Commons 13 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill for ascertaining what property in this State shall be deemed taxable property, the method of assessing the same and collecting the public taxes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 11 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve for appointing Longfield Cox to take charge of the State House, &c., in New Bern for the purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House appointing Longfield Cox to take charge of the State House, &c., concurred with.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the resignation of James Martin as Colonel of Guilford County, accepted of by this House.

Read, accepted, ordered, &c.

Whereas, the General Assembly have by joint ballot of both Houses determined that the next session of the General Assembly shall be held at the town of Hillsborough, and also have enacted that the further General Assemblies shall be continued there until a proper place shall be chosen for a Seat of Government, therefore Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to establish a post from said town to the Town of Richmond, in Virginia, for the purpose of conveying Intelligence, Despatches, &c., to and from the said towns, and that His Excellency require the public printer to immediately establish his office in the said town.

Ordered that the foregoing resolve, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve for establishing a post from the Town of Hillsboro to the town of Richmond, in Virginia.

Message respecting self sent now.

On this resolve being adopted, on motion of Mr. Macon, ordered that the yeas and nays be taken, which were as follows, vizt.: For the Resolve Messrs. Mebane, Jno. Williams, Coor, Gill, Hill, Miller, Johnston, Collier, Bledsoe, Isaacs, Irwin, Lock, Shepperd and James Williams, Esquires—14; against it Messrs. Blount, Macon, Griffin, Lockhart, Brown, Atkins, Jones, Bass and McDowell—9.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to amend an act passed the last session of the General Assembly, entituled an act for continuing the District Auditors of this State and directing their duty in Office, and for other purposes, and also another act passed at Halifax on the 18 day of January, 1781, entituled an act for appointing District Auditors for the settlement of public claims. Endorsed in the House of Commons 15 May, 1782, read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Col. Wade, on Huske's Committee, introduced a report, which was rejected.

Recd. also a bill for leaving a specific provision tax for defraying contingencies and supporting the armies of the United States for the year 1782. Endorsed in the House of Commons 15 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, passed the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, ordered that the Treasurers, or either of them, pay Mr. John Huske, Secy. to Thomas Burke, Esquire, late Governor of this State, the sum of £150 specie, in full for his services as Secretary & Expences when a Prisoner with the Enemy, for which sum either of them shall be allowed in the settlement of his public accounts.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Mr. John Huske.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 16 May, 1782.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the report of the joint Committee on the Memorial of John King, concurred with; also the resignation of Thomas Brown, Col. of Bladen County, accepted of by this House.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve empowering the Auditors to allow the accounts therein alluded to.

The resolve being read, ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House directing the Auditors as to the settlement of Claims, the vouchers for which are lost, we return you, concurred with.

On motion, Resolved, that the District Auditors be authorized to allow such officers belonging to the Militia of this State the settlement of their accounts (who have been prisoners with the enemy and taken when in actual service), Pay and Rations according to

Rank during the time of their captivity, and grant certificates as in other claims.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of such officers of the Militia of this State who have been captured by the Enemy.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your perusal a message from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by a letter from Major General Greene.

The message from the Governor and the Letter referred to being read.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House agree that the Committee appointed to settle with the County Commissioners report on the account of Mr. John Haywood as Secretary of the late Board of War.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve requesting His Excellency the Governor to open a correspondence with the Governor of Maryland and Delaware States on the subject therein mentioned.

The resolve referred to being read was ordered to lie for consideration.

Recd. also the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your perusal a letter from Geo. Doherty, Agent, &c., to the Officers of the North Carolina Line.

The letter referred to being read was ordered to lie for consideration.

Recd. from the Commons a Bill to establish a department for adjusting and liquidating the public accounts of this State and for appointing a Comptroller and other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 15 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We propose that the General Assembly ballot at 6 o'clock this evening for a Comptroller for this State, and put in nomination the Honl. Richard Caswell for that appointment; for a Judge of the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the District of Morgan, and nominate Spruce McKay, Esquire, for that appointment; for Commissioners of confiscated property for the respective Districts of this State, and nominate for the District of New Bern, Benjamin Shepperd; Wilmington, Richard Bradley; Salisbury, Griffith Rutherford; Hillsborough, Will Moore and John Taylor; Halifax, John Macon & Samuel Lockhart; Edenton, William Righton, and for the District of Morgan, James Johnston.

For Treasurers for the respective Districts, and nominate for the District of New Bern, Rd. Cogdell; Wilmington, Timothy Bloodworth; Hillsborough, Matt. Jones; Salisbury, Robert Lanier; Halifax, Green Hill; Edenton, William Skinner, and for the District of Morgan, John Brown.

For a Brigadier General for the District of Morgan, and nominate for that appointment Charles McDowell and Elisha Isaacs, Esquires.

Mr. Coor and Mr. Macon superintendents of the balloting.

Should this be agreeable to you, you will notify the same by message.

Recd. from the Commons the following messages:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House in favour of the Militia officers of this State who have been captured and the resolve in favour of Mr. John Huske we return you, concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith for your concurrence a resolve in favour of John Kelly.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House in favour of Mr. John Kelly we return you, concurred with.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Friday, 17 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion, resolved, that Henry Hill, Esquire, be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to purchase and deliver Col. Arch. Lytle a Horse suitable to his rank, in order to enable him to proceed to General Greene's Camp, in obedience to his orders; for the purchase money of which Horse he shall grant a certificate, which shall be received in payment on the purchase of any confiscated Property in this State at the nominal value thereof as tho' the same was actual Gold and Silver; and resolved further, that the report of the Committee in favour of Col. Lytle relative to procuring him a Horse, as concurred with by the General Assembly, be and the same is hereby done away and of none effect.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Col. Arch. Lytle.

Whereas, Major General Greene hath requested of this State thirty large, fleet Horses for Col. Lee's Legion, for which he promises that this State shall be credited in their accounts with Congress,

Resolved, that Col. Samuel Lockhart be impowered to provide thirty strong, fleet Horses, at least fourteen hands high, and deliver them to a proper officer, that they may be sent to General Greene's Camp as soon as may be; and in order to enable Col. Lockhart to carry this above resolve into effect in the most expeditious manner possible, resolved, that Col. Lockhart take into his possession for the above purpose all the Horses that are fit for this service which were heretofore purchased or impressed to be sent to General Greene, and have not yet gone on, and that he purchase as many more as will make up the number herein required, giving to the persons from whom he may purchase the said Horses Certificates for the same in specie.

Resolved, that the said Certificates so granted shall be recd. as specie in payment for any confiscated property hereafter to be sold, except the property to be sold to pay the salaries of the Delegates.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve impowering Col. Lockhart to

purchase and procure Horses as therein mentioned agreeable to the request of Major Genl. Greene.

Recd. from the Commons the Bill to repeal such laws and clauses of laws which make paper money a legal tender in the payment of private debts and contracts and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 16 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the third time and rejected.

Recd. from the Commons a bill for the relief of the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental line & for other purposes therein mentioned. Endorsed in the House of Commons 16 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. also a bill for raising a revenue for the support of Government. Endorsed in the House of Commons 15 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered, &c.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve directing the Attorney General to prosecute Peter Mallett and Geo. Meek for Treason.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve appointing Jno. Walker a Commissioner for the purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker, &c.:

We send for concurrence the report of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, concurred with by this House.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve of your House directing the Attorney General to prosecute Peter Mallett and Geo. Meek for Treason, your resolve appointing Jno. Walker Com. for the purposes therein mentioned & the report of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances in favour of Mrs. Russell, relict of Geo. Russell, late of Ruthd. County, we return you, severally concurred with.

Recd., &c.:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House in favour of Col. Arch. Lytle, Concurred with by this House.

Recd. the resolve, concurred with.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Commons propose balloting for the several officers at 5 o'clock this evening, and put in nomination for Commissioner of confiscated property in the District of Edenton, William Righton; for the District of Morgan, James Johnston; Hillsboro, William Moore, Ambrose Ramsey and John Taylor; Halifax, John Macon; Salisbury, Griffith Rutherford; Wilmington, Richard Bradley and James Gillispie; New Bern, W. Bryan and Benjamin Sheppard.

The other officers to be balloted for we nominate as in our former message on this Head, and agree to ballot for a Brigadier General for the District of Morgan instead of two Cols., and put in nomination for Brigadier General the same as by you mentioned. Mr. Person and Mr. Thomas will superintend the Balloting.

Ordered, &c.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The Senate wish not to defer balloting until 5 o'clock, as by you proposed, but are of opinion that this business be done at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Recd. from the Commons the bill to attain several persons therein mentioned of Treason, to pardon others on certain conditions, for repealing the acts disqualifying non-jurors and for the relief of certain officers therein described who have taken parole from the Enemy. Endorsed in the House of Commons 17 May, 1782, Read the second time, amended and passed.

Ordered said Bill be read. Read, amended, passed the second time and sent the Commons.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

This House are ready to ballot for the several officers immediately.

Mr. Coor, one of the members nominated on the part of the House to superintend the balloting agreeable to the several preceding messages reported, that having, with Mr. Macon, the other member nominated, attended the balloting for a Comptroller, on casting up the ballot it appeared that the Hon. Richard Caswel

Esquire, was appointed to that office; Spruce McKay, Judge of Oyer; John Macon, Commissioner of confiscated property for the District of Halifax; W. Moore for the District of Hillsboro, Will Righton for the District of Edenton, Ben Shepperd for the District of New Bern, R. Bradley for the District of Wilmington, Griffith Rutherford for the District of Salisbury, and James Johnston for the District of Morgan.

Brigadier General for the District of Morgan, Col. Charles McDowell; Treasurer for the District of New Bern, Ben Exum; Wilmington, Tim Bloodworth; Salisbury, Ro. Lanier; Halifax, Green Hill; Morgan, John Brown; and that there still remains to be balloted for a Treasurer for the District of Hillsboro.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration, concurred therewith.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence sundry resolves allowing the Officers of the State Legion the respective sums therein mentioned in full for six months' pay and subsistence.

The resolves referred to being read were concurred with and the following Message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolves of your House in favour of the Officers of the State Legion, cond. with by this House.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith a message from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the letters therein referred to.

Recd. the message from His Excellency the Governor and the letters alluded to in the foregoing message, which was read.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send herewith the report of the Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Mr. John Haywood, Secretary to the late Board of War, concurred with by this House.

The report being read was concurred with and the following message ordered to be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on the accounts of John Haywood, Secretary of the late Board of War, we return you concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons the bill for abolishing the State Quarter Master and Commissary Departments within this State and for restraining Impressments. Endorsed in the House of Commons 17 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Received from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Lewis Bryan, concurred with by this House, as also a resolve of this House in consequence thereof.

The report and resolve referred to being read were concurred with and ordered to be sent the Commons with the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee on the accounts of Mr. Lewis Bryan and the resolve of your House in consequence thereof we return you, concurred with by this House.

Recd. from the Commons the Bill for raising a Revenue for the support of Government. Endorsed in the House of Commons 15 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read, amended by consent of the Commons, passed and ordered to be Engrossed.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence an address to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The address referred to being read, ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The proposed address to the Assembly of Virginia this House approve of.

Recd. from the Commons the following message: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We return the resolve of your House empowering Col. Lockhart to purchase Horses, concurred with by this House.

Recd. the resolve referred to, cond. with.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 6 o'clock.

Saturday, 18 May, 1782.

Met according to adjournment.

Thomas Brown, Esquire, from the joint Committee appointed to hear and report of the Excuses of Paroled Officers, reported as followeth, vizt.:

The Committee appointed to hear and determine on the Excuses of paroled Officers report

That from a thorough Investigation of the Circumstances which induced Stephen Andres, 1st Major of the Bladen Regiment of Militia, Joseph Andres, Captain of said Regiment, Andrew Bass, Justice of the Peace for Wayne County, and Edward Nicholson, a Justice of the Peace for Nash County, they are of opinion that those persons be restored to their respective Commissions.

THOMAS BROWN, Ch.

The House taking this report into consideration, concurred therewith and ordered that with the following message it be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence the report of the joint Committee appointed to hear the Excuses of paroled Officers, &c., concurred with by this House.

On motion, resolved that Joseph Pitman of Edgecomb County, be allowed twelve Barrels of Corn for riding Express to New Bern in September last and delivering to the then public printer of this State a Transcript of the Journal of the Senate, June and July sessions, 1781, to be delivered him by the Commissioner of said County, who shall be allowed therefor in the settlement of his public accounts.

Ordered that the above resolve, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve in favour of Joseph Pitman of Edgecomb County.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The report of the Committee appointed to hear the excuses of paroled officers, &c., we return you, concurred with.

Recd. the report referred to, concurred with.

Whereas, a supply of Clothing for the Continental Officers and Soldiers of the Line of this State ought to be procured and forwarded to Camp as soon as possible,

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of Council, be authorized and empowered to dispose of so much of the specific tax as may be necessary to procure a sufficient quantity of clothing for the Continental Officers and Soldiers of the line of this State.

Resolved, that Captain Geo. Doherty, chosen by the officers to superintend this business in their behalf, or any other person that the Governor may appoint, receive the said clothing and forward it on to Camp in the most expeditious manner he can, and that he be allowed all necessary expences incurred in carrying the above resolve into effect.

Resolved, that any person who will deliver to Captain Geo. Doherty, or the person appointed by the Governor to receive and forward the Clothing above mentioned to Camp, good country-made linen fit for the above purpose, shall on producing a receipt for the same specifying its quality, be allowed the amount thereof by the receivers of the specie tax for this year in discharge of such part of his taxes as is receivable in the specific articles therein enumerated.

Ordered that the foregoing resolve, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve for procuring Clothing for the purposes therein mentioned.

On motion, resolved, that the Commissioners of confiscated Esstates, or either of them, be hereby authorized to receive a resolve of the General Assembly this session in favour of the Honl. Brigadier General Sumner and Major Hy. Dixon for two Horses killed at the battle of the Utaw and be allowed for the same in the settlement of his or their accounts with the Treasurers.

Ordered that the following message be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve of this House in favour of Brigadier General Sumner and Major Henry Dixon of the North Carolina Line.

On motion, resolved, that Thomas Davis, Esquire, be appointed public printer for this State and that he be entitled to the Salary by Law established, complying with the duties of the said office, and that he as soon as may be print one fair copy of the acts of this Session for each member of the General Assembly, each Justice of the Peace in this State and the Clerks of the County Courts, respectively; also one fair copy of the journals of the General Assembly for each member thereof and transmit the same to the Clerks of the several County Courts in this State within three months from the rising of the present session, and that he establish his office as soon as may be in the town of Hillsborough.

Ordered that the above resolve, with the following message, be sent the Commons:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for your concurrence a resolve of this House appointing Thomas Davis, Esquire, public printer of this State.

Recd. from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve in favour of Joseph Pitman, the resolve in favour of procuring clothing, the resolve in favour of Brigadier General Sumner and the resolve appointing a public printer we return you, concurred with.

Recd. from the Commons a bill to explain and amend an act passed this present session entitled an act to regulate Sales of confiscated property. Endorsed in the House of Commons May, 1782, Read the first time and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. Read the first time and rejected.

Recd. also a bill to bring certain persons therein mentioned to Tryal for Treason, to pardon others on certain conditions and to repeal the several acts that disqualify Non-jurors, also to relieve certain officers therein described who have taken paroles and for other purposes. Endorsed in the House of Commons 17 May, 1782, Read the third time, amended and passed.

Ordered said bill be read. The same being read the third time was ordered to lie over until the next Session of Assembly.

Whereas, Col. Samuel Lockhart is appointed to procure thirty Horses for Col. Lee's Legion, and no provision is made to pay his expences,

Resolved, that it be recommended to his Excellency the Governor to draw warrants on any of the Treasurers for the necessary expences of Col. Samuel Lockhart in the said service, for which Col. Lockhart shall settle as other persons receiving public money.

Ordered, &c. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen: We send for concurrence a resolve of this House in favour of Col. Samuel Lockhart.

Whereas, many officers who have been out on duty in the Militia service neglect or refuse to return a pay Roll agreeable to Law, whereby it is out of the power of the soldiers to get any allowance,

Resolved, that the District Auditors do allow all such soldiers who do produce a certificate of his time of service on oath before some Justice of the Peace, which certificates shall also be endorsed on the back by the commanding officer of his County that such soldier was in service and that he believes the claim to be just.

Ordered, &c. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

We send for concurrence a resolve instructing the District Auditors relative to Claims circumstanced as therein mentioned.

Received from the Commons the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen:

The resolve respecting Col. Lockhart we return, concurred with; also the resolve respecting the Auditors.

Recd. the resolves alluded to. Endorsed in the House of Commons 18 May, 1782, Concurred with.

The business of the session being ended, Resolved that the Honl. the Speaker on the part of this House ratify the several bills passed this session as the acts of the General Assembly, that he sign the Journal as the act of this House and that the clerk attest the same.

On motion, the House adjourned until the first Monday in November, then to meet agreeable to the vote of the General Assembly at Hillsborough.

Ordered.

RICHARD CASWELL, Sp.

JNO. HAYWOOD, C. S.