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CHAPTER DXLV.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PRESERVATION OF THE EARLY RECORDS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the commissioners of the state library be and are hereby authorized to print by contract to be awarded to the lowest bidder, and distribute to the different state libraries of the United States, and to such other public libraries as they shall name, the three manuscripts now in the state library, containing the minutes of the colonial and revolutionary history of the State.

2. And be it enacted, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the necessary sum required for the same, upon the order of the commissioners of the state library.

3. And be it enacted, That this act shall be deemed a public act, and shall take effect immediately.

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New Jersey (Colony) Council.


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1. New Jersey—Hist.—Colonial period—Sources. 1. Title.
The Governor and Proprietors of the Province East New Jersey To our trusty and well beloved Collonoll Lewis Morris Cap' John Berry Cap' John Palmer Cap' William Sandford Lawrence Anderson and Benjamin Price Send Greeting Wee being well Assured of every of your Capacity wisdome prudence and Integrity in the management of the publick affaires of the said Province have made choice of Constituted and appointed and by these presents doe make choice of Constitute and appoint you the said Collonell Lewis Morris Cap' John Berry Cap' John Palmer Cap' William Sandford Lawrence Anderson and Benjamin Price and every of you to bee of the Councill for the management of the publick affaires of this Province and to be Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of the said Province in all debates Consultations Resolutions and procedures as well in the Councill as in the general Assembly of this Province and otherwise and in all matters causes cases and things belonging to the office and place of a Councillor you and every of you are to doe and Act to the best of your skill knowledge & discretion and according to our Instructions and the lawes and Constitutioins of this Province. Given under the scale of the said Province att Elizabeth Towne—this tenth day of December Anno Domi one Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and two Anno: RRs Carti Sidi Angt &c ccciiii

THOMAS RUDYARD.

Province of East } The Subscribe'çon of the Councill the 28th New Jersey— ʃ day of y's 12-mo called February 1682—

Wee and every of us whose names are hereunder written Doe Severally and each for himselfe, Solemnly promise to beare true Allegiance to the King of England his heires and Successors And to bee true and faithfull to the Interest of the Lords Proprietors of the said province and to their heires Executors and Assignes and Endeavor the peace, and wellbeing of the said Province And that every of us respectively now being of the Governors Councill Shall and will
will to the best of our Judgement and at all times Freely and Faithfully give our advice to the Governor for the good management of the Publick affairs of this Province. And Shall not nor will not reveale directly nor indirectly to the Injury or prejudice of the Governor and Lords Proprietors any matters as shall bee debated in Councill or Committed by them to our Secrecy But in all things doe and act as true and Faithfull Councillors when thereunto required—

Lewis Morris— John Berry—
J. Palmer— Lawrence Anderson—
Wm Sanford— Benjamin Prise—

Att a Councill held the day and year above written

The Deputy Governor—
Coll Lewis Morris—
p'rsent Cap' Palmer—
Cap' Sanderson—
Benjamin Prise—

The bookes and papers relateing to the publikc concerns of the said Province and which Cap' Vickars the late Secretary had delivered to the Governor now brought here and Inspected which are as followeth viz—

1 One bound booke writt by Cap' Bollen late Secretary deceased one Side Entituled the Record of Lands from the yeare 1665 to the yeare 1677—the other side of the book Entituled Record of Articles Conveyances and Leases for Land &c—

2 One other bound booke writt and Entred by the said Cap' Bollen Titled on one Side Record of those that have taken and Subscribed the oath of Allegiance to the King and fidelity to the Lords Proprietors of New Jersey Anno Dmn 1665 the other side of the book titled the Record of Concessions Warrants &c granted by the Governor of New Jersey Anno 1665.

3 One other bound booke writt and entred by Cap' Bollen Titled Record of Warrants for the laying out of land and the Surveyors Certificates Anno 1675 1676. The other side thereof titled Records of Pattents for Land Anno 1678—

4 One bound book writt and entered by Cap' Vickars the one Side coneyuing 15 folios being the Entry of the Retorns of
of Surveyes Indian Patents and Inventories of Estates of persons deceased. The other Side Containeing fol 36 being the Entry of Indian Grants the Governors Patents for Land and Entries of the present proprietors Deeds for this Province and Some other matters—

5 A paper book not bound but about a quire of paper Stich't up and writt by Cap't Vickers one fol' and a peese of the Retornes of Surveyes and a license for a marriage entered in a leafe att some distance from the former—

6 A Trunk of Cap't Bollens papers putt into order by the Governor Clerk and Cattalogued but whether all not known the said trunk being broke open and the papers promiscous when delivered—The trunk were Cap't Bollens papers and all bookees entered by Cap't Bollen were by the mutuall consent of the said Governor and Councill and also the Deputyes in their last Assembly Sealed up in the said Trunk at this Councill is Informed, broke open by Cap't Vickers & al without consent of the Deputyes—

Att a Council held the first day of the 1st moneth called March Anno Dmn 1683

Thomas Rudyard Deputy Governor & Proprietor—
William Penn— 
Samuell Groome 
Coll'' Lewis Morris
Pr'sent— Cap't Berry
Cap't Palmer
Cap't Sandford
Lawrence Anderson—
Benj Prise—

The Deputyes of the Province appearing—the proprietors Deed of purchase from the Excrutrix and Trusttees of St Geo. Carterett deceased as also the letter from the Governor and proprietors to the Inhabitants of this Province and also the Depty Governor's Commission were openly read and Shewed to the Deputyes, After which were directed to choose their Speaker and Clerk in order to present them here—And withdrew

It's
It's Agreed that George Jewell bee the Messenger of the Councill untitle further order—

It's agreed that the Messenger of this Councill forthwith Summon Cap' Vickars to appear before the Councill—

Cap' Vickars came here before the Councill and being desyred to deliver up the Scales and papers hee answered that as to the Scales he hath them not but that they are in the hands of the widdow Carterett And as to the papers and publck concerns of the late Governor and Councill in his hands power and Custody hee Shall deliver them up to the Governor and Councill—and that they bee given up by him forthwith

and a Solemme Attestac'on under his hand that directly or Indirectly hee hath retained none which hee hath not deliv- ered up either in his own Custody or in the power or Custody of any other person by his order or for his use—And upon further debate hereof it is agreed that Samuell Groome one of the proprietors and and Cap' Berry see the papers Secured—

And Cap' Berry and Samuel Groome are also ordered that they desire the Widdow Carterett to send here to the Councill the two Scales of the province One used in the tyme of the joint proprietors'p of the Lord Berkely and Sr George Carterett and the other in the tyme of the proprietorship of Sr George Car- terett and which were made use of in the time of the late Gov- ernor Cap' Carterett—

The Deputys coming were called in to the Governor and Councl presented John Bound for their Speaker and Isaac Whitehead for their Clerk who were approved of by the Coun- cill—The Speaker acquainted the board that there was a want of their Deputyes viz—Coll Morris who was Elected for Shroesbury—Agreed that a new writt bee Issued out for the choise of a Deputy to Serve in his Stead

A petition of In' Inions and Joseph Benbriggs read—the purport thereof requesting y' lands which they and their Associates had purchased of the Indians which had by the late Surveyor Generall been Surveyed and a returne of the Survey made into the Secrettaryes office might be pattented according to the said Survey—on perusal of the bookes it ap- peares that warrant was granted to lay out for the petic'oners & Associates 30th 9r 1681 6000 Acres and that the Surveyor had layed out 7680 Acres, and had not reserved any Sevenths to the Proprietors—The Further Consideration thereof is deferred until to morrow morning—

And the Councill Adjourned to the Eight hour tomorrow morning—

Att
At a Council held 2 day of the first month called March
Anno Dm 1683

P'sent
Tho Rudyard D Governor & p'pr
William Penn &
Sam' Groom
Coll' Morris—
Capt Berry—
Capt Palmer—
Capt Sandford—
Law: Andress &
Ben Prise—

of the Counc:

Capt Berry reportes hee has received from Capt Vickers severall pape's of publick Concerne w'ch Capt Vickers affirmed was all hee had relateing to goverment and publick Concerne of the p'vience—
A bill sent sent here by the Deputyes to voyd all Courts and p'ceedures in this p'vience since the 2d November 1681—

A message here alsoe from the Deputyes

We are sent by the house of Deputyes to lett you know that wee have Considered of the Conveyances and Com'issions yesterday read And are satisfied w'th the reasonable and legall pt of them saveing unto vs our rights and desire a faire Correspondence, then the Deputyes desire to know what's become of the publick records books and pap's w'ch were by the Joynte Consent of the late Governor Counc: and Deputyes att the session of the late Assembly sealed up and secured—They w'th-drew—

Coming in again A reporte was made to them what was yesterday don w'rh Captn Vickers—and alsoe accompt what books and pap's have bin rec'd and in what Order but by whom or how the same were broken vp wee know not—
Sam' Groome and Captn Bessy Desired to goe to the Widdow Carterett and demand of her the seales and to bring w'rh them Captn Vickers—

Captn Vickers here A question askt who opened the Records books and paps
Ans That the Governor and pt of his Councill Ordered them to bee broke up and were by them broke open in p'sence of two freehold's and then a Catalogue of all the Irrasures and Inter-liniations made in the booke or Entys. Vickers ordered to w'th draw—whereupon he delivered here the late scale of the p'vince vsed in the p'priectorship of S' George Carterett—
Sam' Groom and Cap' Berry reporte that the Widd: Carterett
rett solemnly affirmed there was no other seals to her knowledge.

Capt Vickers called in again These questions askt him by the Council
1st Wherefore the Deputies were called in to seal up the Records,
2 Why broke open without them—
3 Whether they are in the same Condition as they where when sealed up—
The first question wav’d by Capt Vickers—To the second hee answereth that the Deputyes had not the Constitution of the Secretary nor keeping of the Records they had not power of them neither ought to bee concerned with them in his opinion—
To the third he would produce the Catalogue of Irrasures to evidence that the books are not abused and then withdrew—
Sam Windor and James Graham presented here a petition with their former Case here presented with being read It’s agreed that it bee fyled And that Capt Brickhouse and other the p’sons concerned have nothin thereof and Coppie of the Case and pet’ion that a hearing between the p’tyes may bee in Convenient tyme had

Capt Vickers againe cal’d in brought here the Catalogue of Irrasures—
In fol 60 of the book of Entryes of pattents in the margent ag the pattent made for 2000 Acres to Rob Vauquellin upon examination those appeares an irrasure on wch is writ 1674 Hackinsack—Wee finde on examination that this irrasure and writing was not notified by the Catalogue of irritures— and Capt Vickers being here p’sent allledged that hee believed the same to be an irrasure but was not there when hee Received the books—

John Inions and Joseph Benbridge came into the Councill board and after the debate and Consideration thereof by the p’prioters alone and also in Councill The result was that the said John Inions and Joseph Benbridge and associates should have pattents for the land according to the p’portion mentioned in the warrant for Surrey in fol 142 vizt John Inions 1000 Acres and all the other 500 Acres apecce at ½ p Acre and that the whole overplus of the tract of land shall bee appropriated to the p’prioters in liew of their sevenths to bee laid out by the Surveyer Generall and that the p’prioters shall pay and allow to the said John Inions and associates apportionable pt of the Indians pt for the said overplus

Adiorned to 3 afternoone
post Meridiem

A Message from the Deputyes—The Deputyes desireing an answer whether the bill here brought from them this forenoone were passed here or noe—

Ans: That it being of weight and haveing much urgent business vpon our hands—wee had not Considered the same but would speedely, Take the same into Consideration and when ready returne them answer by a Messenger of our owne—

The Bill entitled a Bill to make vvoid the p'ceEDURE of some late Courts w'th amendm'ts read and passed here by the board, And delivered to the Messenger aboue who came here for our Answer—

A Bill brought here by the Deputeyes to Constitute a high Sheriff for this province—

Cap' Berry and Cap' Sandford to desire a Conference in the Councill Roome w'th the Deputyes or a Com'itte of them this Evening by 7 Clock—

Adjouned till 7th hour

A petic'on by William Johnson and Jeffery Jones ag' Rob' Vanquillin read and agreed to be filed—

And the Councill adjourned to the eight hour next moorning.

Att a Councill held the 3rd day of the 1st month called March Anno Dni 1683/4

Tho. Rudyard, D Governor & p'pr—
William Penn &
Sam'l Groome
Coll Morris—
Cap' Berry—
P'sent Cap' Palmer—
Cap' Sandford
Law: Andress &
Ben Prise—

Lawrence Andress tendering the Admi'stration of James Bollens Estate apprais'mt and sale might bee Entred in the Secretarys office vpon view thereof.—It appears

1st the letters of admi'stration bear date the 12th Day of September 1682.
2 The appraisement the 27th March 1682
3 The sale of the Estate the 28th of September 1682 amounting
Lawrence Andress declared here in Councill that he was with the Governor Phillip Carterett in December last with was after the p'riets arivall here and then and not before the Governor sealed the letters of Admi'stration in Lawrence Andress p'sence and delivered them to him in company of Capt Vickers—

Wee observe the sale of the Estate and disposition was some months before the Admi'stration granted—

Lawrence Andress Alledges he never had any p't of the Estate or received or disposed any p't thereof—

Wee finde not that any bond was given for the due admini'stration thereof w'th is aledged in the Admi'stration to bee entred into the 12'th Sep't 1682—

A Bill drawne for Constitution of Sheriffs read and amended—

A petic'on for Capt' Baker read—

Adiourned to 2 afternoone

post meridiem

James Graham came to the Councill here and desired that noe furthur p'ceedure might be had here upon his Case and petition formerly delivered and that the [hee] might withdraw the same

It's agreed and ordered that hee [the] same be delivered back vnto him wh was done accordingly—

The bill to make voyd the p'ceedings of some late Courts read heare a second tyme and signed onely by their Clarke

It's agreed that it bee transcribed and signed by their speaker and then by the Governor—

Ordered by the Governor and Councill That James Emott be Clarke of the Councill and Deputye Secretary dureing the pleasure of the Deputy Governor—

The bill to make voyd the p'ceedings &c and to Constitute Sheriffs given here to the Deputyes—

The Deputyes brought the said bills downe againe Ordered that the bill to avoyd the p'ceedings of some late Courts bee signed by the Governor—

Ordered that the bill for Constitut'ion of Sheriffs bee signed by the Governor—w'th was done accordingly—

Ordered that the said bills be carryed vp to the house of Deputyes soo signed by Cap't Palmer and Ben Prise two of the Councill—w'th was done accordingly—
A Bill disinabling severall p'sons &c was heere read the first tyme—
A petic'on from Daniel Hoop M'chant to have the benefitt of land according to Concessions for nine servants &c—
Ordered and agreed that hee have the p'porc'on of land in lieu of p'sons transported according to the Tenor of the Concessions and have wart for the same hee bringing in names of his servants and famely transported—
Adjourned till next 2d day eight of the Clock in the moorneing—

At a Councill held the 5th day of the 1st month called March Anno Dni 1687

Pres't Tho: Rudyard D Governor & p'pr—
William Penn & Coll Lewis Morris
Sam'l Groome
Cap' Berry
Cap' Palmer
Cap' Sandford
Law Andres &
Ben Prise—
of the Counc:

Agreed that a message be sent to the house of Deputyes to desire a Conference this afternoone upon the substance of the Bill for Disinableing severall p'sons &c to bee sent by Cap't Berry and Capt'n Sandford
A petic'on of Cap't Baker p'sented here and read—
As to the petic'on for his 1200 Acres of land for w'ch hee had a wart and delivered the same to R. Vauquillin late Surveyor—Agreed that the matter bee heard and Considered tomorrow moorneing 8th a Clock R. Vauquillin having notice thereof.

And as to the 2d petic'on agreed that tomorrow moorneing hee bring in a p'ticular of his Charges—that the substance of the petic'on may bee further Considered.
The petic'on of William Johnson and Jeffery Jones, Exhbitied the second instant—it being Joynte and their Case distinct and divers, Agreed the w'draw their petic'on and petic'on sepa'tely—if the [they] see Cause see to Doe.
Agreed that Capt Vickers & other p'sons who were of the late Governors Councill since the death of the late Secretary Cap't Bullen and are here in towne may here notice to bee here in
in Councill at 3 A Clock this afternoone to Attend a Conference relating to them with the House of Deputyes—

The petic'on of Capt Palmer and Thomas Codrington here read Capt Palmer withdrawing the Case was debated, hee Cald in againe Inquiere then was of St George Carteretts Gift to Pardon with was p'duced and was dated 31st July 1674—

Then Inquiry was made when Pardon Assigned to Capt Palmer &c And that was the first of December 1680—St George Carteret in Dec 1678 devised att East Jersey &c and dyes—

Adjourned till 2 afternoone

Post Meridien

The Deputyes came to the Conference the D. Gov't gave them Accomp't of the occasion and matter of Conference with was to debate the objections and matters Criminall in those p'sons whome by bill they would make Incapable of future office—Capt Vickers—Henry Greeneland—Sam Etsall and R Vauquillin came alsoe here—and after ye Deputyes Charge and Answer by R. Vickers &c to the matters objected the [they] withdrew—and after due debate and Consideration of the p'misses It's the sence of this board That the matters alledged by the house of Deputyes ag't Robert Vickers ( lately officiateing as secretary of this p'vience) with his defence being duely and throughtly heard before vs, and after a serious Considerac'in of what hath been urged on both sides—Wee doe declare it as our sence That the said Rob Vickers hath behaved himselfe Impiously and vexatiously ag't the former houses of Deputyes—And therefore that he ought to Confess his Errors in the house of Deputyes tomorrow, And there doe aske forgiveness or else that hee bee declared Incapable for the future of bearing any office of publick Charge of truste with in this p'vience dated as abovesaid—

Adjourned till 8 tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held 6th Day of mo-1 called March Anno Dni 1683

P'sent Tho Rudyard D'y Governor & p'pr—
William Penn &
Sam Etsall Groome—
Coll L. Morris
Capt Berry
Capt Sandford
Capt Palmer
Law: Andress—
Ben Prise—

The
The house of Deputyes sent here a message desiring the bill brought from their house for disenableing severall p'sons from bareing office &c might bee returned to them

They were answered that wee would send a message of our owne—

Then read the resulte of the Conference and debate relateing to Robert Vickers late Secretary w^th after reading was agreed by the Councill to bee signed by the Deputy Governor—w^th was done accordingly—And its agreed that the same bee sent up by Captn Sandford and Ben Price

A Message sent by the house of Deputyes—as followeth viz⁷, By the house of Deputyes In answer to yo"s before vs, wee say wee retaine the same dispositions as in our bill before yo"n

But the p'misses Considered wee see noe reason both for the safety of Countrey and reputation of this house but earnestly to moove the excluc'on of Captn Robert Vickers and Captn Henry Greeneland from publick place of authority w^th in this p'vince,—That is to say according to our bill before yo"n

Upon reading hereof the bill sent downe by the Deputyes was read and after Alterac'on & amendm't thereof—It was Agreed to be transcribed and sent to the Deputyes by the hands of [William Penn's name erased] and Captn Sandford

Adjournd till 3 this afternoone

post meridiem

The Bill to disenable Captn Rob¹ Vickers and Captn Henry Greeneland to beare office in this p'vince sent here from the house of Deputyes read and after due Considerac'on thereof—It's ordered that the same bee

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deceased but this is not to be a p'sident for any other.
A petition of John Gillman and Edward Slater in behalf of Piscattaway Inhabitantes for 200 Acres of Meadow now in possession of Cornelius Longfeild—read and agreed that Cornelius Longfeild have notice thereof in order to a hearing and further determination thereof.

Captn Bakers petition for 1200 Acres of land being read and Rob' vaquellin being also here present, It's agreed, That the further Consideration thereof be deferred until there bee some settlement of the Concernes of this Town.

Rich : Mitchell’s petition read and ordered that he have the head land for himselfe and wife according to Concessions.

The Address of Lewis Morris desiring he may have his land patented w'th he has lately bought of Sam' Leonard and Leonard Hunt—It's agreed and ordered that he have patents for the same.

A Message from the house of Deputies desiring to Morrow mourning a private Conference betw'ne some of the Councill and some of the members of the Deputies to Confer about settling the Countyes and such like Concerns—It's agreed that a Conference be had, and that Cap'I Berry Cap'I Sandford Cap'I Palmer Lawrence Andress and such other of the Councill as will attend it to meet here in the Councill Chamber at 7 Clock in the mourning.

Adjourn'd till 8 A Clock to Morrow mourning.

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At a Councill held the 7th day of the month called March 1682

p'sent Tho Rudyard D' Governor & p'pr
Coll Lewis Morris
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Lawr: Andress &
Ben Price

of the Counc:

Vpon the request of Lawrence Andress It's ordered that he have liberty for two dayes to goe home upon some urgency of affairs.

Sam' Moores petition read and agreed, that the same being for land for w'th there's a bill now w'th the Deputies for Redress—It's therefore deferr'd till wee see the effect thereof.
Sam Barons petition read and ordered as above in case of Sam Moore

Agreed that the pap's of Captn Rob Vickers bee p'veed and hee be sent for, whilst they are sorted that such as are of his privat Concerne hee may have, and the other of publick concerne may be sorted and put into some method or order.

Adjourned till 3 afternoone

post Meridiem

Captn Vickers pap's called over
A bill sent downe from the Deputyes for deviseing the p'vince into Countyes read and agreed vnto
A bill sent from the Deputyes ag' Sam Edsall and Rob Vauquellin—read, the Consideration of this bill deferred untill to morrow moorneing
Agreed that an Order bee sent from this board requiring Rob Vauquillin late Surveyor generall to bring here forthw'th the Journall of his Surveyes of land laid out in this p'vince
Adjourned till 7 a Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held the 8th Day of the mo-1 called March Anno Dni 168

P'sent Tho Rudyard D Governor & p'pr
Coll Morris
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Ben Price

Vpon Complaint of John Toe ag' John Carter & Rob Mors not onely for monyes w'ch the said Carter owes the said Toe—But alsoe for other ronges and abuses w'ch he has suffered and undergon from the said Carter & Mors—It's agreed that the said Carter as alsoe the said John Toe's wife now absent from him, and the said Rob Mors father of the said Toe's wife, bee Sum'oned to appeare before this board forthw'th to answer the Complaintes of the said John Toe
Vpon Consideration of the application made here by Daniel Hoop and Order made in Councill the third instant—And p'senting here a small Chart of land lyeing on the Rariton—

It's
It's agreed that hee have the South west side or p't of the land p'sented to lye fourty Chaines vpon the Rariton from the South branch and to Run backwards from the Rariton westerly two English miles little more or lesse to Complete his number of Acres to the number of six hundred, and that hee may settle im'diately upon the Same, vntill it can bee Surveyed and patented,—And that hee shall enjoy the Same to him and his heires at one halfe penny pr Acre pr Anm—

A bill Sent downe by the Deputyes to have four Justices of the peace in Each County— The Consideraton of this bill deferred vntil tomorrow moorneing.

One other bill Sent downe by the Deputyes for Justices of the peace and Sheriffs a double number to bee p'sented by Each County—w'ch being read the further Consideraton deferred until tomorrow moorneing.

The bill to rectifie abuses in Some late records, read & agreed that the Same bee Subscribed by the Governor and Sent to the Deputyes.

The bill for Establishing Courts of Justices read and amended—and ordered that it bee Subscribed by the D'y Governor and Sent to the Deputyes and Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford are to carry the Same as alsoe the bill for division of the p'vince into Countyes.

The Petic'on of Ben: Price sent' for fourty or fifty acres of land lyeing by him, requesting that hee may have it Surveyed and patented, hee w'th'drawing— It's agreed and ordered that hee have the Same as hee desires, provided noe other p'son have right thereto by patent or otherwise by some agreem't of the Towne.

Adjourned till 2 a clock afternoone.

post Meridiem.

A bill to disenable Sam't Etsall and Rob' Vauquillin from beareing further office charge or truste unlesse they make publ'c Acknowledgm' &c being read in Councill it's ordered that a Coppy of the bill bee sent to each of them, and delivered to Captn Vickers who has undertaken to send forward the Same forthw'th to them that they may be here the 12'th instant.

A Message from the house of Deputyes to desire a Conference—It's agreed that a Conference bee had w'th the house of Deputyes at four this afternoone att Isaac Whiteheads and that it bee managed by Captn Palmer Captn Berry and Captn Sandford.
The Conference was had and the members of Council returned—reporting that the Conference desired was upon the bill to Rectify abuses in some late Records.

A Message from the Deputyes desiring a free Conference—wch was granted, the p'sons above ordered to manage the Same, and to Carry w'th them the Entries of patents and Surveys recorded by Cap't Vickers, and the Lady Cateretts order to patent noe land after 25th March 1682 under a penny pr Acre

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held 9th day of mo-1 called March Anno Dni 1682 3/4

p'sent Tho Rudyard D' Governor & p'pr
       Sam't Groome p'pr
       Coll Lewis Morris
       Cap't Sandford
       Cap't Palmer
       Cap't Berry &
       Ben Price
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of the Council:

A Bill for severall Lawes in East Jersey read amended and agreed to bee Carryed to the house of Deputyes by Captn Palmer Cap'ta Sandford and Ben Price

A Message from the Deputyes as followeth viz: An answer to a bill p'sented to this house March 8th 1682 3/4 for the rectifying abuses in some late Records—It is the Sense of this house, that there hath been many Erregular and vnjust Entreys made in the publick records of warrants Scertificates and patents Since March 1682, And that the p'son or p'sons guilty thereof ought to receive punishm't according to the merritt of their Offence—And that noe p'son ought to bee diseased of his freehold or any wayes destroyed but by the Lawfull Judgm't of his peers March 9th 1682 3/4—p' John Bound Speaker of the house of Deputyes

Adjourned till 2 afternoone

post Meridiem

Then p'vceed and placed in Order the pap's last had from Captn Vickers wch tooke vp all the afternoone

Adjourned till 7 a Clock tomorrow mornoing
Att a Councill held the 10th Day of the mo—1, called March
Anno Dni 1683

present
Tho Rudyard D Governor & p'pr
Sam Groome p'pr
Co Lewis Morris
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Palmer
Capt'n Sandford
Ben Price

Vpon Consideration of the urgency of business of some of
the Councill to repaire whome this Day—It's agreed that the
Councill bee Adjourned untill next second day moorneing 8 A
Clock
And it is Adjourned untill next second day 8 a Clock in the
moorneing

Att a Councill held the 12th of March Anno Dni 1683

present
The D Governor
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Palmer
Capt'n Sandford &
Benj Price

Vpon Consideration of the Slow dispatch of business in this
present Generall Assembly—It's agreed and Ordered that a
Message be sent from this board vnto the house of Deputyes
p'posing to have during the Sessions a free Conference in the
Councill Chamber betw'ne the Governor and Councill and the
house of Deputyes, every day of Sessions from the hour of
Three unto the hour of four every afternoone,Where all matter,
and things may bee freely p'posed and debated betw'ne them.
But resolutions suspended untill the Councill and Deputyes are
ap't—Capt'n Berry and Capt'n Palmer to carry vp this p'posing
Agreed and Ordered that a Message bee sent to the Indian
Sachems to Conferr wth them about their Entertainmt of Negro
Servants—and that Capt'n Berry take care for the Conveyance
thereof
A free Conference Agreed vpon by the house of Deputyes—
who attended here accordingly, where was principally debated
the method of Settleing Courts in this p'vnoe—And after some
Considerable Tyme taken vp therein—Two bills for setting
some
some Courts brought downe here from the house of Deputyes and delivered in here last 7th day after the Councill were Adjourned were delivered back for their further Consideration

A petic'on of John Robinson & al for land—read and the Debate thereof Adjourned till tomorrow morrneing

Adjourned to 7 a Clock tomorrow morrneing

Att a Counciell held the 13th Day of the mo-1 called March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The D1 Governor
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Benj Price

of the Counciell

Agreed and Ordered that Captn Vickers be sent for to this board to resolue this board whether those books formerly delivered to the Deputy Governor now here p'sent and all of Captn Vickers's hand writeing bee the publick records of the p'vince, Entred and made by him dureing the tyme he was Secretary of this p'vince

Captn Vickers being p'sonally here p'sent and being ask't the Question above p'scribed and ** the books above menc'oned Declared that those books contained those matters wch he recorded dureing the tyme hee was Secretary, and that hee never affirmed that they were not records, and that hee has not any other books of records, wch hee said hee gave for Answer

The petic'on of John Robinson Richard Jones & al being read they were called in and being asked the Question where the warr'd or Order of the late Governor & Counce was for the Indian purchas—they answered that Sam [illegible] Etsall had it—whereupon it was agreed that the petic'on be heard againe when Sam [illegible] Etsall comes here—

A Conference wth the Deputyes, the discourse was onely about the Court for small Causes, the bill p'posed being that the under-sheriff's should serve all prosse—and it was necessary as they allledged there should bee two Courts, wee agreed two Courts in one County, two in every Towne and that an officer was pp for every Court—

Edward Slater p'sented here a petic'on to have a bond delivered up wch he had given for paym't of a fine

Adjourned till 7 A Clock tomorrow morrneing

Att
Att a Councill held the 14th Day of March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The D't Governor
Sam Groome
Coll Morris
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Benj'a Price

A bill for settling Courts for Determination of small Causes brought downe from the house of Deputyes read and agreed that it be offered to the Deputyes to add in that bill a p'vision for the like Court to bee held in or about Hackinsack w'th in Bergin County and setting the fees.

A bill for settling County Courts or Quarter Sessions brought downe from the house of Deputyes read and agreed that it be offered to the Deputyes to make p'vision therein to settle the fees of this Court.

A bill for settling a Court of Com'on Right brought downe from the house of Deputyes—agreed that it be offered to the house of Deputyes to agree to the amendm'ts now made in that Bill—and it's ordered that Captn Berry Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford forthw'th carry downe the same Bills to the house of Deputyes, for their Concurrency in the p'misses.

It's agreed and ordered that the p'sons hereinafter named Shall be the respective high Sherriffs for this Succeeding yeare, viz' from the 25th day of this Instant month, That is to say Michael Smith for the County of Bergin, Isaac Kingsland for the County of Essex, Sam Groome for the County of Middlesex and Lewis Morris Jun for the County of Monmouth.

The Bill for County Courts brough here w'th some amend-
ments

The Deputyes being here debated Severall pts of the bill for settling of Small Courts and for the Court of Com'on Right

Then Adjourned to 7 A Clock to morrow-moorneing

Att a Councill held the 15th Day of March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The D't Governor
Sam Groome
Coll Morris
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Benj'a Price

p'pr of the Counc:
A Message from the house of Deputyes whether it was our
sence that the Court of Com'on Right and Court of Chancery
ought to be all in one and could not be in two.—Answer was
that the generall Assembly might use their freedome and make
one or Two Courts thereof—

The Deputyes sent downe the Bill for setteling Courts of
small Causes, wch being read it's ordered that the Governor
and Councill, Concur therein

The Deputyes sent downe the Bill for Settleing the Court of
Com'on Right wch being read it's ordered that it bee p'posed
to the Deputyes to make the Judges of this Court Twelve and
not lesse than six and Captn Berry and Captn Palmer to carry
vp the sense of this board—

The bill for setteling the Court of Com'on Right brought
downe read and amended as above p'posed and then agreed
and ordered that the Gov'nor and Councill Concurr therew'

The petition of Edw Slaughter to have vp his bond given for
the good behaviour &c—for a p'tended Ryott, the p'ceedure
whereof is voyded by Act of the Generall Assembly—Vpon
reading and Consideration thereof, it's agreed that his request
be granted as desired

The petic'on of John Gillman to have vp his bond for good
behaviour being read its Ordered that hee have the same given
up to him

It's alsoe Ordered and agreed that the bond wch Captn
Sandford gave to pay the fine imposed upon him for a p'tended
Ryott, wch p'ceedures are null'd by Act of the Generall Assem-
bly bee delivered to him to bee Canseld—wch was done accord-
ingly att this board

Adjourned till 7 Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 16th Day of March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Dept Governor
    Sam'l Groome
    Coll Morris
    Captn Berry
    Captn Palmer
    Captn Sandford &
    Benj Price

of the Counc

A Bill for the generall lawes of the p'vince sent here from the
house of Deputyes—read and after some amendin'ts Agreed to
hee Transcribed.

The Deputyes here and Debated the Rules and Orders for the
Court of Com'on Right, and some p'ticulers in the bill last
menc'oned wch are to bee sent them to morrow

Then Adjourned till 7 A Clock tomorrow-moorneing    Att
At a Councill held the 17th Day of March Anno Dni 1683

Present The D' Governor
   Coll Morris
   Captn Berry
   Captn Palmer
   Captn Sandford & Benj" Price— of the Counc.

The bill heretofore sent from the Deputyes titled a Bill to prohibitt Arbitrary proceedings—Read with Some amendments and agreed the said bill bee Signed by the Deputy Governor and sent to the Deputyes by Captn Palmer Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Benj" Price

Ordered and agreed that the Same p'sons call upon the Deputyes for their Concurrancy to a bill Sent them downe from this board Intitled a bill to rectifie abuses in Some late Records

A private Conference desired by the Deputyes with Some of the Councill It's ordered that Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford and Benj" Price, Doe attend the Conference as desired forthwith att the house of Isaac Whitehead

A bill for the gen'all laws of this p'vince transcribed with Some additions and amendments. Read and Agreed that the Same bee signed by the Deputy Governor and Sent to the house of Deputyes by Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford and Benj" Price

Agreed that Coll Morris and Captn Sandford have lib'ty to goe home

Then Adjourned till 7 A Clock next second day moorneing

At a Councill held 19th day of March Anno Dni 1683

Present The D' Governor
   Sam'l Groom 
   Captn Berry
   Captn Palmer
   Captn Sandford
   Benj" Price

The Deputyes sent here a Message desiring a Conference with some of the Councill and that they would bring with them the Records Entred by Captn Vicars—A Conference granted and Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford and Benj" Price to Attend it
The Conference was to Inspect the Records and debate about those Entryes made by Captn vicars in relat'on to the bill before the Deputyes to Rectifie abuses in Some late Records

This board being informed that Captn Rob' Vicars who has lately officiated in this p'vince as Secretary in the tyme of the late Governor Captn Phillip Carterett notw'rh standing many grants by the late Governor and Councill made of lands within this p'vince (according to the gen'all Concessions) to Severall planters and Inhabitants who for many years have peaceably held and Enjoyed the same w't out disturbance yett to Impreach not onely their Titles but alsoe the Right of the p'sent p'rieto's, and to stirr vp the peaceable people of this p'vince to quarrells and Conteno'ons and to inflame their minds and sperritts one ag' an other hath publickly advised and stirrd vp many to w't Stand the Interest of such who are legally and Justely setled in their lands and to oppose the Right and Interest of the p'sent p'rieto's, Hath alsoe advised them to stand upon and maintaine an obsolete and voyd pattent or p'tended pattent long since made by Coll Rich: Nicholls to Captn John Baker and others—And the said Captn Rob' Vicars haveing made as p'tended Secretary many Irregular and unjust entryes on Record—And done Acted and Com'itted many Acc'ons and things agst the peace of the king and publick peace of this Province and the p'rietors thereof—It is agreed and ordered that the said Captn Rob' Vicars bee forthw' app'hended and brought before this board that he may Answer all and singular the p'misses att the next Court of Com'on Right to bee held w'thin this p'vince.

Captn Vicars being here p'sent and refuseing to give security for the good behaviour and to answer the p'misses att the next Court of Com'on Right, it's ordered that hee bee Com'itted to the Custody of George Jewell the Messinger of the Councill and to appeare here att eight A Clock to morrow moorneing

Then Adjourned till 7 A Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held 20th Day of March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Dep't Governor &
Sam' Groome  |  p'pr
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford  | of the Counci:
Benj' Price

Captn Vicars being brought here and Demanded whether hee would
would give Security for ye Good behaviour &c as was ordered yesterday w'th hee refused whereupon it's ordered and agreed that hee be Com'itted to the Com'on Goale att Woodridge untill hee shall give such security or bee discharged by due Course of law.

It's agreed and ordered That Sam° Moore bee made and Constituted high Sheriffe of the County of Middx and have his Com'ission forthw'th Sealed w'th was done accordingly, hee then by Subscripte on p'missing allegiance to the King and fidelity to the Lords p'prietors and truely to execute his said office.

It's agreed and ordered that the warr° for the Com'ittm° of Capt'n Rob° vicars bee directed and delivered to Sam° Moore high Sheriffe of the County of Middx.

The petic'on of Edw° foxe Servant to Rob° Vauquillin read and agreed that Rob° Vauquillin haveing notice thereof appeare w'th his Servant at this board on Thursday next to Answer his said Servants Complaint agst him and that all witnesses for either p'ty there alsoe Attend.

A bill for the gen'all lawes of the p'vince of East New Jersey Sent here from the Deputyes w'th Some Amendm°s—The amendm°s read over and Corrected & ordered to bee transcribed and sent to the Deputyes for their Concurancy by Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford.

A petic'on of James Gyles of piscattaway to have land laid out for himselfe wife Children and two Servants w'th being read his Case is refered to the p'prietors for their Result.

The petic'on of Martha Symes to such effect as the petic'on above w'th being read it's refer'd to the p'prietors for their result.

The petic'on of Elizabeth Carterett the Widdow of the late Governor Capt'n Phillip Carterett being here read, the Considerac'on defer'd till further applicac'on.

Robert vicars of Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex Gent—

Elizabeth Carterett of the same place Widdow—&

Henry Greeneland of piscattaway in the County of Middx Gent—

Every one of them bound by himselfe or Herselfe in the sume of 500° into our Sovereigne Lord the King—

Vpon Condic'on that the said Robert° Vicars shall p'sonally appeare the second Tuesday in the Month of May next before the Justices of the Court of Com'on Right to bee held in Elizabeth Towne and to doe and receive that w'th by the Court shalbe then and there Enjoyned him and that in the mean time
tyme hee bee of the good behaviour and keepe the peace of
the said Soveraigne Lord the King toward the King and his
leigh people
Cap' & Coguit die & Anno
primo sup'd drt
coram me
Tho Rudyard

Att a Councill held the 21st Day of March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The D't Governor
Sam'l Groome
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford &
Benj'n Price

of the Councl:

The Deputyes sent by Some of their members the Bills re-
maine in their hands wch were heretofore past wch wth those
lying wth the Councill are six in number The Act for the
gen'all lawes yet lyeing wth the Deputyes, It's ordered that
the Acts and Bills passed this Assembly bee forthwth tran-
scribed in order to bee published—And that a Message be sent
to the Deputyes for them to remitt here the Accompts of the
Oathes or Subscriptons to the oath or p'mise of Allegiance to
the king and fidelity to the Lords p'prieto's and for the due
p'formance of their office and Duty as Assembly men In order
to the Entring & recording the same in a book according to
the Concessions, And that Captn Palmer & Benj'n Price carry
the same message, And alsoe desire the Deputyes Answer if
they Concurr to the Bill for the generall Lawes.

A Bill left here wth the Governor last night after Adjour-
ment to p'hibit sale of strong liquors to the Indians read and
some observac'ons drawn therein to p'pose to the Deputyes

An Act to Enable the freeholders of this p'vince to p'pose
and agree divers orders relat'ng to fenc'ng and the like sent
here from the Deputyes—wch was read, amended Transcribed
& read a second tyme and then sent downe to the Deputyes by
Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford

Agreed and ordered that Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford
desire of the Deputyes an Answer to the Message sent from
the Councell this day to the Deputyes

A Bill for the gen'all Lawes of East New Jersey sent from
the Deputyes containing thirty two Articles being the same
was sent downe to them & returned Signed by the Speaker to
the
the Deputyes Ordered that the same bee signed by the Deputy Governor—
The Bill to Enable the freeholders of this p'vince to p'pose and agree divers Orders &c sent back here w'th some Alterac'on, —Agreed and order'd that this board Adhere to their former amend' & draw vp reasons for their Adhearancy

Received from the Deputyes a Copy of their Subscribe'on of Allegiance to the king & faithfullness to the p'priets not mentioned proprietors or Lord proprietors soe not explanatory —It's Agreed and ordered that Captn Berry & Captn Palmer carry vp the same to be fully expressed according to the Concessions A Bill agst fugitive Servants & Entertainers of them read and ordered to bee signed and Captn Palmer to Carry the Same to the Deputyes

The Deputyes here a Conference had about their Subscribe'on as above and about o' adhering to our former Alterac'on of the bill to Enable freeholders to p'pose and agree divers Orders &c Forasmuch as many petic'ons & Addresses have bin & are dayly made & p'sented to the Governor & Councill for Lands to bee laid out in Right of former Claimes & by virtue of warrants granted by the late Governor & Councill, and some to bee Redressed als' alledged wrongs done to them therein by Robt vanquellin the late Surveyor Gen'All, And in asmuch, as so many returns of Surveys made & p'tended to bee made by the said Surveyor Generall and Entred on Record there are no dates thereunto nor menton made by what warrants or when the lands therein mentioned were Surveyed, w'th is apparently Contrary to the Express directon in the general Concessions of this p'vince, and Contrary to the Duty of the said Surveyor Gen'All & may tend to the p'judice not onely of the p'priets but alsoe Inhabitants & many the freeholders of this p'vince And the said Surveyor gen'All altho Sum'oned to appeare before the Governor & Councill refused soe to doe It is therefore ordered that the High Sheriffe of the County of Middx forthw'th repaire to the house of the said Robert vanquillin & him bring before the Governor and Councill there to Answer to such matters as are and shall be objected als' him, and that the said High Sheriffe alsoe make search & bring w'th him to this board the said Surveyors Journall of Surveys & warrants for Surveys of land granted and laid out dureing the tyme bee was Surveyor Generall The better to Evidence & make out the truth of matters now Depending before this board & that cannot bee Determined w'thout a due inspec'ion into & examineing the Same

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow-moorning

Att
Att a Councill held the 22th Day of March Anno Dni 1683

The D* Governor
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Benj* Price

The Bill to Enable the freeholders of this P'vince to p'pose and agree Divers Orders &c being Transcribed as it was sent hence att first to the Deputyes w* th some Additions w* th being now read Agreed that it bee soe sent to the Deputyes the Deputy Governor signing the same. To bee sent vp by Captn Palmer & Benj* Price

Agreed and ordered that Isaac Kingsland bee made & Com'issioned high Sheriffe of the County of Essex

The petic'on of William Johnson of Raway in the County of Essex yeoman ags* R. Vanquellin w* th being read it's Ordered, That Robt Vanquellin have notice thereof in Order to the further p'ceedure therein

The Bill ags* fugitive Servants & Entertainers of them Sent here from the Deputyes w* th Some amendm* s w* th being read it's agreed and ordered the Bill passe w* th the amendm* s

The observatons relating to the Bill ag* the Sale of Strong liquors to the Indians read and ordered that the Same bee sent to the Deputyes & Carried vp by Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford & Benj* Price

Ordered that they acquainte the Deputyes that this board expects a returne of the Deputyes Oaths of Sub- scrip'con of Allegiance to the king & fidelity to the Lords p'rieto* rs

The Deputyes sent downe the Same and is as followeth

March the first 1683

The Deputyes Subscription of Allegiance to the King and faithfulness to the Lords proprieto* rs of the Province of East New Jersey

That I will beare true Allegiance to the King of England his heires and Successors and that I will bee faithful to the Inter* est of the Lords proprieto* rs of this P'vince their heires Ex- ecuto* rs and Assignes & endeavour the peace and welfare of the said P'vince, And that I will truely and faith fully Discharge the
the Trusts reposed in me according to my best Skill and 
Judgment without Corrupti'on favour or affection

Henry Lyon  
Benj'n Parkis  
Ric: Hawthorne  
John Bowne  
Joseph Parker  
John Hannce

Elizabeth Towne  
March the 22th 1683

A copy of the Records of the house of Deputyes  
p: me Isaac Whitehead Clerk to Dep'ts

It's Ordered & agreed that the Acts and Bills passed and 
agreed upon by the Governor and Councill & Dept this Session 
bee all fairly Transcribed in Order to the perfecting of the busi-
ness of this Session  
Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held 23th Day of March Anno Dni 1682-3

p'sent The Deputy Governor  
Sam' Groome  
Capt'n Berry  
Capt'n Palmer  
Capt'n Sandford  
Benj' Price  
\{ \text{of the Counc.} \}

A Bill Entitled, The penalty of Drunkords read and Agreed 
the Councill Concurr therein & that the Deputy Governor 
signe the same

The peti'con of David De Marais here read and being called 
in an Inquiry was made of him what lands hee had purchased 
of the Indians from w'th hee desires to have all the Timber in 
that Indian purchase for the supplie of his saw Mill altho the 
land not patented to him and his Sons, The land purchased 
is about two miles in breath and Comewing of to a point, and 
six miles in length—Agreed that David De Marais have 
pattents for the lands w'th is Surveyed to him and his Sons 
att \ p. Acre But that wee cannot see reason to grante 
liberty
liberty to Cutt the timber from the land hee takes not vp vntill further matters appeares then what is yett manifested, and that our purpose is to view the same

A Bill to punish profaine sweareing and Curseing sent from the Deputyes & after reading thereof w'th amendment of the word sterling and making it lawfull money—ordered that the Same Bill bee signed by the Deputy Governor—as a testimony of our Concurrance

A petie'on presented from the Inhabitantes of Newark w'th being read and the Deputyes being here present—It's agreed that a view thereof shalbe in Convenient tyme and the Governor hath declared his willingnes to see those Towne bounds the next month the wether being seasonable and nothing extraor-dinary p'vent

A Bill for the better mainetaineing and vpholdeing the Authority of this province and for the Encourageing the Same—read and agreed that the Councill concurr thereto and that the Deputy Governor signe the Same

A Bill for lib'ty of the subject read amended signed and agreed to bee sent the Deputyes.

A Bill for the better vpholding of Authority read and ordered to be passed the Deputy Governor to signe the Same

A Bill titled an Act for the militia read and a provisoe made thereto not to extend to p'sons Conscientiously refuseing to beare Arms Agreed that the bill w'th the provisoe bee sent vp to the Deputyes

A Bill for punishm't of Incest Adultery and fornicatioun Read—and agreed that the same bee signed by the Deputy Governor and sent vp to the Deputyes for their Concurancy and that this bill and all other Bills this day here read & agreed to be Carried vp to the Deputyes by Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Captn Palmer

Robt vauquellin was here. Inquirey being made for his Journall of Surveyes—he Answered hee had none nor anything more of Surveyes then was entred on the Records

Edward ffox & Robt vauquellin being here the matters op'ned on both sides—It's Ordered by the Councill that hee goe home to his Master & his Master take care of him as his Servant

The Bills above menc'oned to be sent this Day to the Deputyes—brought back here to be Transcribed

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow-moorneing

Att
At a Council held the 24th of March Anno Dni 1683

Present The Deputy Governor
  Capt'n Berry
  Capt'n Palmer
  Capt'n Sandford &
  Benj' Price

of the Counc: Captn Sandford have leave to goe home this morninge

The Deputyes sent vp here a Bill for the better observacion and keeping holy the first day of the week or Lords Day—wch being read the Councill agreed not therewith having these exceptions thereto—viz

1st Ther's an Act already that sufficiently p'vides for abstinence from dayly labour

2 This Enforces people by paynes & penaltyes to worship whether their worship be true or false, if false better none then any, Better to bee silent than to offer the sacrefice of fooles The worship of the wicked is Abomination to the wholy God.

3. The Bill obligeing all p'sons to worship in publick or private or pay 5d. Every p'son who has not witness of his private worship (wch is much if hee has any) must pay 5d. It seems unreasoneable to take witness for privat worship.)

4. This bill Insinuates as if the first day were holy wch the holy Scriptures never said more then any other—Every day his holy to the Lord—hee has noe profane Dayes, But the holy scriptures say hee that regards a Day regardeth it unto the Lord—and hee that regardeth not &c Rom 14. 5. 6.—If one man Esteeme a day above another, another Esteemes every day alike, Lett every man bee fully p'swaded in his owne minde Lib'ty of Conscience ought to bee p'ferved and Licentiousness punished wch this Bill Seemes not equally to secure.

Rules and Orders for p'ceedings at Com'on Law in the Court of Com'on Right

1st If the plentiffes writ or Capias expresse not the speciall Cause of Action, Then the Defendant shall not bee held to speciall Bayle to Answer and pay the Debt and damages demanded
manded nor shall the Defendant bee bound to goe to tryall the
next Term or session of the Term next after the Arrest made,
but shall have an Imparlance to the succeeding Term

2 In Case the plaintiffs writ or Capias shall express the
speciall Cause of Acc'ou and the Debt and damages therein
demanded or laid shalbe the sume of pounds or vpwards
then the Def° may bee held to speciall Bayle and shall bee
obliged to goe to tryall the first day of tryall of Causes the
Succeeding Term

3 That in Cases where the Def° is Arrested in an Acc'ou of
Debt detinue Trespas, for goods acc'on upon the Case (except
Slander) if the debt or damages amount to tenn pounds
speciall Bayle is to be given except it bee agt an heire Executo'
or Administrator

4 That in Covenants because the Damages are vncertaine
before the Declaration be delivered wth may bee large Bayle
at Discretion

5 That in Battery Conspiracie false Imprisonment noe
speciall Bayle of Course wthout speciall order from the Court—
That slander noe speciall Bayle except in slander of title
wherein it bee left to the direction of the Court

6 That in all Causes of Removall out of any inferior Court
be it by Habeas Corpus, Certiorary, and of all writts of Error
to Reverse & Correct Judgm'is and on all appeales, speciall
Bayle to bee given

7 Speciall Bayle in all Cases and Causes above menc'oned
shal be understood double the debt or damages demanded laid
or Recovered—and Com'on Bayle twenty pounds sterling
mony

8 That the principall rendring himselfe att any tyme after
Bayle putt in or before or on the day of appearance of the
Seire facias returned Seire feci or the second Seire facias re-
turned nihill or in Case ther shalbe any acc'on of Debt
brought vpon the Bond or Recognizance agt the Bayle then if
the principall shall come and render himselfe vpon or before
the prosses returned served noe further p'ceedings to bee had
ags' the Bayle.

9 That
9 That in all Causes & Cases where the pl shall not declare the first terme after the Arrest made (and Com'on Bayle or Spetiall Bayle Entred as the Cause or Case shall require as aforesaid) The Def Entring a Rule for the pl to Declare the pl shall bee nonsuited—and the Def shall have reasonable Costes agst him

10 The Def shall have six dayes to give in his plea after the pl Declaration delivered—And after issue Joyned the pl shall give to the Def reasonable notice of tryall, that is if in Case the Def lives wthin the Countys of Essex & Middx and the tryall to be in either of those Countys—eight days notice, Exclusive, and if in the Countys of Bergen or Monmouth and the Tryalls to be had in either of the Countys of Essex or Middx fourteene days notice of tryall Exclusive.

11 That every first day of terme the Justices or Judges of the Court shall according to their direc'on appoint and sett vp in writing one or more days for tryalls of Causes the first to be sixenee dayes att least from the first day of the Terme that all p'sons may be p'pared

In Case the pl shall give to the Def notice of Tryall as aforesaid and shall not wthin reasonable tyme forbid the same, but the Def shall attend the Tryall to his Costs, the Court may allow the Def his reasonable Costes for the Same

In Case the pl after issue Joyned shall refuse to goe to Tryall the Terme after issue Joyned nor shall discontinue his acc' on Record Then the Def moveing the Court to p'ceed may bring on the Cause by p'viso to Tryall, And if the pl be nonsuite att Tryall or discontinue his acc' on the Def shall bee allowed reasonable Costes

That all process and writts issuing out of this Court shalbe made in the name of the Governor & p'rieto's of the p'vince of East New Jersey, Directed to the Sheriff, Com'and'ng him in the kings name to Arrest sum'on Attach &c the Def &c and sealed by the seale of the p'vince and Tested by the Governor or Deputy Governor for the tyme being

The house of Deputyes Concent to these Rules above written no otherwise then vntill the next gen'rall Assembly wthin w'ch our experience may informe vs soe as either to Continue them or to vrgz alterae'on

p. order of the house of Deputyes

Isaac Whitehead Clerk to Depl's
Justices
Justices of the peace for the several Courts of Sessions and other officers appointed within the several Countys within this province to hold Duranto bene pluto

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Samuel Moore High Sheriffe of the County

Thomas Blumfield Coronor of the County

For
For the County of Monmouth

Coll Lewis Morris
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Palmer
Capt'n Sandford
Lawrence Andress
Benj' Price
John Bowne
John Hans
Peeter Wilson
Joseph Parker &
John Throgmorton

of the Quorum

Richard Hartshorne High Sheriff of the County
Richard Lippingcott Coroner of the County

For the County of Bergen

Coll Lewis Morris
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Palmer
Capt'n Sandford
Lawrence Andress
Benj' Price
Nicholas Bagard
Claud Arentson
Hans Dederisky
Enock Mackillson
Abraham Vohirty

of the Quorum

Will Dougles
Clerk of
the County Courts

Michael Smith High Sheriff of the County
William Lawrence Coroner of the County

Agreed that Com'issions bee issued forth by the Deputy Governor to Com'issionate all & every the p'sons above named for the respective offices and places respectively expressed, And that he grant to them Com'issions respectively under the seale of the p'vince to be signed by the Deputy Governor

Justices of the Court of Com'on Right
The Governor or Deputy Governor for the tyme being
Saml Groome one of the p'rieto's & Surveyor Gen'all.
All the Members of the Councill Excepting Capt'n Sandford

John Bowne
Saml Dennis
Henry Lyon &
Benj' Parkis

James Emott Clerk
John Warren Marshall

Capt'n
Captn William Sandford the King’s Attorney Generall for this p’vince

Ordered and Agreed that respective Com’issions be made and granted for the Judges of this Court under the seale of this p’vince & Signed by the Deputy Governor

A Bill to p’hibitt Rudenesse & Irreligious Excercises of the first day of the weeke—Read and agreed to be passed the Deputyes Concurr there with

The petition of Thomas Young here read—desireing redresse aginst the taking away the meadow lyeing betweene him and the Creek—wth matters altho true yet it’s not in the power of the Councill to Redresse but he may take his due Course of Law

All the Acts of this Sessions Transcribed and the Deputyes being here p’sent Agreed that the same be signed & Authen-tick Copyes sent to every County in this p’vince

Adjourned to 7 A Clock next second day moorneing

Att a Council held the 26th of March Anno Dni 1863

p’sent The Dᵗ Governor
  Coll Lewis Morris
  Captn Berry
  Captn Palmer
  Benj’tn Price

{of the Counc:}

A Bill sent from the Deputyes to vacat the Entryes of some p’tended Records made & Entred by Robᵗ Vicars read amended and Agreed to be sent vp wᵗ amends

A Bill Entitled an Act directing subscriptions by Magis-trates and ministers of Justice—Read and agreed it be sent vp to the Deputyes Captn Berry Captn Palmer & Coll Morris to Carry vp the two Bills

A Bill to Rectific abuses in some late Records sent vp from the Deputyes amended here Transcribed and ordered that it be signed & sent vp to the Deputyes wᵗ the Bill last above mentioned

A Message from the Deputyes desiring our Concurrence to the bill long since sent Downe to Disenable &c Samᵗ Etsall and Robᵗ vaquellin—the said Bill being read amended & Transcribed & ordered that it bee subscribed by the Dt Gov-ernor & sent to the Deputyes

A Bill sent downe from the Deputyes relateing to the Coun-tryes publlick debts, wᵗ being read was Transcribed and amended
amended and Entitled an Act in order to the satisfaction of the publick debts of this p'vince, Agreed and Ordered that it be signed & sent to the Deputyes by Captn Berry & Captn Palmer

A Message from the Deputyes to desire the word ligall to be put out of the Bill to w'ch the Councill did Concurr

Ordered that a Message be sent to the Deputyes for their Concurrency to two bills now before them sent hence viz' A Bill Entitled An Act to enable the freeholders to p'pose & agree divers orders relating to fenceing and the like, A Bill to p'hibitt Arbitrary p'ceedure before the Governor and Councill

A Bill to rectifie abuses in some late Records sent here from the Deputyes, w'th their Concurrency

The house of Deputyes here in free debate p'posed and Agreed some amendm'ts in the Bill

Adjourned to 7 A Clock to morrow: moorneing

Att a Councill held the 27th of March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The D't Governor } p'pr
Sam'l Groome
Coll Lewis Morris.
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Benj'a Price } of the Counc.

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes entitled an Act in order to satisfy the publick debts of this p'vince, To w'ch the Governor and Counc: cannot Concurr and offer for reasons as followeth, first for order:

1st The Deputyes yesterday sent here a Bill to the subject matter of this Bill to w'ch this board made their amendm'ts & returne the Bill yesterday

2 It has bin visual for dispatch of business if one house has p'sented a Bill, the other has offered amendm'ts to w'ch if the other has not agreed a Conference has bin desired, and reasons offered for and against the amendm'ts

2 In Case the Councill & Deputyes after a Bill p'sented by one house & amendments made in another, agree not to Con-
ferr but draw new Bills it may bee thence allowed without lymitt & nothing don but p’senting one Bill for another

4 As to the matter of the Bill now sent differing from the Bill sent hence to the Deputyes yesterday. This Bill now sent is defective in these p’ticulars

1st The Bill Insinuates that the p’vince is Indebted and makes out no debt—Nothing appearing to us that the p’vince was indebted but in the Quitt Rents—all other demands appear not on Record, And it’s a maxim in Reason that it’s the same thing not to bee as not appeare to bee

2 The Debts ought to be p’ved else the p’vince not to be Charged therw’th

3 The Debts ought to be p’ved in a Court of Record that they may there remaine for Justification of Just demands and Impeachm’ts of Cheates if any bee offered to abuse the publicke

4 A Constable is not made by any Act of Assembly a Court of Record, nor a Judiciall but a ministeriall officer, he Cannot trye any petty Causes, nor has bin thought meet to be a Magistrate but only a minister or Servant in the petty Courts

5 The Deputyes are not a Court of Record distinct from the Governor and Councill, So noe opp’tunity nor Capacity to take p’ofe of such Debts

6. for the gen’l Assembly to approve of Accompts as Just or not Just debts before proof made or opp’tunity offered for p’sons to proof them, seems verry irregular & agst reason—for w’th reasons wee Adhere to the Bill sent vp w’th our amendm’ts yesterday and Concurr not w’th this new Bill. Agreed that Captn Palmer and Captn Berry carry vp the same Reasons

A Bill read here for the Coroners & Constables Subscrip’tions for faithfull p’formance of their offices read & ordered to be signed and sent vp to the Deputyes by Captn Berry & Benj’" Price

A Message from the Deputyes being an Answer to o’rs yesterday sent for their Concurrence to 2 Bills before them the Consideration thereof Deferred till afternoone this day
A Message from the Deputyes in writing viz'

March 27th 1683 Ordered by this house to send downe two of their Members to the Governor & Councill to acquainte them that the house will wait upon them forthw'th in order to an Adjournment of this Assembly.

Message brought by Sam'l Moore & Joseph Parker,

A Bill for the office of Coroner and Constable brought vp from the Deputyes in w'th the [they] Concurr

Ordered that the Bills past by the Governor Councill & Deputyes be Transcribed & sent vnder the seale of the p'vince to every County

Vpon debate & Consideration of some tyme of Adjournement, It's ordered & agreed by mutuall desire and Consent of the Deputyes, That the gen'all Assembly bee Adjourned to the ninth day of May next, & the said gen'all Assembly are Adjourned to the ninth day of May next. Then to sett for the publick affaires of this p'vince at Eliz: Towne

Att a Councill held the 28th day of March Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The D'ty Governor

Sam'l Groome

Captn Berry

Captn Palmer

Benj'a Price

of the Councl:

Agreed & Ordered, That all Com'issions made & granted to the Justices of the Court of Com'on Right and Justices of the peace of all Countyes & to keepe County Courts & Justices to keepe Courts for tryall of petty Causes and all Com'issions for Sherifles Coroners, Clerkes of the peace & other officers w'th are & shalbe Com'issionated by the Councill or order of Councill shalbe made & granted vnder the seale of the p'vince & signed by the Deputy Governor onely

It's agreed & Ordered that Every Clerk appointed for the respective County Courts shall from and after they have made such Subscrip'ou as is directed by Act of gen'all Assembly make out writts & p'cesses ag' any p'son for any matter or thing, (Criminall Causes excepted) Subscribed by their owne names to appear and Answer to any p'son or matter in the said Courts, And from & after the next Sessions or County Courts they shall signe or subscribe them (By the Court)

Whereas
Whereas there are severall writeings under the hands and Seales of the Earle of Bath, S't Edward Atkins &c the Trustees of, S't George Carterett Deceased & under the hand & seale of the Lady Caterett not onely the Conveyances of this p'v'nec to the p'sent p'rietors thereof, but also gen'all Com'issions orders and Direc'ons to Capt'n Phillip Carterett Late Governor of this p'v'nec & the then Secretary and Surveyor Gen'all of this p'v'nec, and the said Governors Councill and also to the Inhabitants of this p'v'nec w'ch are not duely Entred on Record as the [they] ought to have bin, but are now in the possession & keeping of the Deputy Governor of this p'v'nec,—And inasmuch as severall thereof are of much Concerne as well to the Inhabitants ifc planters as to the p'sent p'rietors of this p'v'nec—It's therefore ordered and Agreed that the Same be duely Entred on Record by the Deputy Secretary to secure and p'petuate the Knowledge thereof and that the like Entryes be made of all late orders Com'issions & direc'ons for the p'sent p'rietors.

The Com'ission for the Justices of peace for the County of Bergen sealed and Delivered this day to Capt'n Berry for safe Conveyance

The Com'ission for the Sheriffe and also for the Clerk of the same County Sealed and given alsoe to Capt'n Berry for safe Conveyance

An orig'nall letter from the Earle of Bath & Lady Carterett Dated the 28th of June 1682, directed and sent to Capt'n Phillip Carterett late Governor—and now brought here by Sam11 Groome from the hands of Capt'n Vicars—It's ordered that the said letter w'ch the other writeings & things before menc'oned bee Recorded, And that the said orig'nall letter bee delivered into the Deputy Governor for Safe keeping thereof

Ordered that to the Justices or members nominated for the Court of Com'on Right, Thomas Codrington and Sam11 Wilson be added to make vp the number twelve according to the Act of the gen'all Assembly and Henry Lyon in respect of other office wherein hee is placed is ordered to be excused from this Service

The p'stons to heare and Determine Cases in the Respective Courts for small Causes

Claes Arents
Hans Dedercks
Enock Machielson
Henry Lyon
Benj'a Parkis
Isaac Whitehead

{ Bergen
{ Elizabeth Town

Sam11
Sam Dennis
John Bishop Jun
Sam Hulls

Edw. Slater
John Gillman
Benj. Hull

John Bowne
John Throgmorton
James Grover

Joseph Parker
Peter Tilton
John Hans

It's agreed and Ordered that the respective p'sons above named shalbe Com'issionated to heare & Determine the small Causes in the above respective Townes and that Depty Governor make out distinct Com'issions for the Same & scale them by the scale of the p'vince signeing them w'th his owne hand,
And that the respective p'sons Elect their owne Messinger and Clerke

Ordered that a warrt be made and delivered by the Deputy Governor to the Surveyor Generall to layout within this p'vince in such place as he shall see meet not Intrenching upon any mans interest or right Twenty four thousand Acres of land
That is to say to and for the use of every one of the Twenty four p'sent p'rioters one Thousand Acres and make Returne thereof to the Governor and Councill

This is a True Journall of the p'cedure of the Deputy Governor & Councill to this Day wherein all Matters comeing before them have bin duly Entred and the Minutes of all things [justly expressed] to the best of their knowledg Remembrance & understanding

The 28th Day of the 1mo cald March Anno Dni 1683

Tho Rudyard
Dy Governor & p'pr
John Berry
J Palmer
Ben: Price

Att
Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Town according to the former Adjournment the 9th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

Present

The Deputy Governor
Co'le Lewis Morris
Capt'n John Palmer
Capt'n W'n Sandford
Lawrence Andresse
Benj'n Price

of the Council

This Day the Court of Com'on Right being held and the Members of the Council Attending the same as Justices thereof, The Governor and Council proceeded not to businesse but the Deputyes Attending this board 'twas agreed to Adjourne till tomorrow morning 7 A Clock and the Council Adjourned accordingly

Att a Councill held the 10th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

Present

The Deputy Governor
Co'le Lewis Morris
Capt'n John Palmer
Capt'n W'n Sandford
Capt'n Berry
Lawrence Andresse &
Benj'a Price

of the Council

Samuel Moore & Nathaniel Fitzrandolph making application here and requesting to have the Administration of the Estate of Capt'n James Bollon who Dyed intestate granted to them as guardians to the Children of the said Capt'n Bollen,

And Lawrence Andresse the 'late pretended Adm'istrato' to the said Estate Declaring that he das absolutely renounce all pretence and Claim to the Adm'istracion thereof. It is Therefore Ordered that Samuel Moore and Nathaniel Fitzrandolph bringing here the Children of the said Capt'n Bollen and they Choosing them their guardians that their Adm'istracion be granted by the Deputy Governor to the said Moore and Fitzrandolph during the minority of the said orphans according to the Due Course of Law, they bringing in here a perfect Inventory or appraisal of the said Intestates Estate to be recorded

Agreed and ordered, That the Deputy Governor Issue out his warrant to the Surveyor gen'ral to layout for Benj'n Price sen'r one of the Governors Councill the quantity of 270 Acres
of Land with in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne or someuch thereof as has not of the number or quantity of Acres bin laid out to him by Robert Vauquillen the late Surveyor gen' all wh' said Lands are granted him in Compensac' on of the heads he brought here at his first settlem' in this province.

The petic'on of Capt'n John Baker here read, And ordered that the like warr' be granted to lay out 1200 Acres of Land for Capt'n John Baker in Elizabeth Town according as hee De-sires in his petic'on.

Samuel Moores petic'on to have the Lands granted him by order of Lord Bartlett and St' George Carterett read, and after some Debate thereupon Agreed that the same bee cal'd over againe when Sam'l Groome is here in Councill.

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes for the Orderly keeping of Swine read and after some Amend'ts and Additions made it's agreed the same be Ingrossed againe with the same and sent back to the Deputyes for their Concurrence by Capt'n Palmer and Capt'n Sandford.

The petic'on of John Shottwell being here read, and vpon reading thereof it being alledged that the Lands for wh' he Desires a Survey and pattent is now or late in the possession of Elizabeth Caterett Widd: the Relict and Executrix of the late Governor Capt'n Philliph Cateret Deceased. It's agreed that the further Consideration thereof be Deferred till the next Seventh Day morning being the 12th instant at S' of the Clock in the fforenoone and that notice there be given to the widdow Cateret that she may then appeare, and if she as ought to allege ags' the substance of the petic'on she may then be heard.

Then Adjourned till tomorrow morning 7 a Clock

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 11th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

The Deputy Governor & p'pr
Thomas Warne p'pr
Coll Lewis Morris
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Palmer
Capt'n Sandford
Lawrence Andresse &
Benj' Price

of the Councill

A Bill Drawne vp and read, A Bill for makeing and setting of high wayes, passages, Bridges and fferryes with in this prov-ince
ince and agreed the same be sent to the Deputyes by Benj[a] Price and Lawrence Andresse

A Message from the Deputyes as followeth

The Request of the house of Deputyes is to Desire the Governor and Counciill to send a Copy of the ffees of the Court of Com'on Right Samuel Dennis and Benj[a] Parkis Messingers

Eliz Towne May 11th 1683

John Bound

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entit[led] an Act to Enable the freetholders of this province to propose and agree Divers orders relateing to the good and welfare of Each Towne w[ch] being read this board agreed on these exceptions to the preced[ing] thereon

1st This Board has allready had a bill from the house of Deputyes to the same affect to w[ch] the Governor and Counciill has made some amend[r] and sent it back to the Deputyes for their Concurrence w[ch] bill still lyes wth them not returned here wth their Consent

2 There are other particular Bills now Depending for reme[dyng] the matters expressed in this Bill viz' for that against hogg[s] and for makeing and setting out highwayes

3 In this Bill is a Clause, Dubious uncertain[e] and vn[p's]identail viz' to settle and impose Town rates not only for the matters Contained in the said Bill—but alseo for the like—w[ch] word (and the like) are without lymit and uninteligable

4 The locall and prudentiall Lawes by the Townes to bee made not to Come under the Consideracion of the Governor and Counciill, their Lawes may be such as may oppose and contradict the Acts of the gen'all Assembly—The lib'tys p'per-tyes and frachises of the planters and Inhabitants of this province and may be of Dangerous Consequence to the Gover[nment]

Thereupon it's Ordered that the Deputyes be Desired a free Conference upon the subject matter above expressed and that
the Deputyes will Attend it between three and four this After-
noone, and Captn Palmer and Captn Berry are Desired to
acquainte the Deputyes therewth

Captn Berry and Captn Palmer give account that the
Deputyes will give Answer to the Message by their owne
messingers at the tyme above prefixed

A Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth

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That forasmuch as Captn Robert Vicars, Captn Henry
Greenland Mr Robert Vauquillen and Mr Sam Edsall were
presented by Bills to the Grand Inquest as persons guilty of
Crimes or evil and illegall practices wth tended to the great
Disturbance of the peace and quiet of the p'vince to the
apparent Damage of severall Inhabitants and Contrary to the
peace of our Soveraigne Lord, the King, his Crown and
Dignity, the wth Bills are found by the grand Jury true Bills,
Resolved by this house of Deputyes now sitting that four of
their Members namely Samuell Dennis, Samuell Moore, Thomas
Johnson and Benj' Parkis, Doe reparer to the Governor and
Council and there in the behalfe of all the Com'ons of this
province Desire that the above named Robert Vicars, Henry
Greenland, Samuell Edsall and Robert Vauquillen may be by
some Due means safely secured in Order they may be brought
to Answer to the p'misses

Eliz Towne ) p Order of the house
May 11th § 1683 JOHN BOUND

Vpon Consideration of the p'misses it's agreed that Captn
Robert Vicars as already secured by sufficient Bayle given by
him to Answer the p'misses

Whereas by the gen'all Concessions of this province of East
New Jersey amongst other things it is provided that the Con-
stables of the said province shall Collect the Lords Rents and
shall pay the same to the Receiver that the Lords should
appoint to receive the same unlesse the gen'all Assembly should
p'sente some other way whereby the Lords might have their
Rents Duely Collected wthout Charge or Trouble to them, It
is therefore ordered by the Governor and Councill that Captn
Berry and Captn Palmer attend the Deputyes and Recom'den
to them their Case in the p'misses, That such Care may be taken
for the Collecting and payment of the said Quit rents as may
Answer the p'scription and Direc'on given in the said Con-

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A Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth viz

By the house of Deputyes in Answer to what this Day was Desired by the Governor and Councill Relating to a free Conference, We Desire that either wth respect to what is before yo hono or as occac'on may require for the future there may be a Com'itee Choosen by both houses to Debate the same, Messengers Richard Hartshorne Samuel Dennis Joseph Parker & John Gillman

Eliz Towne
May 11th 1683

p. order of the House
JOHN BOUND

Vpon Consideration of the Message from the Deputyes now Delivered here in Answer to that of the Governor and Councill this Day sent them It's ordered there bee a Com'itee of not lesse than four p'sons appointed from the Governor and Councill to meet a Com'itee of the Deputyes to Debate of such matters as now are or shall Come before them And that for the more expeditious Dispatch of business it's agreed and p'posed that the same Com'itees meet Dayly in free Conference between the hours of Three and four every afternoone at the house of the Deputy Governor, And that the Deputyes be Desired to send downe here the names of their Com'itee that this board may also nominate and send to them the names of the Com'itee to bee here appointed, And it's ordered that Captn Palmer Captn Berry and Captn Sandford Carry up this Message

A Bill for the better p'ceedings of County Courts sent here from the Deputyes, wth being read and Considered it's ordered that this board Concurr therewith and that the same be signed by the Deputy Governor

Captn Palmer's petition being here read, it's ordered & agreed that the Deputy Governor, Issue out a Warr to the Surveyor Gen'all to Devide the Tract of Land cal'd Rariton lyeing on the North side of the Rariton River wth the said Captn Palmer Thomas Codrington and others lately purchased of the Indians into Eight Equall p'ts in order that the same may be afterwards disposed of by pattents according to right

A Third Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth vizt

In Answer to an order of the Governor and Councill Delivered to this house by Captn Palmer Captn Berry and Captn Sandford
It is Consented and agreed that there be a Com’ittee of four p’sons appointed from the Governor and Councill and five of this house to meet Dayly for Debatinge of such matters as now are or shall Come before them and that for the more expeditious Dispatch of business the said Com’ittee to meet Dayly between the hours of three and four every afternoone the said Members of the said Com’ittee to be Dayly Chosen as each house shall see Cause and the Com’ittee themselves to appoint their owne places of meeting

(p order of the house

JOHN BOUND

Messengers Henry Lyon and Joseph Parker

Eliz Towne May 11th 1683

Vpon Consideracion of the Message here sent from the Deputyes by Henry Lyon and Joseph Parker relateing to a Com’ittee of both houses, It’s the sense of this house.

1st That the Deputyes Denyall of a free Conference at the Desire of this board is unpresidentiall and the first of that kind that ever has bin Deny’d in this province, and the same appeares to be more strange for that open and free Conferences wth this board and whole house of Deputyes are most effectuall for Dispatch of busines, full understanding of the sence of Either house, and most gen’all satisfac’tion to all persons that are Desireous of Expediteing matters in the gen’all Assembly and p’vents misreportes and Errors w’ch may happen by mistakeing or in rendring the sence of Either house otherwise than Intended

2 But this board Desireing rather a Delatory dispatch then noe effecting of businesse wth the Deputyes have receded from our first modest request, and Condisceding to a Dayly Committee of Both houses and have sent a Message to that our purpose that this board will appoint persons not lesse then four Dayly to attend

3 But to be Lymitted by the Deputyes to the number of four and to meete the number of five of the Deputyes and to be obliged to Choose our Com’ittee Dayly—and to meet as four of this house and five of the Deputyes house shall Dayly agree, is p’scribeing such Lawes to this board as
as belongs not to the house of Deputyes—being neither Customary nor warrented by any authority Law or p'sident, And it's the sense of this board that as either house have always had the priviledge to appoint such and see many for a Com'ittee as they see meet and as this board Lymittes not the Deputyes, Soe this house ought not to bee imposed vpon or Lymitted And this house adheres to their Last Message. In Case the Deputyes agree not to our first request of a f'ree Conference as were had at our Last Sessions wch had a gen'ally good effect for the Dispatch of business then passed by vs in gen'all Assembly Ordered that Co\textsuperscript{11} Morris Captn Berry Captn Palmer & Captn Sandford carry vp this Message

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 12\textsuperscript{th} Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor & p'pr
Thomas Warne one of the p'pr
Co\textsuperscript{11} Lewis Morris
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford
Lawrence Andresse &
Benja Price

A Remonstrance Delivered in here by Edward Slater and John Gillman the Deputyes of Piscattaway by order and wth the Consent of the Towne of Piscattaway,—And Edward Slater and John Gillman being here p'sent and after some Considerable Conference and Debate, they being offered to have the bound of their Township or Desired Township Survey'd, they aprov'd not thereto see this board Could not p’receed vpon the matter p'sented

Another petic'on from the same persons for some meadows to be layed to their Township read and derfered to some other opp'tunity of Debate

Ordered that one Bond of Captn William Sandford bound to the King in [?] \textsuperscript{1b} w'th Condic'on to p'secute John Johnson Dated the eight of July 1682 be Delivered vp to Captn Sandford

Ordered that one other Bond wherein John Berry is bound to the king in [?] \textsuperscript{1b} w'th Condic'on to be of the good behaviour &c Dated the second November 1681 be Also Delivered up to Captn Berry

\textsuperscript{A}
A Message from the Deputyes in Writing as followeth

The Com'ittee appointed by the house of Deputyes for Debateing things with a Com'ittee from the Governor and Councill namly Richard Hartshawne Sam[1] [illegible] Dennis Benj[2] Parkis Edward Slater and John Curtis

Eliz Towne p order of the house

May 12th 1683

It's ordered and agreed that there may be noe Defect on the part of this house to the Dispatch of Matters lyeing before vs, That this whole board—viz[3] the Deputy Governor and all the Councill resolve into a Com'ittee to meete and Debate Matters with the Com'ittee of the Deputyes and are ready to meet this afternoone at the house of the Deputy Governor, between the hours of three and flour, And that Benj[2] Price carry up this Message to the Deputyes

The Matter of John Shottwells petic'on came here into Debate and the Widdow Carterett being alsoe here p'sent and in writeing gave in two papers as her Answer to the substance of the said petic'on and it being asked the said Widdow Carterett if shee Desired any tyme to offer or object anything agst the substance of the petic'on shee said shee had noe further answer then what shee gave in writeing, And it appearing that Abraham Shottwell was the possessor occupant Cleerer and improver of the Land menc'ioned in the petition And that John Shottwell is the said Abraham Shottwells Sonne and heire—It's therefore agreed and ordered that the Deputy Governor issue out a Warr'[4] to the Surveyor gen'all and his Deputy to Survey the same Lands and make returne Thereof in order that the said Shottwell may have a pattent thereof according to the Concessions

Ordered and agreed that Lawrence Andresse have Lib'ty to goe home returning here next second Day at eight A Clocke in the moorneing

The petic'on of James Graham and Sam[1] Winder for themselves and Associates read. It's ordered that the Deputy Governor make a warr[4] to the Surveyor gen'all to Survey the said Land in Order the same may bee pattented to the p'sons haveing right to the same and make returne thereof to the Governor and Councill

Then the Governor and Councill resolved into a Com'ittee in Order to a Debate wth sev'all Members of the house of Deputyes
A Conference w^th the Committee appointed by the Deputies upon the Bill to Enable freeholders to p'ose and agree Divers orders &c at w^ch Conference was offered the reasons and objections by vs Entered to the Bill yesterday. Their members returned saying the would reporte the Same to their house.

It's ordered that p'cesse be made out in the Court of Com'on Right agst Sam^1 Etalls, Robert Vauquillen and Henry Greenland in pursuance of the Message sent here yesterday from the house of Deputies.

It's agreed that Capt'n Sandford have lib'ty to go home returning next second Day morneing by 9 A Clocke.

Agreed that Col^1 Morris and Capt'n Palmer have lib'ty to go home this Day.

Adjourn'd till next Second Day morneing 8 A Clocke.

Att a Councill held the 14^th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor & prop'r
Sam^1 Groome & p'pr
Thomas Warne
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Sandford
Lawrence Andresse & of the Counc:
Ben^a Price

The petition of John Gillman and Edward Slater in behalfe of Piscattaway—for to have a parcell of meadow on the South side of the Raritan River to be laid out to the Inhabitance of Piscattaway,—It's ordered and agreed that a Warrant be Issued by the Deputy Governor to the Surveyor gen' ll to Survey and view the said Meadowes and Lands Adjacent and make reporte thereof to this board that such further order may be made w^ch may either fully Answer the petic'one^s Desire, or that they may know the positive Answer of the Governor and Council in this matter to the Contrary.

The petic'on of Jane Ogden Widd: read, the same being for 300 Acres of Land in Elizabeth Towne in right of John Ogden her late husband w^ch shee alleges to bee in right and pursuance of a Towne order for w^ch John Ogden had a warr^t 29^th Oct 1678,—upon inspection of the Records wee find noe such warr^t, but a warr^t for 300 Acres in pursuance of the gen' ll Concessions—in w^ch respect the petitione^r is mistaken noe the Councill cannot Answer the same as Desired.

The petic'on of Robert Shrevs Blacksmith, came a Servant into this province in the yeare 1675,—Desires he may have Land
Land laid out according to the Concessions. Upon Consideration thereof it's agreed that the old Concessions make noe p'vision for Land for Servants in the yeare 1675,—Soe cannot order him any Land but refer him to the now Lords p'prieters and the Concessions by them published.

The petic'on of Joseph Ogden for 90 Acres of Land and meadow in p'portion, with in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne, Desireing to have the same as hee has pitcht vpon formerly—It's ordered that Joseph Ogden give an accompt to this board wherefore the late Surveyor gen'all Executed not a Warrt of this quantity of Land the 27th Oct 1676, And alsoe of the Land he pitches vpon the Councill may give their further resolution in the p'prises.

A Message from the Deputyes in writing viz'

The Answer of the house that was appointed to meet four or more of the Councill the 12th of this instant in a Com'itte to Debate the Bill about Enableing the Townes to make locall and prudential orders

first wee say that the Bill sent before to yo'n at our last sitting was Sufficiently answered, as to the second wee are willing hoggs should be excepted, To the third wee Consent that the words (and the like) should bee left out: fourth our Bill not mentioning Lawes there is noe roome for such objections and as to Towne orders it's a thing very Customary.

Eliz Towne } p. order of the house
May 14th 1683 }

Sam[n] Moore } JOHN BOUND
Joseph Parker } Messengers

In answer to the Deputyes Message to vs now sent by Sam[n] Moore and Joseph Parker, It's the sence of the Governor and Council

1 That if the Bill sent before to vs at our last meeting be Sufficiently Answered, then noe neede of this Bill for the matters p'vided for in this Bill are all the same and noe more then in the former—for killing of wolwoes in each Towne or Country onely excepted, But for makeing and maintaining good and sufficient fences and to p'vent Damages w'th may bee don by horses Cattle and other Stock in the Com'on high wayes
wayes Cornefields and meadowes and for making bridges laying out high wayes and keeping the same in repair and for making Towne Rates for the Defraying of Charges that may arise upon the aforesaid occasions—are all expressly provided for in the former Bill now Depending with the Deputyes—\textit{wth} matters if they be fully answered ther’s no neede for this Bill as it’s now made but onely a \textit{p’vision} for killing of woolves in \textit{wth} particular onely the other is Defective

2 As to the Dept’ys Answer to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Article of our Exceptions for leaveing out the \textit{p’vision ag’} hoggs and expelling the words (and the like) answers the sence of this Board

3 As to the Deputys Answer to our fourth exception, it’s the sence of this board it’s not answered but onely evaded, they being Criticall upon the word Lawes for the word orders—For the Deputyes Bill instead of by lawes expressing themselves in other Terms and calling them orders Alters not the sence but orders to have the force of Lawes, and to be put in execuc’on as Lawes, and the Infringers of them to be sued at Law and punished for the breach in Courts of Justice are equally Lawes in those Townships as any Lawes of this province are to the gen’all not impropply but p’perly called Lawes, And the Deputyes calling those Agreem’ Orders as they Doc in their Bill is imp’per, the word orders being not p’perly approppriable to agreem’ of any Towne or Incorporated body of people, but only to the Councill Board and Courts of Justice—all other Determinac’ons in Towneships are called By Lawes and so are agreem’ this Day of all the Corporac’ons in England, so much as the great City of London

4 Wee must againe repeate as formerly upon the Same occas’on that it has been vsnall for Dispatch of busines in the gen’all Assembly—if one house has p’sented a Bill the other has offered amendm’t to the wth if the other has not agreed a Conference has bin Desired and reasons offered for or ag’ the amendm’t

5 In Case the Deputyes or Councill after a Bill p’sented by one house and amendm’t offered by the other—Agree not to Conferr but Draw new Bills and lay the former aside, it will p’veant all Dispatch of Busines, and allows vs to p’sent one Bill for an other and Dispatch none

6 It’s the sence of this board that such p’ceedure is Con-
trary to the Due Course of Law agst, the orders of gen’l Assemblys, And tends to Disorder and Confusion

7 This sitting of the Assembly is but a Continuance of our former Session by Adjournment and noe new Session, and the former Bill being in force w’t the Deputyes this board desires their Concurrence thereto or a free conference in both houses freely to Debate the matters that it may come to a speedy and effectual Determination,—Benj. Price is ordered to Carry this Message to the Deputyes

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth, viz:

The house of Deputyes by their Messingers Do acquainte the Governor and Councill that they have appointed Mr. Harts-horne Mr. Moore Benj. Parkis, Joseph Parker and Edward Slater to meete so many of the Councill as shall be appointed to meet them in a Com’ittee and are ready to waite upon them

May 14th 83

John Gillman { Messingers
Elias Machielson

It’s ordered that Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Lawrence Andresse meete the Com’ittee of Deputyes upon a free Conference and to Conferr in such place as they see meete makeing a reporte to this board of the subject matter thereof

The Members of the Councill above named reporte that the Members from the house of Deputyes desire from this board the Bill for settling of fees

2 The. Bill for warr’s from the County Courts

3 The Bill for locall and prudentiall orders—the former Bill extinct per their Answer the Charge to be more then the benefit

4 The Desire of the Deputyes w’t respect to Towne orders for fenceing and maintaining them,—Bridges high wayes, building and
and repairing Mills and suf. encourag'mt for killing of Woolves makeing rates for defraying of Charges of the above p'ticulars and for maintenance of the peace if need be to prevent Damage by Geese. The Governor and Councill to Draw up what they thinke fitt for the said p'ticular.

Then Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 15th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent

The Deputy Governor
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Sandford
Lawrence Andresse &
Benj Price

of the Councill

Upon Considerac'on of the Report from the Com'ittee yesterday as to the first Article—It's the sence and appears to this board,—That by the Act for the establishing the Court of Com'on Right, the Members or Justices of that Court are to settle the fees thereof, who are the most p'per p'sons and Judges in that concerne as it is in England and that there is no Bill before vs for that purpose neither any sent to vs from the Deputys.

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth vizt

A Reply to the Governor and Councills message sent to us by Benj Price the 14th 3m 1683

To the first It's the sence of this house the former Bill is sufficiently Answered as appears by the Governor and Councill desireing a Conference upon the other Bill.

To the Third wee say as before Towne orders are a thing very Customary in such places as are of the same Constituc'on and as for London to be a p'sident for this place) can in reason be thought no farther a p'sident than it agrees w'th the Constituc'on of this place as to fences woolves Cattle and the like.

To the fourth it's the sence of this house, where there is not a Concurring by both houses it possibly may be a hindrance but both houses agreeing no Roome for objection, and So Consequently needs noe Answer to the application.

To the fifth wee ever looke as needing no Answer and So Consequently the 6th as being a Relative.

To the 7th wee not Denying it a Continuance of the former
Session the assertion is uselesse (as to the former bill being in force w'th the Deputyes) the Bill can be no more in force than a Bill fully answered and this house accepts of a free Conference w'th the Councill as to the p'misses in our last Bill

Eliz Towne
15 3-m 1683

p. order of the house

JOHN BOUND

Messingers Thomas Johnson
and Sam'l Moore

Vpon Considerac'on of the Deputyes reply this day sent by Thomas Johnson and Sam'l Moore to the Message from us yester-
yday,—This board cannot but be Senceable of the great Day-
lay in Dispatch of busines in gen'all Assembly principally
occasioned for want of a Daly free Conference by the whole
Members of the gen'all Assembly w'ch practice in the former
sitting of this Assembly was found not onely a means for a
good understanding but tended much to the Speedy Dispatch
of business, the gen'all Assembly then passing more Acts w'ch
full Consent in one Day, then now in a weeke—But the De-
putyes seeing Cause to refuse the Request of the Governor and
Councill in that p'ticular, This board is willing and Desireous
in this way of writing between both houses how delatory
soever to give the Deputyes all possible satisfac'on say

As to the first Article of Reply viz't the former Bill is Sufficiently Answered by the Governor and Councill's Desiring a free Conference upon the other Bill—w'ch the Deputyes say is the sence of their house—To w'ch the Governor and Councill say that it is their sence y't y't Deputyes are under a great mis-
take in the matter—And this board is fully satisfied that never
any message was this Session sent to the Deputyes Desiring a
p'ticular Conference on the 2d Bill or a Conference on the 2d
Bill p'ticularly—The Messages hence have bin flour—The first
of the 11th Instant Desired a free Conference on the subject
matter expressed in excepc'on w'ch was not to p'ceed on this
Bill but on the former

The 2d Message of the same Day was for a free Conference
on all matters then Depending or to Depend w'ch can nowise bee
Construed to exclude the first Bill and p'ceed upon the second.

The Third Message of the same Day is to desire a free Con-
ference and referrs to the former

The 4th Message of the 14th Desires a free Conference in the
p'mises w'ch was on our excepc'on, whereof one is agst the
Second Bill and p'ceeding on the first

To
To the Deputyes 2d Article of Reply it's the sense of this board that an excepe' on agst a p'ticular in the Bill sent wth Articles that excepts agst all the Bill is noe accepting the Bill or condiscending to it, but fortifies our gen'all excepe' on, wth Argum'ts is as if a man were Charged wth a Trespass and felony—If I charge him wth trespass he's innocent as to the higher Crime.

As to the Deputyes 3, 4 & 5th Articles—it's the sense of this board that there needs no other Answer but referr them againe to those 3, 4, & 5th Articles, of ours, to wch their's is sent as reply—

As to the 7th If the former Bill be fully Answered soe are all the Matters therein contained but it's an argum't the Bill is not fully Answered the 2d Bill sent Desireing our Answer or Concurrence to the same matters—Againe if such answers as the Deputyes give to the former Bill or alledge they have given is legall, Customary usuall or according to the Custome of the gen'all Assembly wee desire p'sidents in the Case—The Deputyes say they accept of a free Conference wth the Councill as to the p'mises in the last Bill—To wch the Councill Answers that the never desired such a Conference but on the excepe' on wch are the p'mises and to Debate freely on all matters Depending before the gen'all Assembly and such Conference this board renewes their desire to the Deputyes to Concurr in, for speedy Dispatch and for a fair understanding of matters before the gen'all Assembly ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford carry up this Message.

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth, viz'—

An Answer to an order from Governor and Councill brought to this house by Captn Palmer and Captn Berry

Whereas, those Concessions of New Jersey, or Nova Cesar'ia make mention concerninge the Constables gathering the p'prieto'rs Rents so likewise the [they] make mention that the gen'all Assembly shall p'scribe the Quantities of Land wch Shall from tyme to tyme bee alotted to every head &c It is the sense of this house, that it's contrary to reason for any man to be another mans Servant wthout his Consent, much more for any man to be Compelled to serve another man and the Master not to be Compelled to satisfie him for his Service.

Benj'n Parkis & } Messingers p order of the house
Elias Mekellson & } JOHN BOUND

Adjourned to 7 a Clock to morrow morneing

Att
Att a Councill held the 16\textsuperscript{th} Day of May Anno Dni 1683

pr'esent  The Deputy Governor & p'pr
          Thomas Warne p'pr
          Captn Berry
          Captn Sandford
          Lawrence Andresse \}
          Benja Price \}

Ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford goe to the Deputyes and acquaint them it's the desire of this board that the Deputyes forthw\textsuperscript{th} attend this board.

The Deputyes Came here w\textsuperscript{th} whome wee had a free Debate for some tyme. And the Deputyes returned to their house.

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth viz'

This house desires by their Messengers Henry Lyon and Benja Parkis, That the Governor and Councill will appoint some of the Councill to meet four of this house in a Com'ittee to Debate of affaires tending to a free Conference.

May 16\textsuperscript{th} 1683 \quad \text{p. order of the house}

Jo Bound

Ordered that some Members of the Councill be appointed to meet 4 members of the house of Deputyes forthw\textsuperscript{th}—agreed that Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Lawrence Andresse attend the same.

Report made that at the Com'ittee above agreed upon it was Determined to have a free Conference between the Governor and Councill and the house of Deputyes, tomorrow morneing 8 A Clock.

It being the sence of the Governor and Councill that at this Juncture of Tyme, there may be some matters of weight and Concerne for the good and welfare of this p'vince w\textsuperscript{th} may be Discoursed Setled and Determined in gen'all Assembly but the said matters lying indigested and vnp\textsuperscript{p}pared for publlick Debate and that a privat Conference w\textsuperscript{th} a few p'sons of both houses wherein Secrecy may be alowed and enjoyned to all partyes, save onely such matters as the said p'sons shall agree to report to either house, it is p'posed by the Governor and Councill to the Deputyes that such p'sons may bee appointed by either house to meet together from tyme to tyme in such place and tyme as they see meet, And as p'sons who may understand the Interest of the p'prieto\textsuperscript{ss} and of the province in
in gen' all, This board appoints the Deputy Governor and Capt'n Berry for the Governor and Councill and p'pose that such a number of persons most knowing the Concernes and Interest of the province in gen' all, and of the planters and Inhabitants of the same in p'ticular may be Com'issionated by the Deputies to joyne in the said Com'ittee, and that the matter by them p'posed and Debated shall not be Devulged or reported but as aforesaid, or advantage taken thereof ag"s any person or party. That a happy Conclusion may be made of all matters and all Controversies ended in the p'vince w'ch it's hoped by God's assistance may be Composed by this means.

Then Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing.

Att a Councell held the 17th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor & p'pr
Saml Groome &
Thomas Warne { p'pr
Captn Berry
Captn Sandford
Lawrence Andresse &
Benj Price

The Deputies came here in pursuance of the agreem' yesterday and after the Deputy Governor had op'ned the p'sent state of things in gen' all Comunicated to them our agreem' above and read the same to them, they desired a Copy of the Connc thereof, and that the [they] would returne to their house and Consider there of the same.

It's ordered that a Copy of the above p'position be made and sent to the Deputies by Capt'n Sandford.

A Message from the Deputies in writeing

In Answer to the Bill of the Governor & Councill p'poseing for a private Conference sent to this house beareing Date the 16 3-m 1683 The Conference to bee w' th the Deputy Governor and Capt'n Berry and two of the Deputies, Wee the Deputies Do Condiscend to the Contents of the Bill onely for this Day, that Clause of Secrecie onely excepted and have appointed Richard Harthorne and Saml Moore for that Service.

Eliz Towne p. order of the house of Dep'\nMay 17, 1683

Jon N Bound

Messingers Edw Slater
Jo Parker Vpon
Upon Consideration of the Message now sent by the Deputyes it's agreed that such Conference be had as is' above p'posed and that such Answer bee given the Messingers and that p'sons meet here forthwth wch was done accordingly.

A Conference was had wch began about eleven A Clock forenoone—wherein was fully Debated the Matters of passing the Bill about the Townes making locall and prudentiall orders, After a Long Debate for 3 hours tyme in Discourse wee Came to this result—

1 That as well the first Bill as the second are both before the Assembly, not rejected or expelled by the gen'all Assembly

2 That vntill by Some agreemt of the Assembly, the first Bill being framed and passed by the Deputyes and received and amended by the Governor and Councill, cannot be expelled the Assembly but by Consent of both houses

3 The first Bill may yet bee p'ceeded on notwthStanding the Deputyes Answer to the Governor and Councill and notwthStanding the second Bill—But the second Bill cannot till the first be expelled as above.

4 That if the Matters contained in the Bill bee not worth attending the Councill therewith, then not worth an act, much lesse worth Contention.

5 That it's a bill of that nature as for the Things to be done as fencinge &c. That all Townes Doe themselves wth out act not onely in this p'vince but most part of America

6 but Enforcing the Doing thereof & p'formeing those orders on paine of being sued & p'secuted at Law &c This is an Act of that nature that has neither bin in this p'vince or other parts of America

7 It seemed to be gen'ally Satisfactory to lay aside the Bills wholly and in the Townes to Do amicably and by voluntary Consent those things wch this Law would Enforce—wch matters the Deputy Governor as always said and Did now Declare hee would Countenance and in his place Assist and thus the forenoone was Concluded.

Afternoone wee Entred into Debate after some small Sum'ary of our forenoones Discourse about the Demands of Never sinkes,
sinkes, by Colour or virtue of Nichalls pattent, And after a 
long Debate for Tree or flour hours came in our Discourse to 
this Result, That after the Duke of Yorke and the king by 
their Letters had required all p'sons to Submitt to the Gover-
ment of S' George Carterett &c and upon this terms,—
And the province had knowledge Thereof viz' in the Month 
of May Anno Dni 1673 John Bound and James Grover for 
and in the behalfe of the Two Townes of Neversinkes peti-
c'oned the Governor and Counciell that noe Conclusion should 
be made of their pattent rights till the [they] could make their 
Addresse to the proprietors &c And that when the [they] had 
made Such Addresse, the [they] would acquiesse in the Lords 
proprietors Determinac'on—to w'h the Governor and Counciell 
then agreed 
That the said petic'oners in pursuance thereof sent a peti-
c'on and Remonstrance to the then Lords proprietors w'ch petic'on 
was read by the Lords proprietors 5'th Sept 1673, After this re-
signation the Lords p'rietors by their grant vnder their hands 
and Scales ordered and granted vnto the pattentees 500 Acres 
of Land apecce, The pattentees accepted of the same and peti-
c'oned to have the same laid out—warr'gs were granted for the 
same—some Surveyed and pattented p'ticularly that of Richard 
Hartshornes, w'h appeared to bee a full Conclusion, of that 
affaire vulesse it were made appeare such petic'ons and 
p'eedure were not by Consent or approba'on of the Townes 
—They being Don by approba'on, of some who Subscribed to 
that purpose—Ric: Hartshorne, Declared as for his owne part 
he believed that all p'sons would pay for their pattented Land 
in those Two Townes, and for his owne part hee would—but 
the Matters being transacted by John Bound now speaker of 
the house of Deputyes it was p'posed that hee and Joseph 
Parker now Deputyes for those Two Townes should debate the 
p'misses further tomorrow and soe the Debate w'th night Con-
cluded

Adjourned to 7 a Clock to Morrow morneing

Att a Counciell held the 18'th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor }
    Sam'l Groome } p'pr
    Thomas Warne }
    Capt'n Berry }
    Capt'n Sandford }
    Lawrence Andresse & }
    Benj'a Price }

of the Counciell

John
John Bound, Richard Hartshorne, and Joseph Parker came here and in open Council—a sumary discourse was w'th them of all matters passed yesterday—and after a serious debate upon the agreement and settlement made w'th the late Lords proprietors w'th the two Townes of Neversinkes debated yesterday were inquired into the truth of those petitions and Addresses the submission and resignation of their patented patent Rights to the late Lords proprietors and they were all owned and agreed to be true—but alleged that the same was for feare—it was answered that the like allegation may ever be made—but as an evidence to the contrary the proprietors themselves demonstrate besides that the patentees had after the Lords proprietors grace and favour granted them 500 Acres of land a piece the [they] returned a letter of acknowledgement and thanks—and their associates in compliance thereto w'th all patented their lands according to Concessions none excepted—continued ever afterward satisfied there w'th, all contented w'th what was done, made noe demonstration of the least dissatisfaction w'th evidenced a voluntary and satisfactory agreement, inspection was made of the books and therein was viewed their several warrants for lands to the patentees severally whereof enjoy them to this day.

The patentees alleged they were to have their land rent free—it was answered no for that grants of that nature was no otherwise but by rent as the late Governor and others, as also Richard Hartshorne who has his patent he declared he would pay his rent and believe'd all the inhabitants of these two Townes would doe the same—an authority under all the peoples hands was p'duced and things left to the sons above and three more w'th three others were not here—however they alleged they had full power in themselves to end all petitions w'th vs—then was inspected the late Lords proprietors resolve wherein they give 500 Acres of land a piece to the patentees and order allowance for Barrens to all other the Associates—then it was offered that such allowance was given as particularly to R Hartshorne three Acres for one in respect of Barrens—and others in portion to the barrenness of the Soyle—but if any complain'd of due allowance we were ready to make a resurvey for further allowance—w'th seem'd to conclude the business w'thout further Difficulty—but Richard Hartshorne Joseph Parker and John Bound consulting privately together told vs they were limited by the Towne what terms to make not w'th standing under their hands they had given them full power, w'th was to demand to have all their land at half a bushell of wheate a 100 Acres—

This
This we told them we hoped they would show vs such Limitation as well as the other full Authority—Their Lymitation they allledged they had not in writing but by word of mouth, that we tould theme was vnfaire to have one Authority to p'duce in order to treate and another Secrett w'th they told vs not of when we entred into treaty—And such Com'issions and Authorityes wise and honest men have frequently refused as not fitt for honest men to execute—See this being their Termes and now hayinge their words for it and nothing ynder hand, besides the unreasonableces of the Demand—we found Cause to_dicent from further Debate—They then Alledged as for all Quit Rents for Lands patted in they would pay and other p'tentions leave till it Could be otherwise Composed,—wee then p'posed to them that the Case should be fairely from first to Last from the pattent of Governor Richard Nicholls to this Day—he stated w'thout a Com'ent and to Leave the whole to any Lawyers Judges honest men or king and Councill for a finall End—or if they had any other wayes to p'pose, Wee Desired them to offer it—upon w'th they not seeminge to Encline to any frienly End neither accepted nor rejected our p'position nor offered any other wayes or meanes to End or Determine the same but left vs, w'th is the same of o' Conference.

In the afternoone the members of Elizabeth Towne came here in Councill, vizt Henry Lyon Benja Parkis and Isaac Whitehead and p'duced their Towne Booke—and showed how in the yeare 1666 they had agreed and appointed p'sons to make and settle 1st, 2nd & 3rd Lott men's for the equal and orderly Disposall of Lands w'th Lotts soe settled were then ordered to be p'sent to the next Towne meeting for approbation by Search of the books, the next or after Towne meeting there is noe Report of the Alott'm's settled or Confirmed.

As for their p'ceedure that or any other way so that it might be equally Just w'th all wee were ready not onely to Consent but Countenance and should allways be ready soe to doe—Inquiry was if they had any greevance wee weare ready to heare it hayinge already redressed all they sllomerly complained of—They allledged the [they] wanted a townes meeting in order to it, The Governor Answered that the [they] should have them as frequently as they Desired—in all other p'ts of the p'vince the Justices of peace gave out warr'ts for the same—and so the Governor expected the [they] should Doe here—That the Assembly had Enacted how Justices of peace should be Com'missionated in pu'sance thereof by order of Councill, I made a Com'mision for Justices by their appointm't, the p'sons now here, p'sons who made the Law, p'sons of most repute
repute ability and Integrity I know in the Towne and that
their Com'ission was long since published and that they have
not yet quallified themselves according to Act of gen'all As-
sembly, what ever is wanteing for Townes meetings or other
matters where the people are Agrieved they takeing vpon
them their office may remedy, And till then the fault lyes at
their owne Dores not mine

Adjourned to 7 a Clock to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 19th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

present The Deputy Governor
Sam'l Groome p'pr
Thomas Warne
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Sandford
Benj'n Price &
Lawrence Andresse

of the Councill

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing

This house by their Messingers Elias Makeellson and John
Curtis moves for a Copy of the ffees of the Court of Com'on
Right, And also for the Bill for setling the Train'd Bands or
Militia that was p'sented to the Governor and Councill the last
Sessions of this Assembly

Eliz Towne 19* Day of May 1683

In Answer to the Deputyes Message now sent by Elias
Makeellson and John Courtis in reference to the ffees of the
Court of Com'on Right, It's the sence of this board that the
Justices or Members of the said Court are to sett & appoint
the ffees thereof according to Act of gen'all Assembly, And
that the power of setling such ffees is neither in the Governor
and Councill nor the Deputyes apart but in the Court onely—
And the members of the Councill who are part of the Judges
or Justices of that Court every one here p'sent Declare they
know not of any ffees yet taken or paid in that Court

The Bill for setling the Train'd bands or the Militia read,
some Additions and amendm'ts made thereto and orered to be
Transcribed in order to be sent up to the Deputyes, sent up by
Capt'n Sandford

The petic'on of John Marsh for the grant of 800 Acres of
Land to lye on Raway River. It's ordered that the Deputy
Governor
Governor issue out a warrant to the Surveyor general to lay out the same to him and make returne thereof to the Councill.

The petition of Dedrick Cornelissan for to have a patent of Land he has lately purchased of the Indians lying near Cheesquakes, It's ordered that it be left to Samm Groome and Thomas Warne Two of the proprietors to confer with the said Dedrick about his Indian purchase and make report thereof to the Governor and Councill for their further Consideration thereof.

Upon Reading of Samm Moores petition, And by the inspection of the warrant and order of the Late Governor and Councill for his taking up of meadow Land against Amboy point; It is ordered that it be left to Sanjin Groome and Thomas Warne Two of the proprietors shall view the Land and return whether the upland is capable of improvement and settlement with which lies adjacent to the Meadow Land lately laid out or proposed to be laid out to Samm Moore, That the Councill may make such further order therein as is Consistant to Justice and Equity.

Ordered that Lawrence Andresse have Liberty to goe home returneing here next 2d Day morining.

A Message from the Deputyes in writing

Considering the season of the yeare and the State of affairs at this Juncture of time being such That the publick busines of the province seems to be obstructed wherefore the representatives proposes to the Governor and Councill for an Adjournment of this Assembly until the Third Tuesday in October next.

p. order of the house

Eliz Towne { May 19th 1683 }
Mess: Thomas Johnson }
Benja Parkis }

The Governor and Councill taking into their weighty Consideration the Message now sent from the Deputyes wherein it's Insinuated that the publick busines of the province seems to be obstructed, upon account they propose an Adjournment, wee cannot but Declare our Sense that there Seems not the Least Colour of obstruction to proceed or Arise from the Governor and Councill or by or from any in publick Authority with in this province, And inasmuch such obstructions are seen by or in the house of Deputyes of which wee are strangers It's the Desire of this board the Deputyes would explain themselves, That such obstructions may be removed, It being Dishonorable
Dishonorable to the Govern'r, that there should be obstructions in the publick busines of the p'vince. And that the Gen'ral Assembly w'ch is Composed of the Authority and Compact body of the peoples representitives Should Desert the publick Service of the p'vince in p'sence of obstructions and not by their power and Authority remove their obstructions, w'ch may (in the sence of this board) may most Tend to the Honour of the Govern'r, and best Answer the Duty of the peoples representitives of this p'vince. Ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford Carry this Message to the Deputyes.

The Request of Richard Hartshorne being here read, And the reason therein offered wherefore he would bee excused for beareing the office of Sheriffe, being Duely weiged and Considered, It is the sence of the governor and Councill, That the like or more weighty reasons may be offered by any p'son appointed for that office, and that noe p'son in that County is more Capable in respect of Estate or Capacity in understanding fitter to under goe and execute the same. Therefore it's the sense of this board that according to Act of gen'ral Assembly and in pursuance of his Com'ssion hee take vpon him the execuc'on of high Sheriffe of the County of Monmouth.

Adjourned to 7 a clock next 2d Day morneing.

Att a Council held the 21st Day of May Anno Dni 1663,

Present The Deputy Governor | p'pr
Thomas Warne | p
Capt'n Berry |
Capt'n Sandford & |
Benj'a Price |

In answer to the Governor and Councill 19th 3d mo 1683, in saying (it's Insinuated) is a mistake for that w'ch is real, is no Insinuac'on for we are really satisfied that the Govern'r and Councill have made severall offers that they would be willing to Condiscend to the Doing of those things w'ch appeare reasonable in answer to satisfieing the Country but there hath been much tyme spent in Debates but nothing Don but what really seems to vs rather an obstruction then satisfac'on, And therefore this house Doth againe move for an Adjournment as before.

Eliz: Towne | p. order of the house
May 21 1683 |

Messengers Thomas Johnson
John Curtis—

JOHN BOUND
The Governor and Councill taking into Consideration the Message this Day sent here from the Deputys by Two of their Members, vizt Thomas Johnson and John Curtis—Cannot but Declare that as they have ever Endeavored so they still Desire there may be a good understanding and Correspondence kept between them and the Deputys, And as Condescending thereunto this board has rather Condescended to such words and termes (in passing of Acts) with the Deputys have vsed, then to Contest for other words or Termes more p'per, yet we have had from the Deputys many reflexions about words and with too small reason, of with this last Message gives further Instance Those who understand English words Know that Insinuac'on and Intimac'on are Synonymous Termes & Contrary to your Centiment, what ever is reall, is p'perly said to be Insinuated or Intimated, And it's the Desire of this board that the gravity of the gen'ral Assembly may not be soe Debaced as to Contest needlessly about words, The Deputys say that the Governor and Councill have made several offers that they would bee willing to Condescend to the Doeing of those things with appear reasonable in Answer to the satisfieing of the Country, with allegation as this board acknowledge to be a great truth so it's the sence of this board that it has bin as faithfully p'formed —And as a Demonstrac'on thereof

1 There as not one Bill bin sent from the Deputys to the Governor and Councill this or the late Session of the Assembly but has bin by vs accorde unto or our reasonable Amendmen's or exceptions made and returned to the Deputys

2 Altho there are now sev'all Bills sent hence to the Deputys for the gen'ral good of the p'vince and they neither Concurr with nor offer exceptions ags't the same, There is not one such before the Governor and Councill

3 There's not any grievance gen'ral or p'ticular under with the people of this p'vince laboured, during the Governor of the late Governor Deceased, and Addressed to the p'prieto's for Redresse, but we have either most effectually Redressed the same, or Com'issionated legall Courts according to Act of Assembly for their Reliefe

4 As the Governor and Councill are a part of the gen'ral Assembly of this p'vince they Do Declare that now and at all tymes they are and shall be ready according to the accustomed Regular and Legall p'ceedings in Assembly to joyne in the

Enacting
Enacting and passing any reasonable Act or Acts of Assembly for the good and welfare of this province and the people thereof.

5 That after the Deputies Allegation that there has been much time spent in Debates and nothing Don but what really seems to the Deputies—rather an obstruct' on than satisfac' on. It tends much to the Quiet and Satisfac'on of the Governor and Councill that hither to, they have not bin in the least occac'one's of such obstructions, And are fully satisfied that Justly they Merritt not the least Imputac' on of that nature but Evident Demonstrac' on to the Contrary, therefore cannot but againe recomend it to the house of Deputies to Joyne w'th the Governor and Councill in a due p'ceedure in gen' all Assembly to remove these obstruct'ons, w'ch when effectually Don the season of the yeare may be taken into Considerac' on in order to an adjournm't as Desired.

Therefore as wee are members of one body wee Earnestly Desire what ever passeth between vs for the future may not bee Construed to the worst sence but that we may amicably lay all misapp'henc'ons aside and what remains yet to be Don Either for the further p'secution of the affairs of this province or for Adjournm't to a future meeting may be Don w'th a frendly Correspondoncy, Ordered That Capt'n Berry and Ben' a Price carry up this message.

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morning.

At a Councill held the 22th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor and p'pr
Cap't Berry
Cap't Sandford
Benja Price

of the Councill

A Bill Drawn Here Intituled an Act for the Due Regulac'on of Executions Drawn, w'th being read it's ordered that the same be Signed by the Deputy Governor and sent to the Deputies, And that Capt'n Berry carry up the same.

A Bill sent here from the Deputies Entitled an Act for the Militia w'th being read, It appears to Containe the substance of a former Bill sent here from the Deputies Entitled an Act for the Militia, to w'th wee made our amendm'ts, and returned the same Bill, This latter Bill excluding some part of our amendm'ts and altering other p't thereof w'thout reasons given for the same—This board adheres to the former Bill and amendm'ts, sent to the Deputies, And agree not to the last bill sent
sent here from the Deputyes, And this board is ready according to the orderly p’ceecure of the gen’call Assembly to heare in Conference or otherwise such reasons w’ch the Deputyes may offer agst these amendmt’s made by vs & sent w’th the former Bill to the house of Deputyes, ordered, that Captn Berry and Benj’ Price carry vp this Message

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes ags’ the sale of strong Liquors to the Indians w’ch being read some amendmt’s were made therein, And ordered that the same be transcribed w’th the amendmt’s and sent to the Deputyes for their Concurrence, and that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford carry vp this Bill.

The bill Entitled an Act for the Due Regulac’on of Exeuc’ons—sent here from the Deputyes w’th an amendm’t of these words viz’ (men of good reputac’on) to w’ch amendm’t this board agreed

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing viz’

Considering the season of the yeare and the necessity of the Representitives of this p’vince to bee at their habitations the wether being so wett by w’ch reason their Cropps of Corn may be in much Danger to their great Damage and Losse w’ch possibly may be p’vented by their Speedy repaireing home wherefore the Deputyes mooves for an Adjournm’t of this Assembly till the Third Tueday in October next

Eliz: Towne )
May 22th 1683 )        p. order of the house

John Bound

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held the 23th Day of May Anno Dui 1683

p’sent The Deputy Governor & p’pr
Sam’ll Groome p’pr
Captn Berry
Captn Sandford
Captn Palmer
Benj’a Price

of the Councill

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing to The Governor and Councill—w’ch being read and the Messengers viz’ Richard Hartshorne Sam’ll Moore and four more being here Supposeing the same not admitting of the Councills Concurrencie or opposition or reasons
reasons to the Contrary, therefore the Messingers carryed back the said Message

A Bill to Regulate Treaties with the Indians read and agreed the same be signed and sent up to the Deputyes by Captn Berry and Captn Sandford

A Bill Entitled an Act ags' tradeing w' th negro Slaves being read agreed the same be Transcribed and sent up to the Deputyes by Captn Sandford and Benj^ Price

A message from the Deputyes in writing viz

To the Governor and Councill

This house Desires that there may be an amicable Concurrance between the Governor Councill and Deputyes for an Adjournm't to the 3d Tuesday in October next, and that the Deputyes of Each respective Towne at the publicac'on of the Laws may give notice to the Inhabitants of Each Towne that if any Debts be owing to them from the Country they may bring in their accompts to this Assembly at the next Sessions

Mess: Mr Hartshorne & Mr Moore

Eliz: Towne

May 23th 1683

The Governor and Councill having Considered of the Message in writing this Day sent from the Deputyes by Richard Hartshorne and Sam'l Moore Do Declare that they are and ever shall bee ready Amicably to Concurr w' th the Deputyes for an Adjournm't of the gen' all Assembly according as is p'scribed in the gen' all Concessions of this p'vince, w' ch Directs the same. But the Deputyes intimateing the publicac' on of the Lawes now made it's the sense of this board, That for the tyme the gen' all Assembly have now sate Dureing the last Session or meeting (w' ch is but a continuance of the former) there has been so few Bills passed into Acts, That the publicac'on thereof must rather occa'on misapp'henc'ons amongst the people then satisfac' on, And in as much as there are sev' all necessary Bills now Depending in the gen' all Assembly w'en are not yet Concluded and passed into Acts, Altho of p'sent necessity for the good of this p'vince, for want of w' ch this board is senseable, occa'sion has been taken to Reflect (dureing the late Recessse) upon the Governor^ and p'ticularly upon the Governor and Councill, Therefore to remove all just occasion to be taken ags' us or
or the house of Deputyes we cannot but p'pose it as our sense, that it's very necessary that in gen'all Assembly we either passe those Bills into Acts wh'lye before vs before our Adjournm't or otherwise agree in an amicable way to satisfie the Country wee will not at all medle with the same as not of Service to the Country and of Duty therein, And so soone as in gen'all Assembly we have Duly Dispatched the same, the Governor and Councill are and shall be willing (no Inevitable accident p'venting) Amicably to Concurr with the Deputyes in the adjournm't p'posed and as they have Desired in their Message now sent vs, ordered that Captn Berry and Benj'a Price carry this Message to the Deputyes.

A Bill Entitled an Act against Negro Slaves this Day sent to the Deputyes was sent back with their Concurrence thereto with out any amendm't.

The petic'on of Sam'l Moore late p'vost Marshall of this p'vince now high Sheriffe of the County of Middx and the keeper of the Com'on Goale for this p'vince being read, therein setting forth his former great Cost and Charge in keeping and maintaining the prisoners with out any allowance for the same with charge is yet Continued upon him there being noe p'vision to this Day made for him, It is the sense of this board as well his former as his latter Charge expended is p'viciall and ought to be borne by the Country for wose service it is, Therefore it is ordered that his Case bee recommended to the Deputyes now assembled that they may Consider of some effectual way for his redresse, And it's further p'posed that the petic'oner being in a p'ticular of his Charge that some Due Course may be taken to settle by Act of Assembly or otherwise such a Sallary on that office or other p'vision that the office with is so necessary may not onely be borne without Cost or Charge to the officer but a due Encouragem't for such who undertake the same, it's ordered that Captn Berry and Cap't Palmer carry vp our sense to the Deputyes.

Adjourned to 7 A Clock to morrow morneing

At a Councill held the 24th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
    Captn Berry
    Captn Palmer
    Captn Sandford
    Benj'a Price

of the Councill
A Message left here last night after the Adjourn't of the Councill & is in writeing viz;

This house desires such a number of the Com’itte as the Governor and Councill will please to appoint may meet five of this house in a Com’itte to morrow morning about 8 A Clock to Debate the Bills concerning the militia and the p’bihiting of selling of Drinke to the Indians p. order of the house

Eliz: Towne { May 23th 1683 }

John Bound.

Ordered that a Com’itte be appointed by this board to Con-firr w^th the Deputyes as in their message is directed

Ordered that Captn Berry Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford go to the hovse of Deputyes and acquaint them therew^th and that they also attend that service, and make report of what they Doe therein to this board.

Captn Berry reports from the Com’itte appointed that their Debate was onely on the two Bills above menc’oned, And first as to the Militia,—they Debated as to that Claus wherein by the second bill sent from the Deputyes the Townes are to nominate and appoint their own officers whom the Governor and Councill should Com’issionate, The Deputyes said that the would bee thankeful if it would be granted, and if not they would not contend for it

As to the Claus being the p’amble setting forth that by the Concessions the gen’all Assembly should by Act Constitute Train’d bands &c—to this the Deputyes objected that Such Claus was a Confirmac’on of the Concessions w^th the would not.—It was offered by the members of the Councill that w^th out the Claus of the Concessions they have no power to con-ernee themselves about the Militia for that it is a p’rogative due to the Governor and so is in all Govermts in America and it was replyed that they did as respecting naturall Safety w^th all were concernd in—to w^th they were answerd that then they ought by Addresse or petic’on to have made their Desire Knowne to the Governor and Councill and not by Bill

Vpon Considerac’on of the force of the matters Debated about the Bill for setling the Militia it is the sence of this board that the recitall of the Claus of the Concessions is a truth and plainely and genuinely recited, and to sett forth in a Bill of gen’all Assembly the reason wherefore a matter comes in Act before the Assembly is necessary especially in setleing the Militia w^th is a p’rogative and right in the Governor and Councill
Councill if the Concessions gave not the priviledge thereof to the gen'all Assembly—Therefore it is the sence of this board that the Governor and Councill ought not to Condescend to passe that Act of the Militia wthout that p'amble—the Gen'all Assembly haveing no power to settle the same but by the Concessions. And the Governor and Councill are of opinion that al'tho the setting of the Militia bee a matter requisite for the quiet peace and safety of the p'vince yet wth respect to the Concessions will not Doe it by their owne Authory untill there has been tyme and opp'tunity given to the gen'all Assembly to settle the same according to the Concessions. And the Governor and Councill Do adhere to their Amendm'ts of the said Bill in all parts as they amended the same and cannot p'ceed vpon the second Bill sent here from the house of Deputyes, however the Governor and Councill are willing and shall agree to a ffree debate wth both houses, if the Deputyes have reasonable Exceptc'ons agst the Bill as it was sent up from this board to them desire the same

Captn Berry reports from the Com'ittee meet this Day about the Bill to p'hibitt the sale of strong liquors to the Indians—The Members of the Deputyes insisted to have the Bill of p'hibition to passe wthout any the p'visoes here inserted by the Governor and Councill vpon, Consideration thereof it is agreed that the Latter p'visoe shall bee waved and not insisted vpon by us, but the former wee adhere vnto and are ready to allow a ffree Conference of both houses to hear their reasonable excepc'ons, agst the same, if they have anything to offer agst the same

Adjourned to 7 A Clock to Morrow morneing

At a Councill held 25th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
   Capt Berry
   Captn Palmer
   Captn Sandford &
   Benj'a Price

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entitled an Act concern'ing Juryes wth being read and Considering that the Bill p'vides for grevious punishimen' of Sheriffies for misbehaviour in their office before any p'vission made by Act of Assembly sufficiently to punishe such p'sons as shall not take vpon them the office of Sheriffe when Com'issionated which p'vission in the latter before the former is to Deter p'sons from bearing that office and obstinately to refuse the same. Therefore it's the sence of this
this board that a short Bill be drawne up by the Governor and Councill to punish such as shall refuse to execute the Sheriffs office when Com'issionated, and send to the Deputyes for their Concurrence, that the same being passed into Act wee may consider of the Latter in it's due place and order of tyme,—ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Palmer carry this Message to the Deputyes.

A petic'on from Marie Pope for meadow to be laid out w'th her Land, agreed that the same be read when Sam'l Groome is here.

A petic'on from the Deputyes for piscattaway Desireing a grant of all the Lands w'th in the Indian purchase for fourteen pounds p. Ann: was here read—And Edw: Slater and John Gillman being then p'sent, they were Answered that their request was not intelligeable, the quantity of Lands w'th in those bounds being vn certaine. That if the Land were Surveyed that we might know the number of Acres and they then desired a Charter for the same, wee would inquired into their p'posall and give or Answer, for these reasons at p'sent wee could not

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 26th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor

Sam'l Groome

Captn Berry

Captn Palmer &

Captn Sandford

of the Councill

A Message left here last night from the Deputyes w'th the Bill Intituled an Act to punish such who take not vpon them the office of Sheriffe when Com'issionated w'th the Deputyes amend'mts, The Message as followeth

The reasons why the house of Deputyes cannot submitt to the Bill sent from the Governor and Councill as it is there stated about the Sheriffs refusing their office when Com'issionated is, That the p'veince being as yet in his minority and most of the freeholders of this p'veince being but men of meane Estates, This house thinkes that such a fine may tend to the great impoverishing of the families of some that are or may be Chosen to the office of Sheriffe and therefore Doth humbly offer this their Bill

May 25th 1683 p. order of the house

JOHN ROUND

Vpon
Upon reading and Considering the Message yesterday sent from the Deputyes relating to the Bill to punish such who take not upon them the office of Sheriffe when Com'issionated, and the Deputyes Alterac'ons or Amendment's of that Bill It's the sense of this board

1st That the gen'all Assembly having passed a Bill that in Each County of this p'vince there should be a Sheriffe, and for that for the necessity of it, w'ch they Declare their Reasons for that Bill

2 That insomuch as the office of Sheriffe is one of the greatest office of Trust and power in Each County in this p'vince, And therefore ought to be of persons of most ability in Estates and Capacity in understanding

3 In that it is judged that their Miscarriage in office ought to be grievously punished not only to answer for their Miscarriages to the king, but to satisfie all p'sons who shall suffer p'judice by their Misdoeings

4 That Considering the Cost and Charges of calling Coun'cils for Chooseing and Com'issionateing such officers from tyme to tyme hath hither to bin and must be boorne by the Governor and Governo't and not by the p'ticular Countys till it's otherwise p'vided

5 And the amendm'ts the Deputyes have made to the Bill, will rather Encourage p'sons of Estate Ability and Capacity obstinatly to refuse then to take vpon them the office of Sheriffe

It's the sense of this board that for these reasons and what other is contained in the said Bill by vs sent vp That we cannot in Justice or honour to the Governo't condiscend to the amendm'ts made by the Deputyes to the said Bill but for the said Reasons Do adhere to the bill as the same was sent vp, And Desire the Deputyes Concurrence thereto—otherwise the Governor and Councill shall be ready in a free Debate of both houses if the Deputyes agree, there to, vindicate the same or receive any matter or thing the Deputyes shall offer agst the said Reasons

And this board taking into Consideration the Bill yesterday sent from the Deputyes Entituled an Act concerninge Jurys, Do Declare as their sense that every false and malitious act or thing Don by a Sheriffe or Bayliffe, they are punishable for the same without any Act made, but it seems unreasonable to this board 1st That the Deputyes should offer a Bill to Inflict greivous
greivous punishm't upon an officer Com'issionated before any p'vision is made for Sallery or Reward for such officer for the Doing of his office

2 That whilst the Deputyes p'pose an inconsiderable fine to be imposed on an officer for wholly refuseing an office w'ch is Declared of necessity—They should appoint greivous punishm't for a Miscariage in that office, and for Acts that are neither malitiously or knoweingly Don, The Consequence of w'ch is rather to Deterr and discourage p'sons from beareing office than officiateing such as are Declared by Act of Assembly to be of necessity in this p'vince

All w'ch the Governor and Councill are ready to maintaine in a friendly Debate w'th the house of Deputyes, if these our reasons in writinge give them not plenary Satisfac'on ordered and Agreed That Captn Berry and Captn palmer carry up the said Message and call of the Deputyes for their Concurrence to Gen'all Bills sent to them from the Governor and Councill now remaininge w'th them, to w'ch the Deputyes haveing not returned Answer, according to the Rule and Custome of gen'all Assembly's, viz't, The Bill Entitled an Act for the Militia, The Bill Entitled an Act to p'vent the Sale of Strong Liquo's to the Indians, The Bill to Regulate Treaties w'th the Indians, The Bill for makeing and setting of high wayes, passages bridges and f'rieryes w'th in this p'vince

Upon Consideration of the Bill this Day sent from the Deputyes to p'vent the raiseing or imposeing any tax &c, upon the people of this p'vince but by Act of gen'all Assembly, —It's the sence of this board that all the matters to be p'ved for in the said Bill are already sufficiently p'ved for and the lib'ty of the free people of this p'vince amongst other things fully secured by the gen'all Concessions of this p'vince,

The petic'on of Mary Pope to have a p'portion of Meadow to 100 acres of upland alread laid out—upon Inspection of the Booke of Record of this p'vince it appeares that the 28'th of March 1676 there is a warr't to lay out for John Pope a 100 acres of vpland and meadow in p'portion It's ordered that upon the petic'on's paym't of the arrearages of Quit Rents and takeing a pattent she may have a warr't to lay out the Meadow Desired, and it's referr'd to the Deputy Governor and Surveyor gen'all to see the same effected

The petic'on of Jane Ogden for 300 acres of Land in Elizabeth Towne for her husbands rights according to Concessions It's ordered that it be referred to the Deputy Governor and Surveyor
Surveyor gen'all to examine what Lands have bin laid out or taken vp by the husband in his life tyme—That according to Concessions she may have her just rights

The petition of Robt Stivers Blacksmith of Elizabeth Towne for Lands according to the published Concessions of the p'sent Lords p'prietors—It's ordered that the Surveyor gen'all lay out such p'portion w'th in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to the Tenor of the said Commissions and that the Deputy Governor issue out a warr' to the Surveyor gen'all Accordingly

The petition of Benj'a Price Jun' of Elizabeth Towne setting forth that in the yeare 1676 he had a warr' from the late Governor and Councill to the then Surveyor gene'all to layout for him 90 acres of vpland and meadow in p'portion w'th hitherto hee Could not p'cure to be laid out for him—It's ordered that the Deputy Governor issue out his warr' to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out the said Lands w'th in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to Concessions.

The petic'on of Daniel Hoop to have the Land ordered him in March last vpon the Raritan River to bee Survey'd It's ordered that the Deputy Governor issue out his warr' to the Surveyor Gen'all to Survey the Same Land in order to the pattenting the same.

The petic'on of Joseph Ogden Son of John Ogden deceased of Elizabeth Towne to have 90 acres of vpland and meadow in p'portion w'th in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to a warr' formerly granted by the late Governor Phill Carteret Esq' and to have the same laid out as hee has formerly pitch't vpon It's referred to the Surveyor gen'all to Inquire of the same land by him pitch't vpon be not in p'indice of any others right, and report thereof to the Deputy Governor, it's referred to him to issue out a warr' to survey the same in order to the pattenting thereof according to Concessions

A Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth

The House of Deputyes taking into their Serious Considerac'on, The weight of some Bills lyeing before them sent from the Governor and Councill to this house Desires that they may first have tyme allowed them to acquaint the Inhabitants of this p'vince that hath Delegated them, w'th the Contents thereof their Advice and orders in the p'misses, And to that End Doth humbly offer for an Adjourm' to the Third Tuesday in October

May 26th 1683

p: order of the house

JOHN BOUND.

Ordered
Ordered that Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford forthw'th go to the Deputyes and acquaint them that upon Consideration of their Message this board agrees that they im'ediately Attend the Governor and Council to Consider the subject matter of their Message in order to an Adjournm't

A Conference had w'th the Deputyes wherein after many things was p'posed to Confirme, make voy'd or Review the gen'ell Concessions of the p'vince, That the p'vince might bee at some certaintie of the Ground & foundac'on on w'ch we stand, after some further Debate and the Deputyes Consulteig apart, The speaker returned Answer that the Deputyes next second Day morneing 6 A Clock would meet and Conferr w'th the Governor and Councill about the Concessions

Adjourned 6 A Clock nex 2d Day morneing

Att a Councill held the 28th Day of may Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Benj'a Price

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth

To the Governor and Councill

This house according to the Debate on Satterday the 26th instant hath appointed flour of their Members to meet such a number of the Councill as the Governor and Councill shall see meet

p: order of the house

May 28th 1683

The Governor and Councill vpon Considerac'on of the message now sent from the Deputyes It's ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Palmer forthw'th repaire to the Deputyes and acquaint them that the Governor and Councill Do Concurr w'th their p'position and have agreed that the Governor and all the Councill now in Towne meete w'th the Deputyes in the p'posed Conference, onely this is the further sence of this board, that the Conference be three and before all the Deputyes new
now in Towne that all p'sons Concern'd may have a full and Cleare understanding of the matters in Debate, And no oppor-
tunity given of misreporteing the matters Debated And that
the Conference be forthw^th in the Councill Chamber

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing viz

To the Governor and Councill According to our Message
this morneing this house has Chosen four of their Members to
meet as many of the Councill as the Governor and Councill
shall see good to appoint w^th said members are ready to
attend

p. Order of the house

Joseph Parker & } Mess:
Henry Lyon { May the 28^th 1683

It's agreed that Such Conference as is p'posed be ffree and
w^th Such Members ss the Deputyes by their Message say the
have appointed and that the Governor and Councill lay aside
all other matters and give way to the said Conference

Richard Hartshorne, Edward Slater, Thomas Johnson and
John Gillman came here in pursuance of the Message, Sev'all
people came in wherein was related our former p'ceedure w^th
the Deputyes,—and some p'ticulars relateing to the Concessions
—Richard Hartshorne allledged hee was to meet a Com'itee of
the Councill and not the Governor in Councill—it was An-
swered that our Message was to acquaint them the Governor and
all those of the Councill in Towne should meet them and their
Answer to o's did not oppose it—soe wee desired a free Con-
ference w^th both houses,—After a long stay till past Twelve A
Clock It was agreed and ordered that the further p'ceedure on
such Conference as p'posed should be Deferr'd till Wednesday
morrow morneing 7 A Clock, To w^th tyme the Councill Ad-
journ'd accordingly

Adjourn'd to 7 A Clock wednesday morneing

Att a Councill held the 30^th Day of May Anno Dn^ 1683

P'sent The Deputy Governor
    Captn Berry
    Captn Palmer
Lawrence Andresse
Banj^ Price
A message from the Deputyes in writeing

To the Governor and Councill

The house of Deputyes haveing some things in Considerac'on at this p'sent, Crave the patience of the Governor and Councill awhile for the Deputyes waiteing vpon them and they will attend as soone as possible

Answer was given them the Governor and Councill were ready when the Deputyes would Come here and that they might take their owne tyme

In the afternoone the Deputyes came Downe and Delivered in this paper following viz:

Whereas on the 26th instant the Governor and Councill vrged the Deputyes for an Answer either to owne the Concessions or Deny them our posotive Answer is wee Disowne them

May 30th 1683

p: order of the house

JOHN BOUND.

The Governor and Councill then takeing the same into De- bate in Free Conference wth the Deputyes—acquainted the Deputyes, first that owneing or Disowneing was not a terme vsed by the Governor and Councill but the p'position was the 26th to Confirme make voyd or review the Concessions of w'th this is not or p'posed in words of Act of gen'all Assem- bly

2 That the makeing voyd of our fundamentall of foundac'on of Governm't was not like ministers of State or gen'all Assem- bly but to p'pose something in the place of that made voy'd, Considering that the priviledges of gen'all Assembly Depends thereon.

3 That if he had anything to p'pose in order to Confirme or make voyd the gen'all Concessions by way of Act p'pose it and as pt of gen'all Assembly wee are ready to Answer the same

The Deputyes made Answer that they could not Determine any such matter untill they Considered thereof amongst them- selves and thereupon wth'drew from the Councill

Adjournd till 7 A Clock to morrow morneing
Att a Councill held the 31st Day of May Anno Dni 1683

Present
The Deputy Governor
Thomas Warne
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Palmer
Lawrence Andresse &
Benja Price

A message from the Deputies in writing

The house of Deputies desire the Assent of the Governor and Councill for an Adjournment of this gen'ral Assembly to the 3rd Tuesday in October next.

May 31st 1683
p. order of the house of Deputies

John Bound.

Ordered that Capt'n Berry and Capt'n Palmer forthwith go to the Deputies and acquaint them that he attend this board—ordered that the Governor and Councill Concur with the Deputies for an Adjournment to the 3rd Tuesday in November next.

The Deputies Attending this board by mutual agreement of the Governor, Councill and Deputies, in general Assembly met and assembled agreed to Adjourn the said Gen'ral Assembly to the 3rd Tuesday in November next to which time the said general Assembly Adjourned accordingly.

The petition of William Broadwell of Elizabeth Towne setting forth that he had a warrant from the late Governor and Councill 26th Feb 1679 to lay for him in Right of his wife 60 Acres of Land, Agreed that in case he make his rights to appeare to the Deputy Governor and Surveyor gen'ral, that then the Deputy Governor, Issue out his warrant to the Surveyor gen'ral to lay out the same according to the petition.

The petition of Robert Travis Blacksmith of Elizabeth Towne setting forth that in the year 1679 as a free man he came into this province and has been ever since here resident Desires Land according to the now Lords proprietors published Concessions, Agreed and Ordered that this matter be left to the Deputy Governor and proprietors now in this province to search into the Truth of the Allegation—and if they see cause that the Deputy Governor issue out his warrant to survey and lay out the same as Desired.

The petition of Francis Drake of Piscattaway setting forth that 28th Feb 1681, hee had a warrant from the Late Governor for
for 120 Acres of Land within the bounds of Piscattaway—upon examination it appears not wherefore the same was granted—and that his p'tence is Convey'd or Assigned to Daniel Hooper, The Substance of the same petition is left to the Consideracion and Determinacion of the p'sent p'rieto's and if they see cause the Governor to issue out his warr' for laying out the same as Desired

The petic'on of Richard Clarke of Elizabeth Towne for 300 Acres of Land for head rights according to the Concessions, Agreed and ordered that he makeing his rights appeare to the Governor that then a warr' be issued out by the Governor to the Surveyor Gen'all for laying out the same according to the Tenor and effect of the petic'on

The petic'on of Gersham Bowne by Joseph Boubridge his Attorney to have a pattent for 500 Acres of land according to the order of Councill the second of March last at ½ p Acre, and the Addition of 120 Acres att such rent as the p'rieto's and the petic'oner cann agree—It's ordered the matter of the petic'on be left to the p'sent Deputy Governor and Surveyor gen'll to Determine and Agree with the petic'oner to make a pattent for part or all as they see meet.

The petic'on of Joseph Bainbridge for the like quantity of Land upon the terms above expressed, it's ordered and agreed that the like reference bee as in the petic'on last above mentioned.

The petic'on of Jeremy Markham read—Desiring that land may be laid out for him within the bounds of This Towne, according to the p'portion expressed in the now p'rieto's Concessions—It's ordered and agreed that he makeing his right appeare the Deputy Governor issue out his warr' for the laying out the same as is petitioned.

Upon the Inspection of the gen'all Concessions of this p'vince, And upon Consideration of the Absolute necessity of Laying out of Lands (Agreed and Ordered by the Governor and Councill to bee laid out and Survey'd) to sev'all p'sons, who have petic'oned to have the same in pursuance of their respective Rights granted by the said gen'all Concessions—

It is Agreed and Ordered that the Surveyor gen'all Do not onely make such Subscripte'ion for the faithful p'formance and Execucion of his office but also p'sent unto the Deputy Governor, Two or more Deputy Surveyors for the more effectuall p'formance of that office of Surveyor who may make such subscripte'ion for the faithfull p'formance of their respective Duties in that behalfe. And in Case the surveyor gen'all shall not p'sent such p'sons for Deputyes vnto the Deputy
Deputy Governor within the space of fourteen Dayes now next Ensuing, That then the Deputy Governor appoint and Commissionate Two or more p'sons skillfull in Surveying Causing the said p'sons to make such Subscriptions as aforesaid with said p'sons so presented appointed and Commissioned and Subscribing as aforesaid shall and may execute all warrants given out vnto them for Survey and make returns thereof, in order to the patenting of Lands, that right may be Don vnto all p'sons and Justice neither Deny'd or Delay'd to be Don vnto every one The want whereof heretofore During the late Govern't under the late Lords p'rieto's has bin the occasion of many Contentions Quarrels and offences taken ag't the Govern't with we finde is not to bee without trouble and Difficulty Allayed.

Ordered and Agreed that Eliakin Wardell of Shresburey in the County of Monmouth gent be High Sheriffe of the said County, and that the Deputy Governor issue out his Com'ission to him vnder the Seale of the p'vince

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 14th Day of August Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
    Captn Palmer
    Captn Sandford
    Benja Price

of the Counce:

It's ordered and agreed that a new Com'ission be forthwith issued out under the seale of this province for the Justices of the Court of Com'on Right, And that the Justices to bee Commissioned vntill the Governor and Councill otherwise Doe order shall bee Coll Lewis Morris, Captn John Berry Captn Palmer Captn William Sandford Benja Price, Members of the Governors Councill, Thomas Warne Captn John Baker Sam'l Dennes Benja Parkis Thomas Codrington M'chant, Daniell Hooper M'chant, and Lieuten't John Ward

Att a Councill held the 15th August 1683 att Elizabeth Towne

p'sent The Deputy Governor
    Coll Morris
    Captn Palmer
    Captn Sandford
    Lawrence Andress &
    Benja Price

of the Counce:

George
George Heathcott and Captn Vicars being here p'sent it was inquired of Geo. Heathcott whether hee upon any discourse wth Governor Carteret Deceased, or wth Captn Vicars before the Comeing of the proprietors in this province viz t the last winter, Ever tooke and agreed to take the house where the p'sent Governor now lives for winter onely or that the proprietors should come in here as Tenants for winter onely—

George Heathcott affirms that hee spoke to the late Governor ag' the last winter and his words were to him—That hee understood that his father Groom and some other of the proprietors were then coming over vnto this province And said to the Governor, that it would bee well if hee would repair the old house for them ag t winter for their winter Quarters,—But Denyes that he either tooke the same or Discoursed to take the same for any tyme, (as for the winter) or as to take it as a Tenant, or looked vpon the house as such

Lawrence Andress being desired to appeare as a witnesse for Captn Vicars, who had alleged that the house was taken by the proprietors for the winter onely and that the proprietors came into the same as Tenants—The said Lawrence being Desired to express his sence and knowledge thereof saith—That he was p'sent when George Heathcott Discoursed with the late Governor Carteret towards the last winter, some tyme before the Comeing of proprietors, . And that George Heathcott Did then tell the Governor that hee understood that his father Groom and some other of the proprietors were then Comeing over into this province, And said to the Governor that it would Doe well if he would repair the old house ag t winter for their winter quarters—That there was then menc'on made that the proprietors were to build att Amboy point—but that noe menc'on made as if the proprietors were to come in as Tenants or that they were to live in the house as Tenants for the winter onely or that they were to Remove from the house when the winter was over, or when they had built att Ambo poyn—noe menc'on or Discourse thereof to the best of my memory Lawrence Andress

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 16th Day of August Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor, p'pr
Thomas Warne
Coll Lewis Morris
Capt John Palmer
Captn Wm Sandford of the Counc:
Lawrence Andress &
Benja Price

The
The petition of Captn John Palmer and Tho: Codrington here presented, w^ch sets forth that they have formerly had by order of this board A warrant issued out according to Custome for the survey of a Tract of Land belonging to them and their Associates att the Raritan, That the warrant has been delivered to the now Surveyor Generall who refuses to survey the same untill the L^d Proprieto's sevenths be sett out to them according to the Concessions—And further setting forth that the late Governor Carteret who well knew and was instructed w^th the proprietors Intrest here, refused to Consent that the Land should be laid out to them before hee had reserved to himselfe in his owne name and Ga: Mienvell the 4^th p't thereof w^ch they Conceive was or ought to bee for the proprietors sevenths Captn Palmer w^th Drawing and the same coming in Debate and Consideration of this board it's agreed and Declared to bee the sense of the Governor and Councill presented and is given under their hands in writing as followeth viz—Vpon the petition of Captn John Palmer and Mr Tho. Codrington my sense is that Governor Carteret reserved the fourth part of the purchase to himself as he was then a full Authorized p'son to secure the proprietors seventh p't and therefore out of that fourth part the proprietors Rights is to bee required, This is the sense of me William Sandford, This above written is the sense of vs underwritten Lewis Morris Lawrence Andress Benj^ Price

Vpon the petition of Captn John Palmer and Tho: Codrington my sense is that a seventh p't of that whole Tract of Land bee laid out for the proprietors and then their other proportions to bee laid out to them and not otherwise Thomas Warne

Then the further resolution at that tyme was suspended to the next meeting of the Councill

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 30^th of August 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
Sam^ Groome
Tho: Warne
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford &
Benj^ Price

Then was againe Read over the petition of Captn Palmer & Tho: Codrington, And in writing Captn Berry gave in his sense viz: Governor Carteret having formerly taken
taken up far more land to his particular than was due to him by concessions or grant of the land proprietors my sense is that the proprietor's seventh part ought to be taken out of the fourth part of the above said land next to the piscatawaway bounds and the rest to be divided amongst the purchasers.—Then Samuel Groome saith he shall not survey nor set others to survey such large tracts of land as Capt'n John Palmer and Associates laid claim unto in East Jersey unless the seventh or a compensation for the same reserved for the use of the proprietors in such manner as the concessions does direct, East Jersey 30 6-mo Samuel Groome

After a considerable debate of the misses in Council the governor and Council came to this resolution viz—That a warrant be issued out by the Deputy Governor to the Surveyor General or Deputy Surveyor to survey layout butt and bound the said tract of land in manner following viz—one fourth part next unto the bounds of piscatawaway to be reserved for the uses hereafter expressed, and the other three fourth parts thereof to be surveyed and laid out in six equal and proportionable parts to and for the use of Capt'n John Palmer, Thomas Codrington, John White, John Delevall, Richard Hall and John Royse, their heirs and assigns equally that the proprietor's seventh part of the whole tract of land shall be laid out and taken from and out of the above mentioned fourth part next to piscatawaway bounds and that the remainder of the said fourth part be reserved to the order and disposition of the Governor and Council as they shall see cause in justice and equity, and that Capt'n Palmer the Codrington &c giving account of the fourth part of the Indian purchase of all the said tract that Samuel Groome emburse them the same or such part thereof as they have not received.

The petition of Henry Greenland now read, the contents whereof were to appeal to the Governor and Council to correct the errors of a judgment had against him in the County Court of Essex at the suite of Edward Slater, upon which were a writ of error into the Court of Common Right and judgment there affirmed. Upon debate and consideration thereof it's the sense of this board that the Governor and Council cannot judicially as Governor and Council correct the errors of a judgment affirmed in the Court of Common Right nor have power to do the same.

A pap. brought here by the hands of Stephen Osborne and John Arent, subscribed by Isaac Whitehead and by him writt by order of the Committee of p'sons Deputed by the Towne with pap. was as followeth viz—

Whereas
Whereas it's publickly knowne that Coll Richard Nicholls, Did by pattent give and grant unto John Baker John Ogden, Luke Watson and John Bayly and their Associates a certaine Tract of Land bounded as in the said pattent is fully specified—And in as much as the said pattentee's and their Associates hath to this Day by force been p'vented of the peaceable Injoymt planting setling and reapeing the benefit of the s'd grant and pattent aforesd the w'e forre wee hope Cannot Deprive us of the benefit of freedoms and Im'unities intended vs by the s'd Grant but on the Contrary from henceforth Doe Desire and Expect a Removall of the aforesd force and obstruc'ons of a full and firee Injoymt of the said pattent or grant w'th all it's freedoms and Im'unities w'th wee finde to bee the mindes of the most of the Towne w'th vs, and w'th will best tend to a peaceable and loveing settlem't of the Inhabitants of the s'd Elizabeth Towne, and see Doing will oblige vs to p'forme what is required of vs according to the true intent and meaneing of the s'd grant and pattent

Eliz Towne  
Augt 3th 1683

by order of the Com'ittee or p'sons
Deputed by the Towne

ISAAC WHITEHEAD.

w'th being Read and Considered the whole matters alledged being neither Matters of Record but meere Allegac'ons it's not knowne to the Governor and Councill, Therefore that a due Considerac'yon may bee had to the matters offered and that the p'sons Addressing here are Interested therein It's the sence of the Governor and Councill That the Addressors here to this board Doe bring here the pattent of Governor Nicholls under the hand of the said Governor and the scale provintiall by w'th he made such grant as is alledged, That then the matters further Alledged may bee taken into Due Considerac'yon and such order and agreeem't made therein as may be Consistant to Justice and Equity

The petici'on of James Graham and Sam'l Winder in behalle of themselves and Associates here Read, setting forth that the Governor and Councill Did formerly grant a warrt Directed to the Surveyor Generall to Survey a Tract of Land mentioned in the s'd warrt lyeing on the Raritan River w'th warrt was Delivered to the Surveyor generall and hee refused to yeld obedience thereunto—And Sam'l Groome the Surveyor Generall coming here in Councill and being Desired to execute the same according to his Duty and his Com'ission either in his owne p'son or by a Lawful Deputy—And it being urg'd to him
him that the warrs of Survey was neither to Determine the proprietors Right unto the sevenths nor to Determine any other p'son's rights or p'tentions—And that neither by the Generall Concessions nor by the Governor, and Councells Com'mission or Authority it lay in them to grant a warr to appropriate a Seventh to the proprietors by and in their warrs of Survey but onely to grant warrs for survey, But that the Tract of Land being in the hands of the petic'ioners before the p'sent proprieto's Arivall here or Interest in this province it's necessary to know the quantity of Acres therein that the same may be appropriated with Respect to the Interest of the petic'ioners proprietors and others concerned And it appearing to this board that the s'd Sam Groome has not quallified himselfe or any Deputy Surveyor to Execute the Just warrs of this board—It's ordered by the Governor and Councill that in pursuance of the order of this board of the 31 3-mo last Phillip Wells bee Deputed and appoint A Deputy Surveyor of this Province and that the Governor make him a Com'mission for that purpose and that the s'd Deputy Surveyor being quallified according to the Concessions, That hee execute the Orders and warrs of the Governor and Councill, the said Sam Groome p'emptorily refuseing the same in Contempt of this Board—It's therefore agreed and ordered by the Governor and Councill that the Deputy Governor issue out his warrs for survey of the said Tract of Land that the same may bee disposed and pattented according to Justice and Equity to the Respective p'sons having Right thereunto

The Deputy Governor proposed a matter to the Councill for their Advice—viz—That in Conference with Sam Groome about a Treaty with the Indians for a Tract of Land on the Raritan—The D Governor alledged that it was most safe to make out Survey and know the quantityes of Land before any Treaty for purchase Sam Groome alledged hee had scene the Land and would Treat Contract and agree before markeing or surveying out the Land, whereupon the Councill Advised unanimously that in making any purchase of Indian Right the same should bee marked and Surveyed not onely before paym but alsoe before any Treaty Contract or Agreeemt with the Natives

Agreed and ordered that the grant lately had from the Duke of yorke to the proprietors bee Entered upon Record

Tho. Rudyard
John Berry
J. Palmer
Wm Sandford
Benj Price  Att
At a Councill held att Elizabeth Towne 20th November 1683

present The Deputy Governor
    Captn Berry
    Captn Palmer
    Captn Sandford &
    Benj'a Price

In pursuance of the Adjournmnt of the gen'all Assembly agreed upon the last Day of May last past the Major p't of the Deputies and Councill mett together in Elizabeth Towne and then Adjourned to the 23d Day of November

At a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 23 November 1683

present The Deputy Governor
    Captn Berry
    Captn Palmer
    Benj'a Price

A Bill sent here from the Deputies by the hands of John Hans &c Entituled an Act for the makeing and settling of highways passages landings Bridges and fferryes within this province with their Concurreance

Then Adjourned till 8 a Clock tomorrow morng

At a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 24th of November 1683

present The Deputy Governor
    Captn Berry
    Captn Palmer
    Captn Sandford
    Benj'a Price

A Bill sent here from the Deputies Entituled a Bill for the more Regular ordering of fences with being Read, Agreed that the Governor and Councill, Concurr therewith and that the same bee signed by the Governor

A Bill sent from the Deputies for the further Explanation of the Law in the Month called May 1683 concerning swine, agreed that the Consideration thereof be Defferd vntill the 26th Instant and that the Members of the Councill take opportunity in the meane tyme to Confer with the members of the house of Deputies about the same

Att
Att a Councill held att Elizabeth Towne the 26th Day of November 1683

present The Deputy Governor
Captn Berry
Benja Price (of the Counci)
Capt Palmer

A message from the Deputyes as followeth
The house of Deputyes have made Choyce of Mr Sam'l Dennes and John Hans to Joyne with a Com'tee from the Governor and Counciell to Consider of the Bill concerning the prohibiting the sale of strong Drinke to the Indians
By order of the house

JOHN BOUND.

Agreed that the Governor and Counciell bee in a Com'tee to meete the Deputyes on the subject matter of the message above
The Com'tee mett and Considered of several heads in order to draw up a Bill
Then Adjourned to 8 a Clocke tomorrow morneing.

Att a Councill held att Elizabeth Towne 27th Nov 1683

present The Deputy Governor
Captn Berry
Capt Palmer (of the Counci)
Benja Price

Agreed that Captn Palmer Draw vp a Bill on the subject matter on w'th the Com'tee yesterday Consulted
The Bill being drawne up and Read, agreed that the same bee Transcribed and sent to the Deputyes for their Concur-

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Entitled an Act to p'vent Tipling, read and ordered that the Governor signe the same
A Bill sent from the Deputyes Intituled an Act for Regulac'on of ordinaryes—read and Amended and ordered that the same be signed by the Governor and sent to the Deputyes for their Concur-

A Bill Intituled an Act for the more Regular ordering of ffences—order the Governor signe the same
A Bill sent from the Deputyes Intituled an Act to Incourage the killing of woolves, Read and ordered that the Governor signe the same
The Bill for the explanation of the Act Concerning swine,
Amended read and agreed that the same be signed by the
Governor and sent to the Deputies for their Concurrence—
Agreed that Capt'n Berry and Capt'n Palmer Carry vp all
the Bills above menc'oned to the Deputies
Adjourned to 8 A Clock tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of
Essex Nov 28 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
      Capt'n Berry
      Capt'n Palmer
      Benj'a Price

Adjourned to 8 A Clock tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 29th Nov: 1683

p'sent • The Deputy Governor
      Capt'n Berry
      Capt'n Palmer
      Benj'a Price

A Bill Intituled an Act for the Regulation of making of
Patents for Land read and Ordered to bee signed by the
Governor and sent vp to the Deputies for their Concurrence
by Capt'n Palmer & Capt'n Berry
A message from the Deputies for a Com'ittee to Debate
about horses read and agreed that the members of the
Com'ittee now p'sent meeete the Deputies in a Com'e
The Bill for Regulation of Ordinaryes—The Bill for the
Explenac'ion of ye Act about Swine—A Bill for Regulateing
Trade w'th the Indians sent by this Board to the Deputies, Ret-
urned w'th their Concurrence
The Com'e meeting Drew vp some heads for a Bill to bee
prepared—ordered that Capt'n Palmer Draw vp a Bill to bee
sent to the Deputies in order the same may bee passed into
an Act
A petic'on of Cornelius Longfield setting forth that by Con-
sent of the late Governor Carteret hee had purchased a Tract
of Land of the Indians on the south side the Raritan River,
had a warr' granted him the 25th June 1681, for the survey
thereof, That it was accordingly surveyed and Desires a pate-
tent thereof, upon inspection of the warr' for survey the Date
appeares to bee altered and the warr' was made as appeares by
the
the Records the 25th of Oct 1681—and the survey thereof appears not to be the late surveyor Generalls hand writing nor his name thereto but by some other hand and the Indian Deed of Sale not Recorded, Its agreed that a warrant be Issued out to the now Deputy Surveyor to survey the whole Tract of Land in the Indian purchase and that the quantity of Lands to be granted may be then Considered, according to Justice, and that the Indian Deed of Sale or proof thereof be entered on Record.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

At a Council held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex 30th Nov: Anno Dni 1683.

Present The Deputy Governor
Capt'n Berry
Capt'n Palmer
Benj'a Price
Capt'n Sandford

Ordered that Capt'n Palmer and Benj'a Price go from this board to the Deputies and call of them for their Concurrence to the Bill for the Regular making of patents for Land.

A Message from the Deputies for a Committee of some number of persons of the Councill and Deputies about the publick Charge of the Country—Agreed that this board Concurr with them therein, and that Capt'n Berry Capt'n Palmer Capt'n Sandford and Benj'a Price or any three of them Attend the same.

A petition of Otto Laurence to have a Tract of Land in the south River hee had bought of the Indians by Bill of Sale Date 2 May 1681—the bill of sale being produced—he was asked if hee had a warrant from the Late Governor to purchase of the Indians hee Answered no, hee had often Desired but was refused—The Bill of Sale was of Edward Slater's writing—hee being present sayes hee knowes nothing of Otto Laurence buying it without warrant being onely Employed in it to make the Bill of Sale.

A Bill for Regulation of abuses in taking up horses, Transcribed Read and agreed to be signed by the Governor and sent vp to the Deputies.

A Bill Entitled an Act for the better Enabling of persons in this province to Recover their Just Debts against non Residents read and agreed to be signed by the Governor and sent vp to the Deputies.
The Two last bills to be sent vp by Captn Berry Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford

Ordered that they call on the Deputyes for their Concurrance to 2 Bills sent them the last Convene'ion—one Entituled an Act for the Malitia—the other to Regulate Treaties with the Indians

A Bill sent from the Deputyes purporting a grant of a poll for the Governors Charge read and the Consideration thereof Defer'd till tomorrow

Adjourned to 8 a Clocke tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex—first December 1683|

psent The Deputy Governor & p'pr

  Captn Berry
  Captn Palmer
  Captn Sandford &
  Benj'a Price

Beniamin Price one of the Members of Counc. giveing the board to understand that in pursuance of an Order of this Board that the Governor had issued out his warrt of the 20th May last past for laying out and surveing to him 270 Acres of Land in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne wth meadow in propor'ion wch warrant was Delivered to Sam'Groom the late surveyor Generall Deceased, and not Executed fully, vpon Considerac'ion thereof the said Benj'a Price wth Drew out of Councill—It was resolved and Ordered that the Governor issue out his warrt to Phillip Wells the Deputy Surveyor to survey and lay out the said 270 Acres of Land according to the warrant formerly granted and make returne thereof to the Secretaries office

The Deputy Governor giveing the Councill to understand that after the Death of Captn Sam'Groome the late Surveyor and Surveyor Generall the goods and Chattells wares and M'chandies of and in the hands and Custody of the said Sam' at the tyme of his Death hee had Caused (most whereof hee app'hended belonged to the proprieto's of this province) to be apprised and Inventoryed—by flour Apprizers—had given accompt thereof to Geo: Heathcott Captn Grooms sonne in Law who absolutely refused to Concerne himselfe wth the Estate—That noe will appeares to bee made by the Deceased—That the goods and m'chandises in his hands will Dayly suffer losse if not Disposed off—That all the bookes and papers of
of the Deceased are sealed up by the appraisers and now in the Deputy Governors house whereby all Recourse thereto is prohibited and thereby the Debts lying out cannot be received with matters being proposed to the Councill for their advice it was advised agreed that—

That the Deputy Governor being the Ord'ny of this province and having power of Ad'mistration may either take keepe or Dispose of the said goods as hee sees Causes—hee being not onely a proprietors see principal Creditor in the prov-ince to the Estate of the proprietors in Captn Grooms hands—but as the proprietors Estate was by Bill of Lading Con-signed to him in Case of Captn Grooms Death—That as to the Bookes and pap's in Case that Garven Laurie the proposed Governor arrive not heare by the 25th instant that then the appraisers of the Estate or such of them as Can Attend it takeing such to them as they shall see meet open and inspect his pap's and accompts and after Inventory thereof made De-liver the same to the Deputy Governor

A Message from the Deputyes Desireing somany of the Councill as this board shall see meete to Joyne w't flour of the Deputyes as a Committee to Debate about Two Bills one to Regulate Treatyes w't the Indians and the other to Regulate the making of patents for Land Ordered that the Councill here p'sent forthwith attend the said service

An Act for the Malitia sent here by the Deputyes

An Act Entitled an Act to p'vent strangers Com'eneeing vexations suites ag't the Inhabit: in this province also sent from the Deputyes

Agreed that the same bee passed and signed by the Governor

An Act for the making Rates for severall p'sons as Deputyes Clarkes &c sent from the Deputyes

Agreed and Ordered that the members of this Councill also Debate in the Com'ent p'posed the amendm't of the Act for the Militia and the Act for making rates for severall p'sons as Deputyes Clerkes &c and also ye' poll Act

The Com'ent met together and Considered of severall matters to bee amended and Carried vp the 4 Bills for Amendm't

The poll-Bill, some amendm'ts made, Transcribed and ordered to bee sent back to the Deputyes

A Bill Entitled an Act to build ye' Com'on Gales and pounds read—Agreed that the Governor signe the same and the same to be Carried to the Deputyes by Captn Palmer and Benj'a Price

A Bill sent here from ye' Deputyes for a poll Tax, Agreed that the Governor signe the same
A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entituled An Act for the Regular makeing of pattents for Land with some Amendment Ordered the same bee agreed unto and signed by the Deputy Governor.

A Bill Entituled An Act for building of Com'on Goales and sent from the Deputyes with their Concurrence.

A petic'on of Capt'n Palmer in behalfe of himselfe and Thomas Codrington John White and John Rice setting forth that they have had severall Tracts of Land Adjoyneing to-gether and lying on the Raritan River lately surveyed to them by order and warrant from the Governor, Desireing pattents for the same. It's ordered that pattents be forthwith made to them in pursuance of such surveyes.

WHEREAS Dayly Complaints have bin made to the Governor of this province that many p'sons and Inhabitants of this province and others Doe p'sume to Cutt Downe and barke Trees for Taning, others Doe Cutt Downe Timber Trees for pipe staves, and other uses upon any Lands without Leave had or obtained from the owners or proprietors thereof to the great wast and Destrue'con of the Timber and in wrong and abuse of the owners or proprietors thereof in Contempt of the Law and Authority of this province;— It is therefore Ordered that proclamac'on bee forthwith made and issued out by the Governor to p'hibite all such felling and Distrucc'son of Timber for the future, and that the same bee sent into all Countyes in this province to bee published with the Lawes of the gen'all Assembly—That all p'sons offending in the p'misses may be punished for the same According to Law.

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke next 2 day morning.

Att a Counciill held at Elizabeth Town 3d December 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
Captn Berry
Captn Palmer
Captn Sandford &
Benj' Price of the Conue:

Thomas Rudyard the Deputy Governor informinge this Board that at his Arrivall in this province in November 1682 hee Imported into the same Two daughters viz Anne and Margerett Rudyard, and six servants viz Isaac Smitton, Benj' Griffith, Nathaniel Neale, Hanna Beamond and Jane Baynes for with according to the proprietors Concessions and Agreement hee
hee is to take vp and have and Enjoy to him and his heires in this province for himselfe as Master of a familie 50 Acres of Land, for every servant Imported Thirty Acres of Land apecce the whole Amounting to 230 Acres of Land and Desireing the same may bee laid out and Surveyed, It is agreed and Ordered that a warrt bee made and Issued out under the hand of the Deputy Secretary to the Deputy Surveyor to lay out the said quantity of Land vpon the River called the South River lyeing or Leading into the Raritan River

A message from the Deputyes Desireing the Governor and Council would be pleased to appoint so many of the Councill as they shall see goode to meete Two of the house of Deputyes in a Com't to Debate Concerning the Courts of Com'ton Right and Courts of Sessions—The Governor and Councill takeing the same into their Consideracion Doe order that all the Members of Councill here p'sent Joyne in the same Com'ttee w'th the Deputyes

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Entituled an Act to Rectifie some p'ceedings at Law read and orered that the same be signed by the Governor for Concurrence

A Bill from the Deputyes to Enable 2 Members onely to Determine Cases monthly in the Court for small Causes, Read and Ordered to bee signed by the Governor for Concurrence

An Address from the Deputyes as followeth

To The Governor and Councill

The Humble Address of the rep'resentitives of the Inhabitants of this province p'sent

Showeth

That whereas Captn Baker of Elizabeth Towne from the first settling of this province to this Day hath approved himselfe to bee a man evill principled not onely to the Govern't Established in this province but also in all other his Acc'ons w'th as wee humbly concieve makes him verry vnfit for any place of Trust either Millitary or Civill Doe request that the said Baker may bee Discharged from all and every such offices or places of Trust as hee the said Baker holds now in this province

December 3rd 1683| p. order of the house

JOHN BOUND

After the Reading of the said Address and Debate thereof in Councill all and every the Members in Councill this day in Councill Did agree and Advise that this board Concurr w'th the Deputyes
Deputyes in their Request—It is therefore Ordered that what ever Com'issions are made to the said Captn Baker that they bee Recalled and that the said Captn Baker bee Discharged from all offices of Trust in this province.

Captn Berry informeing this Board that there will bee a necessity to have a Constable yearly Chosen by the Inhabitants of Hackinsacke and those Inhabitants lyeing and being above Bergen Bounds—It's ordered that the Governor issue out his warrant for the Choyce of a Constable in those parts, The warrant to bee sent to Captn Berry.

It's further Ordered that the like warrant be issued forth for the Choyce of a Constable by the Inhabitants at Aquaninoncke and New Barbadoes necke, the warrant to bee sent to Captn Sandford.

for the better setting and Exerciseing the Militia in every County within this province It is Ordered that there bee one Major and so many Captaines Com'issionated in Each County as there bee Inhabitants to make vp Companyes.

It's Ordered that Captn John Berry be Com'issionated Major for the County of Bergen—John De' Macais Lieutenant—and Rouloft Vanderbrick Ensigne.

for the County of Essex, Captn Will: Sandford to be Com'issionated major—John Ward of Newarke Lieutenant—Joseph Johnson Ensigne—It's ordered that Major Sandford appoint an officer to exercise the Inhabitants of Aquaninocke.

for the Company in Elizabeth Towne, Justice Parker to bee Com'issionated Captn—George Rosse Lieutenant and John woodruffe sen"r Ensigne.

for the County of Middx within the bounds of Pascataway, Justice Tyler to bee Com'issionated Maior Sam"l Dotey Lieutenant—and Jediah Higgins Ensigne.

for the Inhabitants on Raritan River above Piscataway bounds Thomas Codrington Captn of horse John Rice Lieutenant and John White Cornett.

for the Coporac'on of Woodbridge the Corp'ac'on by Charter may p'seaut and the Governor approve and Com'issionate

for the County of Monmouth Captn John Bound to bee Com'issionated Maior—for Middle towne James Grover Lieutenant—Saffy Grover Ensigne.

for Shresbury John Slocomb Captn—George Stowlett Lievetenant Lewis Morris Ensigne.

It's also the priviledge for the Corp'ac'on of Bergen (as it's Alledged) to p'seaut and the Governor approve.

It's Ordered that the Governor forthwith issue out Com'issions to the severall officers to bee Com'issionated as above, Agreed upon.
upon, As also to such as hee shall approve of those to bee present by the Corporac'ons of Woodbridge and Bergin
Persons proposed and Agreed upon to be the Chiefe Rangers in and through out this province
for the County of Bergen and Corp'ac'on Maior John Berry
for the County of Essex James Emott
for the County of Middx Sam'11 Dennis
for the County of Monmouth Captn John Slocomb
It's Ordered that Joseph Baker of Aquapoch bee high Sheriffe for the County of Bergen and Clais Arentson Toures—Coroner—Richard Berry high Sheriffe—Isaac Whitehead Coroner—for the County of Essex
Adjourned to 7 A Clocke tomorrow morning

At a Counciell held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex
4 Dec 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
Maior Berry
Maior Sandford
Cap't Palmer &
Benj'a Price

of the Counc.

A Bill from the Deputyes to fine every member of the Deputyes 5° p day for Absence from Generall Assembly read and agreed to be signed by the Governor for Concurrence

A Bill Entituled An Act for Defraying the publicke Charges of this Province being read in Counciell and many things therein being (in the sence of this board) matter not prop't to bee Enacted without Considerable Amendm'ts Doe propose as the most expeditious way for a Right understanding to have some Members of the Counciell to meete w'th some members of the Deputyes in A Com'm to meete this afternoone 2 A Clocke, And that a message bee sent to the Deputyes to that End, Benj'a Price to Carry that message

The Deputyes and Members of the Counciell mett and after some Considerable Debate and Conference returned to their house

The petic'on of Elizabeth Carteret widd. setting forth That John Durham has Inveagled her neg . . . Servant by w'th shee has suffered wrong and Losse of her service—Desireing Justice ag't him The Governor and Counciell Considering thereof—And being senceable that there are Lawes ag't such matters of w'th shee Complaines—It's the sence of the Governor and Counciell that shee take her Due Course at Law ag't Durham for the same, if shee see Cause sue to Doe.

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke tomorrow morning

Att
At a Council held at Elz: Towne 5th Dec 1683

p'sent. The Deputy Governor
Major Berry
Major Sandford
Benj Price

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Entituled An Act for Defraying the Publicke Charges of the province—read and ordered that the Governor for Concurrence signe the same.

The Petic'ou of John Gillman setting forth that hee was one of the first setlers in piscataway, brought in several heads has not his Land laid out According to the Concessions—vpon Inquirey made it appears by the bookes of Record that the 8th April 1676—a warrant was issued out to the surveyor Generall then to survey and layout unto him 200 acres, some part there-of is Alledged to bee Already Surveyed to him but not any Retorne thereof—It is therefore Ordered that the Land formerly laid out to him bee againe surveyed and somuch more as will make up the 200 Acres, all in the bounds of Piscataway—And that a warrant bee issued forth to the Deputy Surveyor for that purpose.

A Bill Entituled an Act to prevent vexations Delayes in Law sent from the Deputyes read and agreed that the same bee signed by the Governor for Concurrence.

An Accomp't of p'sons and sumes of money to bee paid by Henry Lyon out of the moneys raised by the Bill Entituled an Act for Defraying the publicke Charges of the province, wth being read—ordered that the Governor signe the same.

vpon Debate and Considerac'on of the Rangers fees to bee paid and allowed by the Respective p'sons Concerned or to bee Concerned in the Execution of the Bill Entituled an Act for the Regulateing abuses in takeing up horses,

That these Respective fees and no other shall bee taken by the Chiefe Rangers in this province—viz for every horse Mare or gelding or other beast Landed in this province, or to be Conveyed or Carryed through this province to west Jersey, for the Tolling and Certificate one shilling in silver money or the full value thereof.

for the examining of a Certificate att piscataway, or in those parts or the supposed last place in the province when any horses Mares or geldings or other Cattle may bee Ridd Driven or Carryed, for every horse Mare gelding or other beast in silver one shilling or the value thereof.
for the Tolling and Entring the marke of every horse &c
to be marked by any p'son 3d in money
A Bill Entituled an Act for the Regulation of markeing
Cattle read and agreed to bee signed by the Governor and sent
up to the Deputyes by Benj Price
The Bill Entituled an Act for the Regulation of markeing of
Cattle Delivered by the Deputyes with their Concurrence
Ordered that a Commission bee issued for holding a Towne
Court in Bergen—Justices or Members Clais Arentson Toures
p'sedent, Hans Dedricke & Enock Machielson—or Two of
them

Tho: Rydyard
John Berry
Wm Sandford
Benj Price

Att a Councill held at Eliz Towne in the County of Essex
28th Day of February 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
Maior Berry  of the Conne.
Maior Sandford
Benj Price

Garven Lawrie Esqr, one of the Lords proprietors of the said
province p'duced his Com'ission to bee Deputy Governor under
Robert Berkley Esqr one other of the proprietors thereof and
Governor of the said province, with being read it was agreed
and Ordered that the same Com'ission bee Entered on Record
and bee this Day published in the Court of Com'on Right and
hee is hereby Recognized Deputy Governor of the province of
East New Jersey

The Governor then Declared in Councill that as to the Mem-
bers of Councill here p'sent, viz, Major Berry, Major Sandford
and Benj Price, that hee heareing soe good a Carrecter of
their Integrity to the Goverment & province it was his will
and Desire that they should Continue as Councillors—And
further that Capt'n Palmer of the late Councill by reason of
his Public Employ in the province of New Yorke has Desired
a Discharge from the service of this board—And that Co' Morris
being also mostly Absent and Living in the province of
New Yorke and Lawrence Andress mostly absent, it was
necessary to appoint others as Addicion to the former Councill
viz, Richard Hartshorne of Middletowne in the County of
Monmouth Sam Dennis of Woodbridge, Henry Lyon of
Elizabeth
Elizabeth Towne and Capt'n Thomas Codrington of Racketawackhacca on the Raritan River and that a Commission be forthw'th made for the Eight Members of Council to Continue vizt for Coll: Morris, Major Berry Major Sandford, Capt'n Codrington Benj'a Price Richard Hartshorne Sam'l Dennis and Henry Lyon.

It's agreed and Ordered that there bee made a new Commission for the Justices of the Court of Com'on Right and therein inserted all the Members of the Councill together w'th David Barclay, Thomas Warne, Lievetenant John Ward and Tho. Johnson.

Ordered and Agreed that a Declaration bee Drawne up setting forth the new Governor's Commission w'th a Confirmation of all Com'issions—Magistrates and officers, Civill and Military in the province untill further Order.

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke tomorrow morneing.

The Governor and proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey. To our Trusty and well beloved Collonell Lewis Morris of Shresbury in the County of Monmouth Esq're Major John Berry of the Towne and County of Bergin Esq', Major William Sandford of New Barbadoes in the County of Essex Esq', Capt'n Thomas Codrington of Rackawackhacca in the County of Middx Esq're Benj'a Price of Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex gent, Richard Hartshorne of Middletowne in the County of Monmouth gent, Sam'l Dennis of Woodbridge in the County of Middx gent, and Henry Lyon of Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex gent', send, Greeting, we being well assured of every of your Capacity wisdome, prudence and integrity in the managm't of the publicke affaires of the said Province, Have made Choyce of, Constituted and appointed, and by these p'sent Doe make Choyce off yo' the said Coll Lewis Morris, Major John Berry, Maior William Sandford Capt'n Thomas Codrington, Benj'a Price, Richard Hartshorne, Sam'l Dennis and Henry Lyon and every of yo' to bee of the Councill for the managm't of the publicke affaires of this province and to bee Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of this Province in all Debates Consultac'ons Resolv'ons, and proceedures as well in the Councell as in the generall Assembly of this province and otherwise and in all Matters Causes Cases and things belonging to the office and place of a Councillor, yo' and every of yo' are to Doe and Act to the best of yo' skill knowledge and Discretion, and According to our Instruct'ons and the Lawes and Constituc'ons of this province, Given under the seal.
scale of the said province this Eight and Twentieth Day of February, And in the xxxvijth yeare of the Reigne of King Charles the second over England &c Garven Lawrie, By order of Councill Tho: Rudyard Secret.

The subscription of the Councill this xxvijth Day of February Anno Dni 1683

Wee and every of vs whose names are herevnder written Doe severly and each for himselfe solemnly promise to beare true allegiance to the king of England his heires and successors, and to bee true and faithfull to the Interest of the Lords Proprieto's of the said Province and to their heires Executo's and Assignes, & Endeavour the peace and welfare of the said province and that every of vs respectively now being of the Governors Councill, shall and will to the best of our Judgm't and at all tymes freely and faithfully give our Advice to the Governor for the good managem't of the publicke affaires of this province and shall not nor will not Revaille Directly or Indirectly to the Injury or prejudice of the Governor and Lords proprio't's any matters as shall bee Debated in Councill or Com'itted by them to our Secrecy but in all things Doe and Act as true and faithfull Councillor's when thereunto Required

JOHNN BERRY
HENRY LYON
SAM'D DENNIS
Wm SANDFORD
BENJ'f PRICE

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex 29th Feb: 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor & p'pr
Tho: Rudyard Secret & p'pr
Major John Berry
Major Wm Sandford
Lawrence Andresse Counc.
Benj'f Price
Sam'D Dennis &
Henry Lyon

The petic'on of Jonas Wood of Eliz't Towne setting forth that upon the Death of Dr Wm Taylor the Deceased was indebted to him, That he and Wm Broadwell Entred into bond
bond after Taylors Death to Admi'ster his Estate—but since no Admistratation granted—but that Broadwell notwthstanding Receives the effects of Taylors Estate but gives noe Accompt thereof to the petic'o & prays Admistratation—w'ch being read the petitioner and Will. Broadwell came before the board—Broadwell Denyes hee has rec'd anything—since Taylors Death, in his life tyme hee rec'd about 20£ and noe more—after hearing of both p'tyes it's ordered that Admistratation be granted to the petic'o.

The petic'on of Captn Palmer Captn Codrington John Rice & John White, setting forth that they have had several Tracts of Land att Racawackhacca by Raritan River surveyed to them by war't from the late Governor—Desireing pattents for the same—It's agreed and Ordered that they have their Lands att Two pence an Acre, And have pattents made by the Secretary at one halfe penny an Acre, they purchasing at Twelve yeares purchase the Tree halfe pence an Acre for the Lands they have Respectively pattented to them, to w'ch the petitio'n agreed.

The petic'on of James Grayham, Sam' Winder John White and Cornelius Corson, to have a pattent of the Lands lately surveyed to them lying on the Raritan River. Agreed that they have their said Lands pattented they paying Two pence an Acre—viz'—purchasing at Three halfe pence an Acre att Twelve yeares purchase and paying by pattent 1/4 p Acre

The petic'on of Mary Mitichell widd, setting forth that by Articles of Agreem't made by Arent Sonimans Deceased w'ther Deceased husband, shee and her flour young sons were by Articles Transported out of Scotland into this province at the Charge of the said Arent Sonimans, but since their Arrivall here no Care has bin taken for their Children they being all Arent Sonimans Servants w'th is to her great Charge and expence—Desireing Either that some p'son for Arent Sonimans may receive them or that they may bee Discharged from their obligation; upon Reading the Articles of Agreem't, and David Barclay one of the proprie'tors and agent or m'chant for Arent Sonimans being here present—It's agreed and Ordered that David Barclay reemburse the petic'o for her Charges expended in the Childrens maintenance—And that such Inhabitants of this province who will kepe the Children vnto seventeene yeares of Age & maintaine them may have them bound to them to that age.

The petic'on of John Robinson W'n Pinhoe'ne Ric: Jones and Mathew Taylor praying a Pattent for 2000 Acres of Land on the Raritan River w'th lib'ty to Dispose of a Considerable parcell
parcell of Land Adjoyneing, or that the proprieto's take the
said whole Tract of Land into their hands reemurseing the
petic'o's their Indian purchase wth Costes and Charges—wch
being read Agreed and Ordered that the petic'o's bring an
Account of the Indian purchase and Costes to the Governor
that then the petic'on may bee further Considered.

The petic'on of John Robinson setting forth a Title hee holds
of Lands from the purchase of Robert vanquellin of 700 Acres
of Land on the Raritan River—500 thereof from a grant of St
Geo Carteret and 200 Acres more for Servants Imported accord-
ing to the Concessions prays a pattent for the same. The
matters Admitting of some Difficulty more then now to Deter-
mine the same, is referred to the Governor to receive further
information from the petic'o or his agent as they shall make
application to him.

The petic'on of Joseph Bainbridge setting forth that hee had
a grant from the late Governor Rudyard and Council for 500
acres of Land on Raritan at 2\$ p Acre, and that one hundred
and fifty Acres Adjoyneing should bee reserved to the Lords
Proprieto's, and pray that hee may have the whole vizt 500
Acres att 2\$ p Acre and the 140 acres at the proprieto's
Terms; after Considerable Debate and Consideration—It's
ordered and agreed that the petic'o have 500 Acres of Land
att 4\$ p Acre—but if the 640 Acres it must be at 2\$ p Acre.

The the peti'con of Richard Jones for Land Adjacent to the
last above mentioned being of the same Contents It's ordered
and agreed as above.

The like Petition of Grosham Bound for one other like
Tract of Land ordered and agreed as above.

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke tomorrow morning.

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 1st of March
1683.

Pr'sent The Deputy Governor & p'pr
Tho: Rudyard Seeret & p'pr
Major Berry
Major Sandford
Sam'l Dennis
Henry Lyon &
Benj'm Price

Complaint being made to this board that many runaway
servants and vagrants passe out and through this Province
without examination or Inquiry—Ordered and Agreed that
there bee a warrant issued out into each County to the Sheriffs, Justices and Magistrates to prevent such vagrants and runaway servants wandering or passing through the province.

The petition of John Gillman setting forth hee was one of the first settlers in Piscataway had a warrant to lay out Land from Major Berry when Deputy Governor and from Capt'n Carteret also a warrant, but never had Land laid out to him, Desires Land—Ordered that hee have a warrant for the Survey of 200 Acres according to the Order of the 2d of December last past with the further Addition of 109 Acres in Right of Israel Foulson within that Tract of Land called Piscataway Bounds.

A petition of Samuel Moore setting forth hee had 260 Acres of Land adjacent survey'd for which he desires a patent, and other Land Desires may be surveyed to Complain of 600 Acres for which hee had the Order of the late Lords Proprieto's in the year 1672—upon Consideration and Debate of the premises it was agreed and the Governor Declared that in some short time hee would accompany him to the Land survey'd and will Accommodate him with the whole 600 Acres so soon as possible.

At a Council held in Elizabeth Towne the 29th May 1684

Present The Deputy Governor
Thomas Rudyard Prop'r & Secretary
Major Berry
Cap'n Codrington
Benja Price &
Henry Lyon

The Petition of Mary Fletcher setting forth that Seth Fletcher her late husband deceased in his lifetime purchased 26 Acres of Land in Elizabeth Towne, near Adjoining to the house now in the possession of David Barclay, with house and Lott are part of the 26 Acres and four Acres of Meadow in Elizabeth Creek,—with Land was not held by patent but by other patents from Nichols' patent, and such pretences, That her Son in Law Seth Fletcher hath acquitted his interest therein to her and requests a patent thereof: shee being called in produced a general Release but not of Land—only of Acc'ions &c, And after a full Debate and hearing of Henry Lyon of whom most of the land was purchased or Contracted to be purchased—and Declared his unwillingness that the Land should be patented unto her without the Consent of Pembleton Fletcher the heire att Law of the said Seth Fletcher. —It's
—It's agreed and Ordered that a Copy of the peti'tion bee sent to Pemberton Fletcher—And if Pemberton Fletcher under the Peti'tion Declare hee is willing that the Peti'tion shall have a Pattent for the same and send his Assent Attested by the Authority of the province where hee Inhabites, then the Governor and Councell will take the peti'tion into further Consideration.

A peti'tion of Thomas Bartlet and Tho: Lawrie Desireing Each 60 Acres of Land on the west side of Raraton River ag' Ambo poyn't—It's ordered That war't bee granted to the Surveyor gen' all to lay out to Each of them 60 Acres of Land, and that they have pattents for the same payeing the yearely Rent of 2d p Acre

David Esmonds Requests to have forty Acres of vpland and 6 Acres of meadow neare Cheesquakee It's ordered that a war't bee granted to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out the same in order for a pattent

John Pearce Request for 500 Acres of Land by Stephen Osborns to Adjoyn to 20 Acres hee lately purchased of Benja Wades—It's referred to the Governor and Secretary to Dis- course him, And as they see Cause, to grant him what hee peti'tions for, or as they see meet.

The Peti'tion of David De Maie & Sam De Maie setting forth that they have an Indian Deed of gift for a Tract of Land on Hackingsacke River, Containing 300 Acres or there aboutes—Desire lib'ty that they may have a Conveyance thereof—Agreed and Ordered that they have a Deed Drawn vp by the Secretary, a war't to Survey the same and after survey a pattent att a Certaine Rent to bee paid An'ually

The Petition of yongham Antonius Roberts a free borne Negro Desireing Liberty to purchase 200 Acres of Land of the Indians on Hackinsacke River, And it being for Land given him—It's ordered a Deed bee Drawne—a Survey thereof being made; that hee have a pattent for 100 Acres thereof att Rent Certaine.

The peti'tion of Nicholas D Vow, David Rawford and Andrew Tebo sevr'ally to purchase Lands on the west side of Hackinsacke River—Nicholas D Vow to have 300 Acres —D Rawford 300 Acres and A Tebo 600 Acres—Read and Ordered—that the Governor appoint some p'son or p'sons to treat and agree with the Indians for the Tract of Land, and purchase the Indian Right to the same and grant them to the peti'tioners Respectively such p't and p'cells thereof with may answer the heads or hands they have Respectively to improve the same.

The peti'tion of william Broadwell for a p'cell of Sunken meadow
meadow on the South side of Eliz^a Creeke next Adjoyneing to
the house and Lott Lately Benj^a wades—ordered that the
same bee left to the Deputy Governor and that hee Dispose
thereof as hee sees meet, and that hee grant a warr^t to Survey
the same and lay it out to the petice'o's or some other as it
may lye most Convenient for, that the same may bee kept
from being a Nusance

The petic'on of Gabriell Monnell, setting forth that by order
of the late Governor Carteret hee became Joynt purchaser of
a Tract of Land on the North side the Rariton River w'h Cap^t John Palmer and Associates, That a gen'all Survey
was made thereof, and Request a warr^t to have his proportion
Surveyed to him—Agreed and Ordered that the matter in the
petic'on bee Referred to the Governor and Secretary, and if
hee will setle in this province on their Termes they may agree
w'h him

A petic'on from John Bound setting forth his father John
Bound Deceased had an Order to take vp and purchase of the
Indians 500 Acres of Land granted by the Late Lords proprieto's to him as a pattentee of Neversinks—That hee had purc-
chased the Land of the Indians and request to have a warr^t to
Survey the same to him—The matter being here fully Debated
And Cap^t Bound, brother to the petitio's father, and the
petitio's being here present and being Inquired whether the
widd. Bound had Nicolls pattent, they Answered they believed
not, but they believed Richard Hartshorne had the same,—
The petic't said his father some tyme past had it, that the last
spring was 12^m it was sent for to these parts and his Mother
Delivered the same to the Messenger—It appeareing that the
500 Acres granted to the Deceased was for the Surrender or
resigning of Governor Nicolls pattent of w'h hee was one
pattentee—It's ordered it bee referr'd to the Governor to
Answer the petic'o's Request, who may grant a warr^t for Sur-
vey as hee sees meet and Just

A petic'on from Eliz^a Carteret widd: the Relict of the late
Governor Carteret, setting forth hee had a grant for 2000 Acres
of Land as the gift of the Late Lords proprietors to bee taken
vp by him in any part of the province—That in Anno 1679 the
late Governor Carteret in pursuance of such grant pur-
chased an 8^th p't of a Tract of Land on the Raraton w'h
Capt John Palmer and Associates—requests a warr^t to
Survey the same—upon Inquiry and examination of the
petic'on—It appeares not that this Land was taken up for
him on such accompt as alledged—That by former Sence of
Councill that 8^th p't was Addjudged to belong to the proprieto's

vpon
vpon Considerac'on of many Clamours that has made agt the proprietors and Late Governor on p'tence of Rong Don her—
It's ordered that shee bee Desired to bring in the full and whole of her Claims of the proprietors That the same being att one
Considered, Justice and Right may bee Don her in all matters whatsoever without Delay.

Thomas Rudyard one of the proprietors of this province presented his Case here, setting forth that hee had noe Land yet laid out to him in the province altho his famely here. Desire an order to the Surveyor or Deputy Surveyor for a warrant to Lay out and Survey vnto him the quantity of 5000 Acres of upland and Meadow w'th in this province or such other number of Acres as the Council shall see meete to be laid out in such p'cells or places in the province as are apt and fitt for improvet and not appropriated or Legally vested in any othe p'ticular p'son—w'ch being Read, the said Thomas Rudyard w'th Drawing, The Council Adjourned to 8 A Clock tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held att Eliz' Towne the 30th May Anno Dni
1684

present The Depty Governor
Tho: Rudyard prop'r & Sec
Major Berry
Capt Codrington
Benj Price &
Henry Lyon

A Large Letter of Instrucc'ons from the Lords proprietors in England Directed to Garven Lawrie &c fellow proprietor, in Councill Dated in London 2d January 1683 Subscribed by the Number of 16 of them w'ch being read amongst other things therein Contained was that they would not allow the Governor and Councill to grant any land in the province w'thout the Consent of the Major part of the proprietors or their proxes

To this I Thomas Rudyard as one of the proprietors of that sd province Do Enter my Solemn protest, Declareing the same to bee agt my just Interest and Right and the knowne Rec'm practices and privilidges of the Governor and Councill of this province in whom is the Right of granteing Land by the gen'all Concessions of this province

The Kings Proclame'con to the proprietors planters and In-
habitants
habitants of this province being here Read, Ordered that the same bee sent and published to all the Inhabitants in this province, and to that End that two of the printed proclamations bee sent to each Sheriff of a County that in Each Towne att some publicke assembly wtch in tenn Dayes next after the [they] Come to hand they bee there publickly Read and after affixed vp att Each publicke meeting place in Each Towne.

The Governor and every one of the Councill after Debate and serious Consideration on the Contents of the proprietors Lett' above mentioned Doe app'nrend, That as the Lett' is not Directed to them they are not obliged to take notice thereof, and that the Rather for that the proprietors in England have not their parties here whereby they might lay out Land by the Major Assent of them here either to any proprietors or planter. And that un'til the Governor and Councill heare further from the proprietors they will lay out Land as formerly the Denyeing or forbearing whereof will bee of absolute losse and Damage to the province, not onely to Discourage planters here but to make provision here for such as are to bee Transported from Scotland or England into these parts.

The petic'on of Hans Dedricke Elias Mekellson and Adrian Post in behalfe of themselves and other inhabitants of Aquaquanancke setting forth they had purchased by order of the late Governor Carteret a Tract of Land Containinge 5520 Acres with is to bee Divided amongst fourteen families of them, those settled pray they may have a gen'all Patten't for the same,—It's ordered that the Indian sale being Recorded—Arrerages of Rent paid, that a patent bee made and granted them att one halfe penny p. Acre yearely Rent.

The Petic'on of John Demarest for License to purchase 200 Acres of Land of the Indians at Kinderkamacke att Hackinsacke above the Mill in Order to the pattenting thereof, Ordered that hee have License granted him to purchase, makeing vse of such person as the Governor shall appoint for Nicholas Davow and others who p'sented their petic'ions yesterday.—And the Governor appoints Jn Demaree to Attend the same.

The Petic'on of Peter Johnson Jacobus Johnson, Hendricke Tunison Vorther Tunison, Peter Tyson, Mathew Henderson, and John Tunison for 1000 Acres of Land att Chingarorasa Creeke upon the South west side of the said Creeke—It's ordered and agreed that the Petic'ons have warrants to lay out to Each of them, except John Tunison, 120 Acres of Land, and to John Tunison 200 Acres, Adjoyning to the Land of Thomas Rudyard att an Annual Rent.

A paper brought in here as followeth,—It's Desired by Da-
vid Barclay in behalfe of him selfe and the proprietors belonging to Scotland,—That hee may have an Order to the Surveyor to sett out for Each proprietors some Tract or Tracts of Land, That it may bee Ready surveyed before the Shipps Arrive whereof Advice is Come that they were preparing.

The Like is Desired by the order of Wm Dockera and Thomas Warne and other proprietors of East Jersey—That they may have warr to the Surveyor for setting them out Land to sette people vpon—It being proposed by the Governor that 2000 acres to Each of the proprietors above mentioned might suffice at p'sent, It's ordered that warr bee issued forth to survey to Each of the said proprietors 2000 Acres of Land.

Upon further Consideration of Thomas Rudyards, Case—It's agreed and Ordered that a warr or warr bee made and Issued out to the Surveyor gen'all or his Deputy to lay out to him any Quantity or Quantities of Land not exceeding in all the Number of Acres of Land Three Thousand Acres for the p'sent as hee has Desired.

At a Councill held at Eliz' Towne the 29th of August 1684|

p'sent The Deputy Governor
Major John Berry
Major Wm Sandford
Benj' Price
Hen: Lyon &
Sam' Dennes

The petic'on of Cornelius Longfield setting forth that by virtue of a warr granted by the late Governor Carteret, hee had laid out to him a Tract of Land vpon the South side of the Raritan River Containeing 440 Acres of vpland—together with 50 Acres of Meadow, praying a pattent for the same—Read and ordered That Cornelius Longfield attend the Councill the next sitting in order to have his Petic'on Answered.

The Petition of Caspar Ianson and Alattys Ianson—setting forth that about seven yeares since the petic'oner obtain'd by gift from the Indians a parell of Land lying att Hackinsacke on the North side of the Creeke—w' gift was then also Acknowledged by the said Indians before the late Governor Carteret, who promised the petic'or a Confirmac'on of the same, onely Delay'd the full grant or pattent till the adjoyneing Lands should bee purchased from the Indians and laid out in Lotts—And that since one Jacques La Row hath Entred vpon the said Lands and taken possession of
of the same without having any Indian Deed of gift—The Petitioner praying a warrant to lay out the same Directed to the Surveyor gen’l all in order for a patent—wch being Read and the Petitioner call’d in who brought wth them Two Indians that had formerly given the said Land to the Petitioner, and the Indians being Examined Concerning the premises Declared that they never made any Deed to Jacqueis Le Low of the said Lands but that the same did belong to the Petitioners, whereupon it was Ordered that both parties attend this Board the 27th day next—that they bring wth them the Indians Concerned—and that Jacques La Row have notice thereof.

The Petitioner of Rob’t Hamilton for a warrant to lay out a piece of Land lying wth in the bounds of Midletowne Containing about 50 Acres—Read and ordered that the said Rob’t Hamilton attend this board the next sitting of the Council to make his Right appear to the said Land.

The Petitioner of John Lambert for 100 Acres of Land upon Chesquakes side—Read and ordered that the petitioner have a warrant granted him—Directed to the Surveyor gen’l all or his Deputy to lay out to him 100 Acres as is prayed.

The Petitioner of WM. Leets and Nathaniel Tuttle for each of them 150 Acres upon Chesquakes side—Read and ordered as above.

The Petitioner of Thomas Mathewes setting forth that whereas Mr. John Injans purchased a tract of Land on the South side the Raraton River, and yt the petitioner was Concerned & Included in the same in the Eleventh Lott for 500 Acres according to a grant—praying a patent for the same, Read and ordered that a warrant be forthwith made out to the Surveyor gen’l all to lay out to the petitioner 400 Acres of the said 500 the Remainder to be to the proprietor’s for the Arrerages of Quit Rents and in Discharge of 3½ d p Acre for the said 400 Acres, paying for the future one d p Acre only for every of the said 400 Acres.

The Petitioner of Tho: Whitelocke for 200 Acres of Land lying wth in the bounds of Midletowne att the Reare of Benj’a Burdens Land and between Swining River and Jumping—Brooke not yet taken up; Read and Ordered that a warrant be immediately made out to the surveyor gen’l all to lay out the same to the petitioner.

The Petitioner of John Bray for a 100 Acres of Land lying wth in the bounds of Midletowne adjoyning to the branch of Nutt swamp and bounded upon the Land of Richard Gibbins—Read and Ordered That the petitioner attend the Governor, who is left to Doe and order in the premises as he shall see meet.
The petition of Wm. Sutton setting forth that hee had laid out to him by virtue of a warrant, Granted by the Late Governor Phillip Carteret, Esq 100 Acres of Land within the bounds of Piscataway with Meadow in proportion—Desiring a patent—Read and ordered that hee have a patent made out to him for the same according to his petition.

The petition of Derrick Corneliason for a Tract of Land upon Chesquakes according to an Indian Deed of Sale—Read and ordered that the same bee Deferred until the Governor and Councill bee further satisfied in the petition's Indian Deed of Sale.

A pap: brought here by Eliz'a Carteret wid: as follows, viz:

The Honble Garvin Lawrie Esq. Deputy Governor of the province of East New Jersey and his Councill.

The Claim of Eliz'a Carteret wid: Relict and Executrix and the last will and Testament of Pillip Carteret Esq deceased late Governor of the said province in Right of her said husband from the present proprietors pursuant to an order of Councill—humbly presented.

Impr'y That my said husband's salary for being Governor amounting to the sume of 1000th may be satisfied

2dly That a patent may bee made to me for the 3596 Acres of Land within Eliza Towne Bounds, wch are expressed in Two patents granted in the tyme that Rob't Vicars was Secretary.

3dly That a patent may bee made to me for a Lott of Land lying on the Raraton River, purchased by my Deceased husband of the Indians in Company wth Capt John Palmer and others.

4ly That the house Lott and Orchard in Elizabeth Towne and farme Com'only Called the poyn't part of the said 3596 Acres of Land now in the proprietors possession, may bee Delivered unto me to whom of Right it Doth belong.

wch was Answered by the Governor and Councill as follows:

viz:

1st As to the first Article it Doth not Come vnder the Consideracion of this Board to make any Answer

2 As to the second Article or Claime for 3596 Acres of Land,
Land, to wch shee Claimes a Right by virtue of a patent granted her in wch tyme Robert Vicars was Secretary wch patents are since made void by Act of gen'all Assembly—That this board cannot Act in the p'misses vtntil shee make some other Right appeare

3 To the Third,—that Capt John Palmer saith—That her Deceased husband Did not pay any share in the Indian purchase—and that it was formerly the opinion of this board that the proprietors sevenths should bee taken out of it

4 The f'ourth is Answered in the second

The subscription of Mr Isaac Kingsland who was Com'issionated Councillor the 26th Novem-ber 1684—

I Isaac Kingsland Doe solemnly promisse to beare true Allegiance to the King of England his heires and Successors—and to bee true and faithfull to the Interest of the Lords Prop'ieto's of this Province and to their heires and Assigns, and endeavour the peace and welfare of the said province, and that I will to the best of my Judgm' and att all tymes freely and faithfully give my advice to the Gover' for the good Manage' of the publicke affaires of this Province and shall not nor will not Revaile Directly or Indirectly to the Injury or prejudice of the Governor and. Lords Proprieto's any matters as shall bee Debated in Councill or Com'itted by them to my Secracy but in all things Doe and Act as a true and faithfull Councillor when thereunto Required, Dated this xxvijth Day of Novem-ber Anno Dni 1684

ISAAC KINGSLAND

Att a Councill held att Eliz' Towne this 27th Day of November Anno Dni one Thousand six hundred Eighty flour

p'sent The Dep't Governor
Major Wm Sandford
Isaac Kingsland
Benj'a Price &
Henry Lyon

Members of
Counc.

The petic'on of Nathaniel Tuttell & al being Read, therein setting forth that they (God willing) intend to settle in this Province vpon Chesquakes side desiringe they may pay noe Quit

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Quit Rents for the first Three years the land there being verry pore—And that the prises for makeing of Pattents may bee lymitied—Agreed and ordered that as to the paying of Quit Rent it being their own former agreem' w'th the Dep' Governor to pay 2d p Acre—therefore this Board thinks not fitt to Act or order in the p'misses Contrary to that agreem'—and as to prises for makeing of Pattents that the same bee deferr'd till the pattent of such other fices as belong to the Secretaryes office

Petic'on of John Renn in behalfe of himselfe and one Thomas King now in Pensilvania Smith, for a Lott of Land lyeing over agt. Amboy next to the Long Poole—Agreed and ordered the same bee Left to the Dep' Governor to answer the Petic'o's Request as hee shall see meete

The Request of Wm Ridford for 100 Acres of Land—Read and Ordered that a warr' bee granted to lay out to him one hundred Acres of Land in such place as is not yet appropriated to any other p'son—

Petic'on of Benj'a Ogden for 50 Acres of Land w'thin the bounds of Eliz'Towne w'th Meadow in proportion—Read and ordered that hee have a warr' granted him according to his petic'on

The petition of Isaac Whitehead Jun'r for 120 Acres of Land w'thin the bounds of Eliz'Towne according to a former warr' granted him by the Late Governor Carterett—Read and ordered that have a warr' granted him according as hee petic'ons

The petic'on of John Pearce for 100 Acres of Land for him and his famely—Read and Ordered that the petic'o' have a warr' granted him for 50 Acres of Land lyeing w'thin the bounds of Eliz'Towne in such place as the Governor shall appoint and not taken vp or appropriated to any p'ticular p'son—

One Korough an Indian Comeing in made his Complaint agt. David De Mare sen'r for purchasing a Certaine p'cell of Land lyeing on the west side of Hackinsacke River, over agt. the Mill —of one Mumshaw an Indian Sachim that had noe Right to the Same (as is p'tended) in wrong and Injury of the said Korough —And also of Some evill treatm't of the Indians by the said David De Mare and his famely, and John De Mare his sonn and in makeing them Drinke—The said David De Mare sen'r and John De Mare his sonn being also here, and both sides being fully heard,—It's Agreed and Ordered that the said David De Mare Sen'r and John De Mare his sonn for their Evill practices towards the Indians in selling them Rum and makeing them Drunke—Doe Im'diately give in Security for their good behaviour for one whole yeare before one of the Members of this Councill—and for want of better Security they being bound
bound Each for the other the same to bee sufficient—As to the Land, It's Agreed and Ordered by Consent of all p'tyes that Sam'l Edsall and William Lawrence is appointed to meete David Dc Mare & the Indians Concerned upon the Land in Question and to Inspect the said Land and strictly to Examine as well the said Indians as others Concerned and to make their Report in the p'misses in writing vnder their hands to this board att the next sitting of the Councill—that the truth of things may the better bee knowne in Order to a finall Determina'con

The Petic'on of Capt John Baker of Elizabeth Towne being Read—therein setting forth that whereas hee not Rightly understanding the true Extent and Meaning of the Act of Assembly about the Converseing and Treateing w'th the Indians and by Reason thereof being Justly Amerced by the Court of Com'on Right held in August Last past to pay by way of a fine the same of Tenn pounds—and to give in Security for his good behaviour for whole yeare—Requesting his bound may be Cancelled—The said Petic'or alsoe Comeing in and makeing his p'sonall submission It's Agreed and Ordered Captaine John Baker have vp his bound for his good behaviour—w'ch was Delivered him accordingly

The humble Request of James Emott Dep' Secretary of this Province being then Read, setting forth that whereas it has bin the Laudable Custume and practice as well in this Province as all other Neighbouring Adjacent provinces, that upon applica'on made for a License for Solemnizeing Marriage the Secretary upon taken Security of such p'sons as Request the same that they are vnder noe other obliga'con or p'contract of Marriage—im'diately to make out a License p'curing the same to bee signed by the Governor and given vnder the scale of the province—praying an Order of Councill may bee passed for the Continu'ng ye said Custume—After the same were Considerably Debated the whole Councill was Consenting to passe an Order for the Continu'con of the said Custume, but the Deputy Governor Desired that the same might be Defer'd till the next sitting of this Councill

Att a' Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex the xxvijth Feb 1684—

* p'sent The Dep' Governor
   Major Wm Sandford
   Isaac Kingsland
   Benja Price
   Henry Lyon &
   Sam'l Dennes

Members of Counc:

Petic'on
Petic'on of Thomas Price of Eliz' Towne setting forth that hee has bin for severall yeares setled in the said Towne and as yett has noe more Land with in this province but a house Lott lyeing in the said Towne given him by his father,—Requesting as much Land as will make it fifty Acres with Meadow in proportion—Read and ordered that a warrt bee granted to lay out to him forty four Acres of vpland with meadow in proportion with in the bounds of Eliz' Towne aforesd.

The petic'on of Captaine Thomas young for 120 Acres of Land within the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to a former Order granted him by the Governor Carterett but as yett never laid out—Read and Ordered that the petic'or have a warrt granted him for 120 Acres of Land to bee laid out to him within the bounds of the said Towne in order for a Pattent.

Petic'on of John Bounds of the Towne of Piscataway for Eighty Acres of Land lyeing vpon the Reare of his owne Lott within the said Towne—Read and Ordered that a warrt bee forthwth granted and made out for the layeing out of Eighty Acres of Land within the bounds of the said Towne to the petic'or att the Rear of his owne Lott as is Requested—

Petic'on of John Deecnt for Eighty Acres of vpland with Meadow in proportion to bee laid out to him within the bounds of Piscataway—Read and ordered that a warrt bee granted to the petic'or to layout to him Eighty Acres of vpland with Meadow in proportion within the bounds of the said Towne as he has petitioned.

Petic'on of Sam' willes—setting forth that aboute two years agoe hee Transported himselfe and famely out of the Province of West Jersey into this Province to settle here, but hath not as yett any Land laid out or Enjoyeth any but what hee holds by yearly Rent,—prayeing that [warrant] may bee granted him for one hundred Acres of vp Land with Meadow in proportion within the bounds of the Towne of Newark—Read and ordered that the petic'or have a warrt granted him Directed to the Surveyor generall or his Dep't to layout to him within the bounds of said Towne of Newark one hundred Acres of vp Land with Meadow in proportion.

Petic'on of one W' Johnson of Raraton for 100 Acres of Land within the bounds of Piscataway being Read—Johnson being a man wholly ynkowne to the Governor or any of the Members of this Counciill and not appeareing or any one for him to satisfie this Board how hee intends to setle the same or vpon what termes,—It's therefore ordered that the same bee left to the Governor to Answer the petic'on, and to grant a warrt as hee
hee shall see Cause—upon further application to bee made to his honor by the petic’or.

Petic’or of Mathew Gyles of Raraton for one hundred and Twenty Acres of Land within the bounds of Piscataway—Read and Ordered that a warrt bee granted Directed to the Surveyor generall or his Dep’t to lay out to the Petic’or one hundred and Twenty Acres of Land within the bounds of Piscataway.

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex this xxixth Day of Aprill Anno Dni 1685

The Dep’t Governor
Major Wm Sandford
Isaac Kingsland
Benj’a Price
Henry Lyon &
Saml Dennes

A Proclamacon by the Governor and Councill with the principal officers and Inhabitants of this Province, for the publishing and Proclameing James Duke of yorke and Albany (by the Death of our Late Soveraigne Lord Charles the second of happy memory) King of England Scotland France and Ireland—and supraime Lord of this Collony of East New Jersey &c—being Read—And also the kings Proclamacon for the Continuing of all officers till his Maties pleasure bee further knowne—Agreed and ordered that both the said Proclamacons bee immediately published and proclaimed at the publicke meeting house Dore with within this Towne, to within End all or great p’t of the Inhabitants and Traine Bands of this County are there already Convin’d—And that Duplicates thereof bee forthwith made and sent to the Sherif” of Each County within this Province to bee there also publickly Proclaimed with in their Respective Countyes—

In pursuance of this order the Governor and Councill together with all or a great p’t of the Majestrates and principal officers of this County immediately Repaired to the publick meeting-house where they were meet by the Traine bands and other the Inhabitants, where both the said Proclamacons were orderly published.
Then was Read in Councill, Major Wm Dyer's Com'ission Date 4th January 1682 for Coll. of his Maties Customs as well of this Province of East New Jersey or Sezaria and Pensilvania—wch was Read, allowed and ordered to be recorded.

Att a Councell held att Eliza Towne in the County of Essex the 27th Day of May Anno Dni 1685—

present The Dep't Governor  
Major Wm Sandford  
Isaac Kingsland  
Henry Lyon &  
Sam' Dennes  

Memb of Counc:  

Severall Members or Justices of the Court of Com'on Right being Removed out of the Province or Attend not their service,—It's Agreed and ordered that a new Com'ission bee made, and that the Members or Justices of the said Court of Com'on Right bee as followeth—Coll Lewis Morris,—Cap't John Palmer Major Wm Sandford Mr Thomas Codrington Mr Isaac Kingsland Mr Richard Tormely Mr Benja Price Mr John Campbell Mr David Mudy Mr Thomas Johnson Mr Sam'l Dennes and Mr Henry Lyon

The petic'on of Albert Alberts & Jaques Curtilian in behalfe of them selves and Associates, setting forth they had a grant and Pattent of 5000 Acres of Land on passaick River—that it was pattented by the late Governor Phillip Carterett—that the pattent was made voyd by Act of generall Assembly, but a Salvo of their Right—Desire to have a Pattent—Major Berry haveing formerly Entered a Caviat as p'tending the Land to bee part or all of the Land granted to him—Agreed that Major Berry bee Called into Councell together with the petic'ors and Major Berry being here in Councill—upon Inquire and Examinac'on of the p'tences of both p'tyes it appeares that at the tyme of the Indian purchase Major Berry was one of the Councill, Hee never had a Survey of his Land nor purchased the same of the Indians—And upon Inspection of Major Berrys Pattent it appeares that his grant was of a Neck of Land. It's Agreed that the Petic'ors have a pattent according to the Survey, paying their Arrears of Quit Rents.  

Att
Att a Counciill begun and held att Amboy perth in the County of Middx the 6th day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

Present Garnin Lawrie Esqr D Governor
  Major John Berry
  Major Wm Sandford
  Mr Benj Price &
  Henry Lyon
  Mr Sam Dennes

of the Counciill

The writts for Electing of Deputyes in Each Respective Towne in this province to serve in the generall Assembly were Retoorned here by by the Respective Sheriftes of Each County —with Election was as followes viz—

Will: Pyles &
  John Parker
  for Eliz' Towne
  John Curtis
  for Newark

Ric: Berry
  for New Bar-
  badoes &
  aquickanunc
  Eph: Andress
  &
  John Jerley
  Woodbridge

Will: pinhorne
  out plantations on both
  sides ye
  Raraton

Wm Haige
  for Amboy

Sam Edsall
  old & New
  Hackinsacke
  & out
  plantations
  Hans Dedricke
  Peter Hesells
  Towne of
  Bergen

Judadiah Allen
  &
  John Hanse
  for Shresberry
  Ric: Harts-
  horne &
  Benj' Burden
  Middletowne

  Isaac Smally
  for piscataway

The house of Deputyes all appeared here as above according to the Election, Excepting Mr Wm pinhorne and Wm Haige, and being called out our Governor according to the usual manner Directed them to make Choyse of their speeker & Clerke and they withdrew

Agreed
Agreed and ordered that a new Commission for the Justices of the Court of Sessions for the County of Bergen bee Issued out and that Major John Berry's name be Incerted wth through a mistake was left out and omitted in ye last Comission—

The Counciell haveing taken into Consideracion the Removall of Thomas Rudyard Esq to ye Island of Barbadoes and that he has Deserted the office of Secretary of this province of East new yorke [sic]—It's therefore agreed and ordered that a Commission bee immediately made out to James Emott gent for the office of Chiefe Secretary, of whose skill prudence and integrity in the managemt of the s' office this Counciell is very well satisfied—and that in the meane tyme hee act as such

a Copy of the Comission of Coll Thomas Dongan for the office of Vice Admernet of new yorke &c was translated into English by James Emott and here Read—and also Coll Dongans writt of Admiralty Directed to our Govenor to take the boddy of Ric: Hartshorne &c and the Consideracion thereof Difford till next Counciell

The house of Deputyes Came here and nominated Ric: Hartshorne for their speaker and Benj a Griffith for their Clarke—as to ye speaker this board was well satisfied but the Governor Excepted agt the Clarke as being his servant &e

Adjourned till 8 A Clocke tomorrow morning

Att a Counciell held att Amboy perth the seventh day of April Anno Dni 1686

\[\text{present} \quad \text{The Deputy Governor} \]
\[\text{Major John Berry} \]
\[\text{Major w' Sandford} \]
\[\text{Benj a Price} \]
\[\text{Henry Lyon &} \]
\[\text{Sam'l Dennes} \]

\[\text{Counciell} \]

A message from the house of Deputyes brought here by Mr Sam'l Edsall John Hanse John Curtis and Isaac Smally—acquaintinge this Board of their want of a Deputy for the Towne of Newark, and also one more for the piscataway—the Counciell Did propose to them to take into Consideracion as well the want of a Deputy for this Towne of Amboy and vpon the Result of both houses to have writts issued out accordingly—the Messingers wth drew and againe Coming in acquainted this Board that it was the vote of their house that Two Deputyes bee
bee Chosen for the Towne of Amboy to serve in the generall assembly, to wch this Councill agreed

Coll Dongans Com'ission for Vice Admerall &c came againe in Debate—and being Read and well considered—It's Agreed and ordered that a Letter bee Drawne vp in order to bee sent to yᵉ Governor of new yorke vpon the subject matter of the Com'ission, and also touching an Admeralty writt formerly sent Directed to our Governor &c

Agreed and ordered that a new writt for yᵉ electing one other Deputy to serve in this p'sent general assembly for the Towne of piscataway and out plantations bee issued out and that the Inhabitants bee summoned to meete vpon the 9ᵗʰ Instant in order thereto—also a writt to the sheriffe of this County to sumon the Inhabitants of this Towne for Electing of two Deputyes &c

a Bill of Costs wherein this province of East Jersey is Debtor to the Secretarys office for sundry Com'issions &c for yᵉ Justices and other officers necessary for Goverm⁴ wherein noe p'vision is made for paym⁴—being here Read—Agreed and ordered that major Sandford and Benj⁴ price carry the same to the house of Deputyes to the ende they may Consider of a way of paym⁴.

a Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes—that the Deputyes for the Respective Townes shall bee pᵈ by the Respective bounds where they have bin Elected—Three shillings p. day, to bee pᵈ in money porke or Corne att money price for this p'sent yeare—wch was here Read—Considerac'on Differ'd

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'idiem—

a Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes—that the forme of an Engagem⁴ for Jury men, who for Contience sake cannot take an oath in the forme vsed—wch being Read, after some amendmᵗ the same was againe sent backe to the house of Deputyes

The Bill for Establishing the sallery for the Deputyes being againe Read out—amended—and sent to the house of Deputyes by Mr Samⁿ Dennes

Agreed and ordered that major John Berry, Major Wⁿ Sandford and Benjⁿ Price bee appointed for the more Dispatch of businesse to meete the like number of the house of Deputyes this Evening to Conferr together about the p'sent businesse of this Assembly—and that Mr Samⁿ Dennes Carry this message to the house of Deputyes to acquaint them therew⁵

(1) The
(1) The Bill from the Deputyes for the forme of an Ingagem for such p'sons as cannot take an oath &c which was this day here Read—amended and againe sett backe, was brought here fairly transcribed—Agreed & ordered that the Governor signe the same for this Board's Concurrence &c—which was done accordingly

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morninge

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the Eight day of April 1666

present The Dep't Governor
    Major w'm Sandford
    Major John Berry
    Isaac Kingsland
    Sam'l Dennes
    Benj'a Price &
    Henry Lyon

Councill &c

The Sheriffe of this County of Middx brought here a Returne of his writ, which yesterday was issued out for Electing 2 Deputyes for the Towne of Amboy perth to serve in this present generall Assembly, which were John Campbell and Benj'a Clarke

2 Bill for the Deputyes Sallery being againe brought here, Transcribed by them according to the several amendts formerly made by this Board being Read—agreed and ordered that the same bee signed by the Governor for this Board's Concurrence &c

A Bill being brought here from the house of Deputyes for the punishmt of Adultry and affornication—Read and amended—and sent to the Deputyes &c

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'tiem

The aboves'd Bill for punishmt of adultery and affornication being againe Read—Agreed and ordered that m't Sam'l Dennes and Major Berry bee appointed immediately to Conferr with the like Number or Comittee of the house of Deputyes vpon the subject matter of the s'd Bill

Whereas Collonell Thomas Dongan Governor of new yorke hath lately sent into this province a writ of Admeralty beareing date the 27th feb: last past, Thereby Comanding our Governor,
Governor, Justices and all other officers to arrest the body of Richard Hartshorne and him to keep in safe Custody, that his body might be brought before the Judges of the Court of Admeralty in New Yorke aforesd the first Monday in the present Month of April—and this Board having viewed and duly Considered ye Commission granted to ye sd Governor Dongan for Vice Admerall &c—Do not apprehend that the sd Commission doth give any power or Authority to the sd Governor Dongan thereby to Command the Governor Justices and other officers of this Province to arrest the body of the sd Ric. Hartshorne and him to Convey to the City of New Yorke before the sd Judge in order to a Tryall, as in the sd writ is suggested and Comanded—and therefore do not apprehend that the Governor Justices or other officers of this province may with safety put the sd writ in Execution &c

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes that all accions may be tried by a Jury of the Neighbourhood where the fact Really arises—wch Read—agreed that Two of this house meete the like number of the Deputyes to Confer about the subject matter of the Bill—and that Mr Saml Dennes and Major Sandford attend the same

A message from the house of Deputyes for a free Conferance wth this house—Agreed they have the same &c

3 A Bill from the house of Deputyes for the punishmt of Adultrey and fornicacion fairly Transcribed being againe Read—Agreed and ordered that the Governor signe the same for this Boards Concurrence, wch was Done accordingly and sent backe to the house of Deputyes by Mr Saml Dennes &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morning

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy Perth the Ninth day of April 1686

p'sent Governor Lawrie
  Major John Berry
  Major wth Sandford
  Benj Price
  Henry Lyon
  Saml Dennes

Councill

A message from the Deputyes Desireing a Retorne of their Bill yesterday sent here, for the trying of all actions by a Jury of the neighborhood where the fact really arises—agreed the same bee Returned by Mr Saml Dennes one of the Members of this Councill
A Bill brought here from the Deputyes, for prohibiting the Removall of all Causes and Cases before tryall out of the Courts of Sessions where the Debt or Damages amounts not to the sume of Twenty pounds—w'h being Read and amended was again sent to the house of Deputyes by Mr Sam'l Dennes &c

Agreed and ordered that 2 of this Councill bee appointed to meete the like number of the house of Deputyes to Conferr vpon the subject matter of the last Bill, the house of Deputyes Desiring a free Conference—the same was agreed vnto by this Board and the Deputyes Comeing in the 8th Conference was had accordingly

Adjourned till 3 Clocke afternoone

post M'idiem

The High SHERIFFE of this County brought here the Retorne of the writt of Elect'on issued out vpon the seventh Instant for the Choosing one other Deputy for the Towne of Piscataway and out plantations—which was George Drake

A Bill for the Raiseing the value of silver money passing in this province brought from the Deputyes, was here Read, amended, and againe sent them by Henry Lyon and Benj'a Price &c

4 The above s'd Bill for Raiseing the value of money &c was againe brought here fairly Transcribed according to the amendm't And the same was signed by the Governor for this Boards Concurrence

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morningeing

Att a Councell held att the Towne of Amboy perth in East New Jersey the Tenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

p'sent Governor Lawrie

Major John Berry
Major Wi'l Sandford
Mr Benj'a Price
Mr Henry Lyon &
Mr Sam'l Dennes

Councill

A new Bill Touching and Concerning the Courts of Sessions being brought here from the Deputyes—was Read, amended, and sent backe by Mr Benj'a Price &c

The Com'ission w'h was ordered to bee made out vpon the 6th
6th Instant to James Emott gent, for the office of Chief Secretary and Register of this province was here Read and ordered to be signed by the Members of this Council, and that the broad seal of this Province be affixed to the same, all wch were Done accordingly—

A Bill for the punishment of such p’son or p’sons as shall for the future Clandestinely take away from any Landing &c Canoes or boats wthout Lieve &c, brought from the house of Deputyes and here Read, amended and againe sent to the house of Deputyes by Benj’s price and Henry Lyon.

The Bill touching ye Court of Sessions being againe brought here, wth some alterac’ons, was againe Read

5 The Bill for the punishm’t of such p’sons as shall take away Clandestinely Canoes and boats wth was this day sent to ye Deputyes wth sundry amendm’ts, being fairly Transcribed out, was signed by our Governor for Concurance &c—and by the Request of the Deputyes—It’s Agreed that the same bee immediately published.

petic’on of Major w’th Sandford for a survey of his Lands att New Barbadoes in order to assertaine the bounds betwixt him and Major Kingsland—Agreed and ordered that Notice be given to Mr Isaac Kingsland that he is Desired to appeare att this Council, being one of the Members thereof, to answer to the petic’on givein ag’ major Kingsland

Adjourned till 8 Clocke Munday morninge

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the Twelfth day of Aprill 1686

p’sent The Dep’t Governor
   Major John Berry
   Major w’th Sandford
   Benj’s Price
   Sam’t Dennes
   Henry Lyon

Council

A new Bill brought here from the Deputyes for a weekly markitt att Amboy, and Two affairs in the yeare, w’th was Read, amended, and sent backe by mr Dennes and mr Price

The Bill touching the County Courts being againe Read, amended and sent backe to the Deputyes by mr Lyon

Governor Lawrie gave in here to bee Read a Scheme of Goverm’t or Fundamentall Constitutions for this province of East new Jersey Drawne up by the proprietors in England;—
but it was the sense of this board that the same, Did not agree with the Constitution of these American parts—It's ordered that the same be sent to the Deputies that they may here them Read

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'idiem

The Bill for a weekly markitt in the Towne of Amboy perth, and two faires yearly, was againe Read amended, and sent backe to the Deputies.

A Bill that all writts of Debt accompt and such other acc'ons shall be commenced in the Countyes where the Contracts were made, w'ch being Read and fully Debated w'ch the whole house of Deputies, the same was sent backe to them by m'r Price

The secretary gave this board an Accompt that in the Dreadfull fire w'ch hap'ned in his house upon Satterday last the originall Concessions of Lord Bareley and S' George Carterett amongst several other writeings bookes and papers was there burnt and consumed

6 The Bill for a weekly markitt in Amboy &c was brought here from the house of Deputies fairely transcribed, and being againe Read, was ordered to bee signed &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow mornieing.

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the Thirteenth day of April 1686

p'sent Governor Lawrie
Major John Berry
Major w'm Sandford
Mr Isaac Kingsland
Sam'l Dennes
Benj' Price &
Henry Lyon

Councill

A New Bill that writts of Debt accompt &c shall be Commenced in the Countyes where the Contracts were made, w'ch some Inlargement, being againe brought here from the house of Deputies and Read,—Agreed and ordered that a Message bee sent to the house of Deputies for a free Conference to Debate the subject matter of the s'd Bill—and that m'r Lyon carry the s'd message.—The Deputies coming in the same were fully and freely Debated.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone
A Bill touching hogs, brought here from the Deputyes, being Read amended and sent backe—
A Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right being here Drawne vp, was sent to the house of Deputyes by m'r Sam'l Dennes.

7. The Bill touching the keeping of hogs being againe Read and signed by the Governor, by order of this board—and sent backe by m'r Henry Lyon.—

The Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right being againe brought here by two of the Deputyes—Informing this Coun-cill that the s'd Bill doth in noewise answer their ende.

A Bill touching fennes and highwayes &c brought here from the Deputyes—was Read—and againe sent backe by m'r Dennis and m'r Price to Informe the house of Deputyes of the uncertainty of the s'd Bill.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the xiiiij^th day of Aprill 1686

p'sent The Deputy Governor Lawrie
    Major John Berry
    Major w'n Sandford
    Mr Isaac Kingsland
    Sam'l Dennes
    m'rs
    Benja Price and
    Henry Lyon

It's Agreed that a message bee sent to the house of Deputyes to acquaint them to p'pare the Bills following viz:

1st for Impowering the Justices in Each County, to make Rates att their Quarter Sessions for Defraying the Charges of high wayes bridges and ferryes already made.

2 for Defrayeing the Charges of the Councill Secretary and Messinger attending the Countryes service.

3 for maintenance of the Govern't

4 For Reliefe of prisoners that have noe visable Estate &c—

5 for paym't of sundry Com'issions writts and other writeings for the use of the Country onely, due to the Secretaryes office, according to a p'ticular &c sent to y'c Deputyes by m'r Isaac Kingsland &c—this p'sent Assembly,—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone
A new Bill touching the Court of Sessions was Drawne vp here, being very Long, and sent to y° Deputyes &c
Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the fifteenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

present Governor Lawrie
   major John Berry
   Major w° Sandford
   Isaac Kingsland        } Councill
   Benja Price &
   Sam° Dennes

The Scheme of Govern° or fundamental Constitutions w° was Drawne vp by the propriet°s in England, and yesterday sent to the house of Deputyes, was againe brought here by two of their house without giving any accompt of their like or Dislike to the same.

A Bill from the house of Deputyes for the settlem° of fees &c—was Read, amended and sent them backe by m° Price &c—

A message from the house of Deputyes Desireing a free Conferance in the afternoone vpon the subject matter of the Bill yesterday sent them touching the Court of Sessions—Agreed a Conferance bee had as Desired—
Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m°idiem

The house of Deputyes Came here vpon the Conferance w° was appointed this morneing touching the bill Relateing to y° Courts of Sessions, and after a long Debate the Deputyes Departed, and the Bill was againe altered and sent to y° Deputyes

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes for appoiinteing new Com°ssio°s in the County of monmouth for laying out of high wayes bridges landings and ferryes, in place of Coll Morris John Bowne and Joseph Parker; the two last being Dead and Coll morris left the Province.
Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing.

Att
Att a Councill held at Amboy perth in the County of Middx the Sixteenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

Present Governor Lawrie
Major John Berry
Major w'n Sandford
Mr Isaac Kingsland
Mr Benj'n Price
Mr Sam'l Dennes
Henry Lyon

Councill

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes for the Tryall of all Causes and Cases in the Courts of Sessions—was here Read, amended, and sent to the Deputyes by Mr Sam'l Dennes &c—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'diem

8 The Bill for appointing new Commissioners for laying out of high wayes &c in the County of Monmouth againe Read—and ordered to bee signed for the Concurrance of this Board—

The Bill touching the Court of Sessions being againe Read—
The house of Deputyes Retoorned here the Bill of Costs, for money due to the Secretarys office for ye making out sundry Com'issions &c (w'h was formerly sent them)—sayeing they app'hended it Did noewise Concerne them—

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morninge

Att a Councill begun and held at Amboy the seventeenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

Present Governor Lawrie
Major John Berry
Major w'n Sandford
Isaac Kingsland
Benj'n Price
Sam'l Dennes &
Henry Lyon

Councill

A Bill for maintenance of prisoners that have noe visible Estate brought here from ye house of Deputyes—and Read, and being Drawne verry short and in many Cases insufficien, a new Bill vpon the subject matter was againe Drawne up by the
the Secretery, and ordered to bee sent to the house of Depu-
tyes &c.

A message from the Deputyes Desireing that the Consider-
ration for Defraying the maintenance of the Governr for the
future and such Charges as are by post—and a provision for
the Governor and Councill &c being in service of ye Country
as well as the Deputyes may bee Differ’d till next assembly.

9 A Bill from the house of Deputyes for prohibiting the
weareing of swords daggers pistolls Dirks stilettoes &c by the
Inhabitants of this province—was here Read—amended, and
sent backe by Mr Sam'l Dennes,—and againe brought here and
signed by the Governor &c.

A Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right brought from
the house of Deputyes, was here Read amended and sent
them backe &c

10 The Bill for Maintenance of Prisoners &c, being againe
brought from the house of Deputyes and signed by their
speaker without any amendments,—ordered that the same be
signed by our Governor for this boards Concurrence &c—sent
backe by Mr Dennes.

11 Bill touching and Concerning the taking vp of Runaway
servants,—was here Read,—amended, and sent backe to ye
Deputyes by Mr Dennes, and againe brought here and signed
by our Governor &c.—

12 The Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right to bee
held att Amboy onely, and that Twice in Each yeare—was
againe Read,—and signed by our Governor for this Boards
Concurrence.

Adjourned till 4 Clocke afternoon
post m'tidiem

A three Conferance was here held vpoun the Bill for the
settlement of the Secretaryes surveyors and all other
office's fees in this province, vpoun the Result it was Con-
cluded that a Comittee of Each house bee appointed to setle
the s't fees and to-meete vpoun Munday morning next &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke Munday morning

Att
Att a Councill begun and held at Amboy the 19th April 1686

Present Governor Lawrie
Major John Berry
Major w:n Sandford
Mr Isaac Kingsland
Mr Benja Price—

A Message from the house of Deputyes Desiring a free Conferance to Debate sundry affaires and in p'ticular the Bill for settlemt of fees—w:ch was granted them—and the house of Deputyes Coming in,—

1st The Governor made Inquier of what answer they gave touching the scheme of Govern't formerly Given them in—

    Answer, That they app'hended the same Did not agree w:th the Constitution of this province, and that they understood that the same were noe wise bindinge Except past into a Lawe by the Generall Assembly

2d: There Came in Debate how the Charges should bee Defraide for such publicke high wayes bridges and ferryes as are already made and to bee made,—after some Debate the house of Deputyes sayes they will take Care to Draw vp a Bill for that Ende.

3d: proposed by the Governor, how the Councillo's and Secretary's Charges (who attend for the publicke servise in this Assembly) shall bee Defraid,—after a long Debate—the speaker sayes they see no Cause or Reason that the Country ought to Defray the same, being without p'sident.

4d: How ye Secretaryes Bill of Charges for makeing out of writts for Elections of Deputyes Com'misions for Justices of peace. &c, shall bee Defraide:—Answer that they see no Reason that the Country ought to pay for the same, for that they have not Liberty or power to Choose such officers &c

5d: Ques. who shall pay ye Kings Attorneyes fees upon Cryminall actions.—The speaker makeing Answer, says That the proprietor: having all Royaltyes, waiths, strayes, and fines ought to pay the same

6d: proposed
61v proposed by the Governor, how they intend to Defray the Charges for the maintenance of the Government; the house of Deputyes Desired some tyme to Conferr amongst themselves upon the subject matter and withdrew.

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth &c viz.
The house of Deputyes having a second tyme taken into their serious Consideration on the Bill for maintenance of the Government &c Desire Lieve, first to Confer with their neighbours in Each Towne and County, and att the next meeting of the Assembly will Retorne an Answer &c

Ric: Hartshorne speaker.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post meridiem

A paper was given in here by Mr John Inynons, therein setting forth that he has bin att a Considerable Expense to accommodate the Country, in making out a Road to the falls from his house upon the Raraton, with is six miles shorter then formerly, and hath furnished himselfe with all accomodac'ion as boats Canoes &c fitting for ferrying over the Raraton River all Travelling with horses and Cattle &c—Desiring this Board will bee pleased to order its being a publicke Road for the use of the Country, and settle the Rates for the ferry &c, with being Read, It's Agreed and ordered that the Comissioners appointed by Act of Generall Assembly for laying out of all High ways Landings and ferreries, in some short tyme Repaire to the sd ferrys and there inspect the same and make their Retorne to the Secretaryes office; and as to the sd offices and Rates for the ferry, the same must bee settled by Act of Generall Assembly, to with end this Board will take Care to Recomend the same to the house of Deputyes

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes for the Inhabitants in Each Towne Respectively to meete and make Rates orders &c—ithe being Read,—this Board finding the same not well model'd,—Agreed that the Secretary immediately draw vp a new Bill vpon the subject matter with was done accordingly and sent to the house of Deputyes &c.

13 The above sd Bill was againe brought here with out any alterations signed by their speaker, and being Read the second tyme was ordered to bee signed by our Governor for this boards Concurrence.
A message from the house of Deputyes as followes

The House of Deputyes haveing in Consideracion the season of the yeare, and the Emergency of their occas'ons Require a Respite it being planting and seede tyme, Doe propose to the Governor and Councill an adjournment of the house of Deputyes vntill the Third Tuesday in October next:—wh'ch being Read,—Agreed and ordered that this Councill bee adjourned till the Third Tuesday in the Month of October next—and the whole house of Deputyes being p'sent agreed to the same

And this Councill adjourned accordingly &c—

Att a Councill begun and held att Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex the fifth day of 8th Anno Dni 1686

p'sent Governor Lawrie
Major John Berry
Major w'm Sandford
Mr Isaac Kingsland
Benja Price
Sam'l Dennes &
Henry Lyon

A Com'ission from Governor Barclay to Lord Neil Campbell for the office of Deputy Governor of this Province—was here Read; whereupon it was agreed and ordered that the same bee Recorded, and that his Lordship is Recognized by the Members of this Councill our Deputy Governor of this Province of East New Jersey, who Immediately tooke the Chaire &c.

It's Agreed and ordered that a Proclamation bee im'delately drawne vp and issued out into Each County in and throughout this Province setting forth his Lord's Com'ission with a Confirmation and Continuacion of all Com'issions Magistrates and officers both Civill and Military in and throughout this province, till his Lord's pleasure bee further knowne &c

JA EMOTT Sec'y

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth in the County of Middx the 20th day of 8th Anno Dni 1686

p'sent Lord Neil Campbell Gov't
Cap't Andrew Hamilton
Major John Berry
Mr Sam'l Winder
Mr David Mudy
James Emott Sec.}

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The Com’ission of the Governors Councill was Read whose names were as followes viz:

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\text{Garven Lawrie Esq} & \\
\text{Major John Berry} & \\
\text{Capt. And. Hamilton} & \\
\text{Capt. Tho. Codrington} & \\
\text{Capt. Ric. Tormley} & \\
\text{Sam. Winder gent} & \\
\text{John Johnstone gent} & \\
\text{David Mudy gent} & \\
\text{James Emott Sec} & \\
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Councillors

The house of Deputyes sent here a Message that their Members Desired to see his Lords座谈会 Commission for Dep’t Governor; wch was given to the Messingers, and after they had p’used the same in their house againe Returned the sd Com’ission.

The Members of Councill made their vsuall subscription here in open Councill &c—

A Bill for Repealeing of a late Act made for the Raizeing the value of money in this province, wch being Read, and the same being amended and Transcribed out, was againe sent to the house of Deputies for their Concurrence &c.

A Message to y’ Deputyes was sent as followes viz:

Whereas att the gen’l Assembly held att Amboy in the month of April last past, it was proposed to the house of Deputies by this board, That a Bill might bee Drawne by them for the Maintaineance of the Govern’t, and the Considerac’on thereof being by [them] Diifer’d till the meeting of this p’sent Assembly, This is againe to Renew the proposall to the sd house of Deputies, to the intent a Bill may bee Drawne vp to Defray the same &c.

Bill for Repealeing of a late Act made for the Raising of the value of money in this province, being sent here fairly Transcribed according to the amendment and signed by the speaker,—wch being Read,—It’s Agreed and ordered that the same be signed by his Lords座谈会 for this boards Concurrence, and was againe sent backe by m’ Sam’l Winder and major John Berry &c.—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone
A Bill for Enableing the freeholders in Each Respective Towne to meece, agree, and propose prudentiall orders, and to Choose and Towne Clarke, wch being read the Consideracion Diiffer'd till next morneing
Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the Twenty first day of October Anno Dni 1686

Present Ld Neil Campbell Governor
[Garvon Lawrie Esq]
[Major John Berry]
[Cap And: Hamilton]
[M' David Mudy]
[M' Sam Winder &]
[James Emott Secy]

A Bill touching ye Court of Sessions for the County of Middx sent here from the house of Deputyes was Read—and some altera'tions being therein made, the same was againe Returned to the house of Deputyes.
The Bill wch last night was brought here from the house of Deputyes to impower the freeholders in Each Respective Towne to meece & make Locall and prudentiall Lawes &c, —was againe Read—and being taken into mature Considerac'on it's the sence of this Board, that the thing Desired in the s' Bill is fully p'vided for in a former Act made the last Assembly.
Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

2: The above s' Act touching the Court of Sessions in middx County was againe sent here, fairely Transcribed wth what amendm'ts was made by this Board and signed by the speaker to the house of Deputyes; wch being Read—Agreed and ordered that the same bee signed by his Lords' for this boards Concurrence, and to bee sent backe to the house of Deputyes by Major John Berry and James Emott wch was done accordingly

A Bill was sent here from the house of Deputyes for a penalty vpon such p'sons as shall for the future Continue in the office of sheriffe above one yeare; wch being Read, and some small amendm'ts being made, the same was Returned by m' Mudy.
A Message from the house of Deputyes Desiring a free Conference touching the subject matter of the abovesd Bill Relating to High Sherifffes. Agreed a free Conference immediately bee had with the house of Deputyes; and they Comming before this board the same was freely debated. Whereupon it's was agreed and ordered by Consent of both houses, That the Secretary Immedately draw vp a new Bill, that noe Sheriffe shall Continue in the s^d office above one yeare and that they shall always bee Com'issionated upon the first Tuesday in the month of January yearely, w^th a penalty of Twenty pounds—that shall Refuse to accept of such Com'ission &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morninge

Att a Counciell held att Amboy the 22th day of 8^her Anno Dni 1686

\[\text{sent L}^d \text{ Neil Campbell Governor}\\ \text{Major John Berry}\\ \text{Cap^t And: Hamilton}\\ \text{Mr David Mudy &}\\ \text{James Emott Sec.}\]

The Bill touching the office of Sheriffe was againe Drawne out by the Secretary, and here Read,—and ordered to bee sent to the house of Deputyes, w^ch was Done accordingly by Major John Berry.

A Bill touching the Courts of Sessions of this province in generall, w^ch was offered the last assembly, was sent here by the house of Deputyes,—and Read.

Agreed and ordered that the Message w^ch the first day of this Assembly was Drawne vp, touching the maintenance of the Govermt bee sent to the house of Deputyes,—w^ch was done accordingly by major John Berry and Cap^t Andrew Hamilton.—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

A petic'on from the Inhabitants of the Towne of Amboy perth for a Com'ission for a Court of small Causes according to Act of generall assembly;—w^ch being Read—Agreed they have a Com'ission granted them—and the Com'issioners be m^r Benj^a Griffith m^r James Armer and m^r Benj^a Clarke

3 The Bill touching sherifffes, was againe brought here from the house of Deputyes w^thout any alteration, signed by their speaker;—and being Read and signed by his Lords^p for this Boards Concurrence &c
A Conferance was had by a Comittee of the house of Deputyes and this Councill, touching the Bill for setlement of fleece, whch was wholly agreed vp, and ye same was Carryed backe to the house of Deputyes to bee fairely Ingrossed.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morning.

Att a Councill held at Amboy Perth in the County of middx the 23d day of October Anno Dni 1686

p'sent L\' Neil Campbell Governor
   Major John Berry
   Cap^ Andrew Hamilton
   Mr Ric: Tormoly
   Mr David Mudy
   Mr John Johnstone &
   James Emott Sec.
   } Councill

Agreed that a Message bee sent to the house of Deputyes, to Recomend to them the Act made in the last Assembly touching the wearing of Armes, to the end the same may bee either Repealed or such alterations made therein as publick Armes as swords &c may not bee prohibits to any.—The Message sent by Cap^ Andrew Hamilton and Major John Berry.

The High Sheriffe of the County of Bergen brought here the boddyes of Rowley Vanderhide, Andresse Lawrenson, Lawrence Lawrenson, Dericke Eptkeyes, Cornelius Christianson, Hans Christianson, Eptkey Jacobs and weart Eptkey—pursuant to a proclamation issued out to the s^d High Sheriffe for a Riote by them Comitted in the s^d County, and for Refusing to obey the Kings Authority there, and sundry Depositions being here Read, and also sundry warrts, and the Sheriffes Retorne thereupon, wherein appeares the great insolency of the s^d p'sons in breach of the Kings peace, and Contempt of the Lawes of this province—the p'misses being dully Considered and vpon mature Consideration, It's unanimously agreed and ordered that the aboves^d p'sons and every of them stand Close Comitted to ye Com'on Gaole of Woodbridge there to Remaine untill they shall give good and sufficient security, and that in the sume of Each of them one Hundred pounds, before some Justice of peace of this County, for their p'sonall appearance att the next Court of Com'on Right to bee held att the Towne of Amboy perth the second Tuesday in the month of Aprill now next ensuing, to Answer the p'misses, and that in the meanetyme to bee of the good behaviour.
behaviour &c;—and also that Im'ediately bee Comitted to the hands and Custody of the High Sheriffe of middx, who is hereby Required in the Kings name to take the said p'sons into his Custody and them safely keepe vntill the shall give such security as above, or bee Discharged by due Course of Law.

It's also agreed and ordered that Major John Berry issue, out his warr' to the sheriffe of the County of Bergen, to take into his Custody the boddy of Lawrence Andress of Bergen and him safely keepe, soe that hee may have his boddy att the next Court of Com'on Right to bee held att Amboy the second Tuesday in the month of Aprill next, to Answer to such Articles and things as shall bee objected ag' him upon the p't and behalfe of our Lord the King &c

The Bill touching the Secretaryes and other flees was brought here from the house of Deputyes, fairely Transcribed according to the last nights settlem':—w't being Read agreed and ordered that the same bee signed by his Lords for this boards Concurrance

Adjourned till Munday 2 Clocke afternoone

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the 25th day of October Anno Dni 1686

present Lord Neil Campbell Gov'
Cap' And: Hamilton
Mr' David Mudy
Mr John stone
James Emott Sec:

The Councill being meet according to the Adjournment, and there being Little businesse offering, the house of Deputyes not being all Convein'd, agreed that this Councill bee adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morning

And this Councill adjourned accordingly

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the 26th day of 8'ber Anno Dni 1686

present Ld' Neil Campbell Governor
Major John Berry
Cap' Andrew Hamilton
Mr' John Johnstone
Mr' David Mudy
James Emott Sec

The
The Bill touching the Courts of Sessions for tryall of all actions &c in the County where the fact doth arise, was here Debated by a free Conference of both houses, and many Inconveniences being apparently sett forth to all or most p't of the Articles of the s'd Bill by the members of this Counciell, the house of Deputies Returned to their house seemingly Contented:—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'idiem

One John Duty was brought here, before this Counciell for speaking sundry words of Evell import at' his p'sent mate the King of England, and being Examined utterly Denied the same, and the Informer peter prew being also Examined, a message was sent to the house of Deputies for a free Conference vpon the subject matter of the Complaint, and to fall vpon a way whereby the s'd John Duty might bee brought to a Legall Tryall in some short tyme, and after some Debate w' th the house of Deputies touching and Concerning the p'misses, It was agreed that the further Consideracion thereof bee Di- ffer'd till thirsday morneing next, and that as well the s'd peter prew as the s'd John Duty in the meane tyme Remaine in the Sheriffes Custody, the s'd prew not having made his Com- plaint wthin Eight and flourty hours as the Law Directs but has Delayed the same for severall months

4 A new Bill touching the Courts of Sessions was againe Drawne vp by the Deputies, That all Transitory Actions not Exceeding five pounds should be tryed in the Court of Sessions where the fact shall arise &c.—w'ch being Read and sent backe to the Deputies after some small amendment, the same againe was sent here fairely Ingrosed w' th the amendm't—w'ch was ordered and Agreed to bee signed by his Lords'p for Concurrence of this Board

Adjourned till 8 Clocke Thirsday morneing

Att a Counciell held att Amboy Perth in East Jersey the 28th day of October Anno Dni 1686

p'sent L'd Neil Campbell Gov't
Major John Berry
Capt' Andrew Hamilton
Mr Sam'l Winder
Mr David Mudy
Mr John Johnstone &
James Emott See

The
The house of Deputyes Comeing here, Delivered in their opinion that a speicall Court ought not to bee grantted for the Tryall of John Duty who was Examined upon Tuesday last before this Counciell;—wherevpon it was agreed and ordered that the s'd Duty bee bound over to the next Court of sessions to bee held for this County, to Answer the pr'misses and that also peter prev bee bound over to give his Evidence &c

The Act formerly made touching the Rangers office, came here in Debate as to severall Articles and things therein Contained and the Deputyes againe Returned to their house &c—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

A Message from the house of Deputyes Desireing a free Conferance touching a former message, sent from this Board, for Raiseing money for maintenance of the Govern't; Agreed and ordered that To morrow morneing att nine Clocke bee the hour appointed for that service.

A Bill touching an Act formerly made for the office of Ranger being sent here from the house of Deputyes and Read, the Consideracion Differ'd till next morneing.

A Bill touching servants, was Drawne vp by the Secretary and sent to the house of Deputyes by Mr Sam'l Winder and James Emott.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East New Jersey the 29th day of October Anno Dom 1686

p'sent L'd neil Campbell Govr
Garon Lawrie Esq't
Major John Berry
Mr Sam'l Winder
Cap't And: Hamilton Counciell
Mr John Johnstone
Mr D Mudy &
James Emott Sec,

The whole house of Deputyes Came here, vpon the Conferance yesterday appointed for Raiseing a supply for support and maintenance of y' Govern't: The speaker Mr Hartshorne Delivered the sense of the house of Deputyes touching the subject matter of the Conferance, Declareing that the planters and Inhabitants of this Province have bin att Equall Charges w'th the proprietors in England, in that they have made all High wayes bridges Landings and prisons &c,—and also it was
was the Complaint of the House of Deputies that great p't of their Land has bin lately granted to others to w'h they had an undoubted Right, and sundry other Evations,-w'h was fully Answered them by our late Governor Garven Lawrie.—But after all, the house of Deputies Desired tyme till the meeting of the next Assembly for a further Consideration, m'r Speaker Declareing amongst other things why they ought not grant a supply as above, was, for that they were not willing to maintain a govern't ag' themselves &c.

Agreed and ordered that a Com'ission bee granted out by the Proprieto's to m'r Sam'l Winder for the Kings Attorney General of this Province of East New Jersey.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morninge.

Att a Councill held att Amboy Perth in East new Jersey the 30th 8'ber 1686

p'sent L'd Neil Campbell Gov'r
    Garven Lawrie Esq'r
    Major John Berry
    Cap'l A. Hamilton
    M'r Sam'l Winder
    M'r David Mudy
    James Emott Sec

James Scott (sonn of George Scott of picklorkey late of the Kingdom of Scotland Deceased) came before this Councill being a Minor and made choyse off m'r John Johnstone and m'r George Willox to bee his Guardians—who were Admitted accordingly—They giveing in sufficient security to bee accountable to the s'n James Scott when hee shall attaine to the age of one and Twenty yeares.

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the Tenth day of December Anno Dni 1686

p'sent L'd Neil Campbell Gov'r
    Garven Lawrie
    Cap'l And. Hamilton
    M'r Isaac Kingsland
    M'r Ric. Tormely
    M'r Sam'l Winder
    M'r John Johnstone &
    James Emott Sec

Lord
Lord Neil Campbell gave the members of this Councill an Accoempt of the vessell, that was soe lately taken away from this port by order from the Governor of New yorke;—and alseoe his Lordspp shewed a Copyy of a Letter hee sent to the Governor of New yorke Relateing to the takeing away of the s't vessell, w'th the Governors Lett'r to his Lordspp in answer thereeto;—w'th being Read—upon the whole matter his Lordspp Desiired advise in the p'misses, from the Members of this Councill for a suitable addresse to his Matter in Councill—after some debate and mature Considerac'on, It's the sense of this Board that a Lett'r be Drowne vp by the the members of this Councill and sent to the proprietors in England, Dilateing the whole Case, and Leave the same to them to bee managed as in their great wisdome they shall see meece.

His Lordspp alsoe gave this Board an accompt that some vrgent affaires called him for Britton, soe haveing power by virtue of his Com'ission (w'ch was here Read) to appoint an Deputy, hee nominated Cap't Andrew Hamilton one of the Members of this Councill to supply his place of Deputy Governor till his Retorne,—Cap't Hamilton Excused himselfe very much, but being pre't vpon by his Lordspp to accept thereof, Desired tyme till next morneing to advise about the same and to give this Board his answer, whether hee could w'th Conve-niency accept thereof or not.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morneing.

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the Eleventh day of December Anno Dni 1686

present L'd Neil Campbell Gov't
{Garven Lawrie
 Cap't A Hamilton
 Mr Kingsland
 Mr R Tormely
 Mr Sam'l Winder
 Mr John Johnstone
 James Emott Sec
}

Councill

The Councill being meet, Cap't Hamilton againe Exused himselfe of what was proposed by his Lordspp the last night, in takeing upon him the Governum't as not agreeing w'th the Exigency of his affaires &c.—But vp'pon the whole Cap't Hamilton Consented to accept of the same, w'th was to the good likeing of the Members of this Councill,—Excepting Garven Lawrie Esq', who Desired his p'test might bee Ented ag't Cap't Hamilton.
Hamilton his being Governor, for that he was already out of Esteeme wth the planters and Inhabitants of this Province, the wth would prove prejudicial to the proprietors Interest &c.

The Lett, wth yesterday was ordered to bee drawne vp was here Read, and signed by all the Members of this Councell.

It’s Agreed and ordered that Imediately Comissions bee granted out for malitia office as follows, To Mr Ric: Tormely, for Cap't of ffoot Company Consisting of the Inhabitants of Eliz Towne and out plantations &c

To Mr Isaac Kingsland, for Cap't of a ffoot Company Consisting of the Inhabitants of Aquickanick and new Barbadoes.

To Mr James Emott, for Captaine Lieut of a ffoot Company Consisting of the Inhabitants of Amboy perth, under the Comand of the Lord Neil Campbell

Agreed and ordered that a Comission bee imediately granted ynto James Emott for Clarke of the peace of the County of Middx &c

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 27th December 1686

p'sent L'd Neil Campbell Gov'r
   Cap't A Hamilton
   Cap't Isaac Kingsland
   Cap't Ric: Tormely
   Mr John Johnstone &
   James Emott Sec

Councill

My Lord gave this Board an Accompt of the Transactions of the Justices of the County of Middx, in holding a Court att the Towne of pisemataway, the 3d Tuesday in this Instant month of December, Contrary to Act of General Assembly and the Governors p'ticular p'clamation—

Whereupon it’s Agreed and ordered that a warr' bee issued out to the High Sheriffe of the County of Middx, Immediately to bring before this Councill on to morrow morning by Eight of the Clocke, the boddy of Mr Sam'l Dennes of Woodbridge, who was p'sident of that Court, to Answer to p'misses &c

Att a Councill held at Amboy perth in East New Jersey the 28th 10ber 1686

p'sent L'd Neil Campbell Gov'r
   Cap't A Hamilton
   Cap't R Tormely
   Cap't Isaac Kingsland
   Mr John Johnstone &
   James Emott Sec:

Councill

The
The Councill being met, the High Sheriffe of the County of Middx brought before this Board (pursuant to an order yesterday made) the boddy of Mr Sam Dennes, for holding a Court att the Towne of Piscataway the Third Tuesday in this Instant month of December, Contrary to Law; upon Examination Mr Sam Dennes Denyed not the matter of fflact, but alledged it was not Contrary to Law—and upon the whole matter, It's Agreed and ordered that Mr Sam Dennes have a weeke tyme granted him to find security, and that in the sum of 300£ for his p'sonall appearance att the next Court of Com'on Right, to bee held att the Towne of Amboy perth the second Tuesday in the Month of May now next ensuing, then and there to Answer the p'misses. and for want thereof, afterwards by warrant to be issued out from some of the Members of this Council, to stand Close Com'itted to the Gaole of woodbridge there to Remaine vntill hee shall be Discharged by due Course of Law—

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth the Twelfth day of March 1687

p'sent Andrew Hamilton Esq' Govr
        Garven Lawrie Esq'
        Cap't Ric: Tormly
        Mr Sam Winder
        Mr John Johnstone &
        James Emott Sec

Cap't Andrew Hamilton p'duced here a Com'ission under the province seale and signed by L'd Neil Campbell, for the office of Deputy Governor of this province of East New Jersey vntill His Lords's Retorne from England, or the proprietors' pleasure further Knowne; with being Read—agreed and ordered that the 5th Com'ission bee Entred upon the publicke Records, and also that p'clamac'ons bee issued out into Each County with in this Province, signifying the same, and that all officers Civill and Millitary bee Continued in their Respective offices & places till further order.

Agreed and ordered that a Com'ission bee granted to Robt: Hamilton of Middletowne, for office of Clarke of the peace of the County of Monmouth &c—

Att a Councill held att Amboy Perth in East New Jersey Jersey the 30th of March 1687

p'sent Governor Hamilton
        Cap't Ric: Tormly
        Mr Sam Winder &
        James Emott Sec

James
James Graham Esq', one of the Com'issio's of his Ma'ties Revenue of the Province of new yorke and Dependences, produced to this Board a Duplicate of an order from the Lords Com'issio's of his Ma'ties plantations in America, bearing date the xiiij'th August last past, Directed to his Excellency Thomas Dongan Cap't Generall and Governour in Chiefe of new yorke,—signifieing his ma'ties pleasure that all shippes and vessells bound for new perth in this province of East New Jersey, shall have free liberty to goe Directly thither without touching att new yorke, Provided alwayes that this Govern't of E new Jersey doe suffer such p'son, as the Cap't Generall of new yorke or the Receiver Generall of his ma'ties Revenue there for the tyme being shall appoint, peaceably and quietly to Receive and Collect for his ma'ties use, all such Customes and impostes as are usally paid att new yorke for such ships and their Ladeing as shall Enter there ;—w'h being Read,—and also a Com'ission to Myles ffoster for the office of Collector and Receiver of his ma'ties Revenue att new perth afores', beareing also Date the 26'th 9ber Instant and signed by the said James Graham and Stephanus Courtland Esq' the other Com'issioner of his ma'ties Revenue att new yorke afores', to w'h Com'ission was annexed a schedule of the Customes and Impostes as are paid there, Certified vnder the hands of the s'th Com'issioner and the seale of their office,—wherevpon it's agreed and ordered that the same bee Recorded in the publicke Records of this Province of East new Jersey,—and that forthwi'th Proclamac'ons bee issued to the High Sheriffe in Each County for the publi- cac'on thereof,

Ja's Emott Secy

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth the fourteenth day of may Anno Du' 1688

p'esent Governor Hamilton
   Major John Berry
   Cap't Ric. Tormly
   Cap't Thomas Codrington
   Mr Sam'l Winder
   Cap't Isaac Kingsland &
   James Emott Sec—

Councill

This being the first day of the Assembly the whole house of Deputyes came here and nominated Mr Ric Hartshorne their Speaker,—after w'h the Governor gave them an account of the great Reason of their meeting at this tyme, w'h was touching the
the warr wth the french att Canade. Then was Read the Kings Letter to his Excellency the Governor of new yorke, to call for assistance from the Neighbouring Province if neede should Require: also his Excell. Letter to ye Governor and Councill of this Province for assistance in the warr was Read; and left to the Consideracion of both houses for a suitable Answer, adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing.

The names of the Deputies for this p'sent yeare are as followes viz:

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Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 15th day of May
Anno Dni 1688

p'sent Governor Hamilton
Major John Berry
Cap't Ric: Tornly
Cap't Isaac Kingsland
M'r Sam' Winder
Cap't Tho; Codrington & James Emott See

sundry
sundry orders and Instruct'ons from his Mat'ie, touching the privaters &c and also, what plate &c, has bin lately taken vp neere Highspaniola &c was here Read; also sundry Trans-acc'ons by the proprietors in England in the managem't of the affairs of this province with his Mat'ie &c, and also the pro-
prieto's Lett' to this Councill Dated the 20th August 1687
Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'diem

The house of Deputyes sent here a Message by six of their Number Desireing to see the Governors Com'ission, wch was sent to the house of Deputyes by the s'd p'sons—and after a verry short tyme the same was Returned by the Like num-
ber, who gave this Board to understand that they well approved of the s'd Com'ission.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 16th day of may Anno Dni 1688

p'sent Governor Hamilton
   Major John Berry
   Cap't Tho: Codrington
   Cap't Ric: Tormely
   Cap't Isaac Kingsland
   Mr Sam'l Winder &
   James Emott Sec

Councill

The house of Deputyes not haveing offered anything to ye Considerac'ion of this Board touching the affaires of this Assembly, a Message was sent them from this Councill carryed by m'r Kingsland and Major Berry, Desireing as quicke a Dis-
patch as the weightinesse of the affaire will allowe, tyme being pretious by Reason of the season of the yeare

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'diem

A Message from the house of Deputyes brought here by Eliakim wardall & Benj' Griffith,—as followes &c

To
To the Honble the Governor and his Council

Whereas a general Assembly begun and held at Amboy Perth in the province of East New Jersey the Nineteenth day of 8ber 1686, and there Continued by severall Adjournments into the 29th of the same Month, Five Acts were past for the publicke weale of this province &c.

Wee the Representatives therefore Request your Honor and Council would be pleased to appoint some Members of yo' House to Confer with some of ours, for the Coppying and Examining the 5th Acts, and then wee Desire publication of the same, soe that wee may not only Enjoy the benefit arising thereby, but also gratefully acknowledge the Contentments this province will Receive.

Ric. Hartshorne speaker

With message being Read and Considered—It's agreed and ordered that Mr Sam'l Winder and Capt' Ric. Tormely be the Persons appointed to give the House of Deputies an Answer to the aforesaid Message, and that there may be a free Conference upon the subject matter of the aforesaid Message.

The whole House of Deputies Came here upon the aforesaid Conference—and upon the whole matter, it was agreed by Consent of both houses, that the 5th original Laws made as aforesaid be brought to this Council in order Coppy be made thereof by the Secretary, and Examined by a Committee of both houses, in order to be sent into each County for publication &c.

The House of Deputies sent here the said original Laws by Mr John White and Benja Griffith, and Desired they might be Recorded and Coppy made.—

The House of Deputies sent here a Message for the King's Lett to yer Governor of Yorke, and alsoe his Lett to our Governor and Council touching the affairs of Albany &c, and the same were sent them.

Adjourned till 8 A Clocke to morrow morning.

Att a Councill held at Amboy Perth the seventeenth day of May Anno Domini 1688

Present Governor Hamilton

Major John Berry
Cap't Isaac Kingsland
Cap't Ric. Tormly
Cap't Tho. Codrington
Mr Sam'l Winder &
James Emott Sec

Councill
A message from the house of Deputyes Desiring a Comittee of this Councell, to meet six of their house to Consult touching the Kings Letter or order, and also the Governor of yorkes Letter about the affairs of Albany;—whereupon it’s agreed and ordered that Mr Sam[11] Winder Cap’ Thomas Codrington and Major John Berry bee the p’sons appointed to meete a Comittee—of the house of Deputyes att 2 Clocke afternoone, touching the p’misses and to make their Report to this Board.
Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m’idiem

Major John Berry Cap’ Thomas Codrington and Mr Sam[11] Winder Returned here from the Comittee and made their Report, That the house of Deputyes Desired the sense of this board, whether it was fitt and necessary for this province to allow any assistance to Governor Dongan touching the warr wth the frence, seeing that the Kings order was not Come to hand &c;—wherevpon, Major John Berry &c gave them to understand that it was the Cleare sense of this Councill, that nevertheless assistance ought to bee given by this province, for that it was as well for the Defense and safty of vs here as them of the province of New yorke

A Message from the house of Deputyes, brought here by Mr w’th Haige and Mr John white, signifieing that it was Agreed in their house that a supply bee given to the Governor of New yorke for the affairs of Albany, and that they Desire a Comittee from this Board may bee appointed to meete six of their house to agree vpon a sume to bee Raised, and the manner thereof,—It’s Agreed that Mr Sam[11] Winder, Major John Berry and Cap’ Codrington bee the p’sons appointed to attend the same

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morning

Att a Councill held att Amboy Perth the 18th May 1688

p’sent Gov’t Hamilton
       Major John Berry
       Cap’t Tormely
       Cap’t Codrington
       Councell
       Cap’t Kingsland
       Mr Sam[11] Winder
       James Emott Sec

Comittee of the house of Deputyes the last night, touching the Raising of a supply of money for his Majesty's service for the affairs of Albany &c, and says that it was the opinion of the Deputyes, that the sume of 500l be a Competent supply of money to be Raised for that service, the Country being poor.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morning

Att a Counciill begun and held at Amboy perth 19th May 1688

The house of Deputyes sent here by two of their Members, viz: John Parker and John Curtis, the heads of a Bill for Raising a supply of money for the affairs of Albany &c,—wch being Read:—It's Agreed and ordered that a Message bee sent to the house of Deputyes Desireing a Comittee of both houses may Imediately meete to Discourse vpon the matter of the heads of the s'd Bill.—The Message Carried by Mr Sam'l Winder and Cap't Thomas Codrington to wch the Deputyes Consented and to meete 2 Clocke afternoone.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

The house of Deputyes sent here a Message that 6 of their Number were Ready to attend a Comittee of this Counciill touching the heads of the above'sd Bill, and that they intended to adjourne their house till 2 Clocke sunday afternoone:—and Mr Sam'l Winder Cap't Codrington and Major Berry were sent to attend the s'd Comittee, and this Counciill

Adjourned till 2 Clocke Munday afternoone

Att a Counciill held at Amboy perth the Twenty first day of May 1688

The house of Deputyes sent here by two of their Members, viz: John Parker and John Curtis, the heads of a Bill for Raising a supply of money for the affairs of Albany &c,—wch being Read:—It's Agreed and ordered that a Message bee sent to the house of Deputyes Desireing a Comittee of both houses may Imediately meete to Discourse vpon the matter of the heads of the s'd Bill.—The Message Carried by Mr Sam'l Winder and Cap't Thomas Codrington to wch the Deputyes Consented and to meete 2 Clocke afternoone.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

The house of Deputyes sent here a Message that 6 of their Number were Ready to attend a Comittee of this Counciill touching the heads of the above'sd Bill, and that they intended to adjourne their house till 2 Clocke sunday afternoone:—and Mr Sam'l Winder Cap't Codrington and Major Berry were sent to attend the s'd Comittee, and this Counciill

Adjourned till 2 Clocke Munday afternoone
A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes,—touching sumoning of Jury men by a sumons Left att their house &c, wh was here Read,—amended, and new Transcribed over, was sent backe to the house of Deputyes.—

Another Act was brought here from the house of Deputyes—Desiringe that all Errors Mistakes and Miserunderstandings touching the late Acts of Generall Assembly made in the month of sh' er 1686,—and all Differences touching or Concerning the same, may bee buried in oblivion—wth act was here Read—amended—and sent backe to the house of Deputyes by m' Sam Winder,

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morning.

Att a Councill held att Amboy the Twenty second day of may Anno Dni 1688

p'sent Governor Hamilton [Councill
Major John Berry
Cap' Tho Codrington
Cap' Isaac Kingsland
Mr Sam Winder
Cap' Ric. Tormely &
James Emott Sec

The Bill for sumoning Jury men was againe brought here, and vpon further Debate, this Board see Cause to make some alteration's in the sd Bill, and againe sent it backe to the house of Deputyes.

A Bill was Drawne vp by this Board, for makinge the upper p't of both sides of the Raraton River above the Bound Brooke to bee a Distinct County &c, sent to the house of Deputyes by Major John Berry and Capt Kingsland

1 The Bill touching the sumoning of Jury men was againe brought here from the Deputyes and signed by their speaker,—wth being Read the Governor signed the same for this Boards Concurrence

A Bill was Drawne up by the Secretary for a Court of small Causes for the out plantations in Bergen County, and also for a quickenecie and New Barbadoes in the County of Essex, and was sent to the house of Deputyes by major John Berry

petic'ion of Joseph Shiraze,—was here Read,—wherein hee Desires this Board and house of Deputyes will bee pleased to order that the petic'oner may bee paid, for assisting the Com' iss'rs in laying out and marking the High wayes from Towne to Towne &c. Agreed the same may bee sent to the house of Deputyes to Consider of the petic'or's Request in order to his paym't

2 The
2. The Bill touching a Court of small Causes in the out plantations of Bergen County and Aquickanne and New Barbadoes, was signed by our Governor.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post meridiem

3. The Bill for makeing the upper p't of the Raraton River a Distinct County from the County of Middx, and to bee called the County of Somersett, was againe brought here from the house of Deputyes without any amendm't, signed by the speaker:—It's Agreed the Governor signe the same for this Boards Concurrence.

A Message from the house of Deputyes Desiring a free Conference touching Governor Dongans Lett' &c; w'h was Consented vnto by this Board—

The house of Deputyes, Comeing here vpon the 3d Conference,—The Governor first made Inquirey of the house of Deputyes what they ment by Taxing all Lands in this province according to the heads of a Bill sent here from their house;—wherevpon Mr. Richard Hartshorne and sundry others of the house of Deputyes, Declared that their opinion were that all Lands, as well the proprieto's as others w'h are purchased from the Indians, should be Rated,—notwithstanding that Clause of the Concessions was Read to them that positively says, that the proprieto's Land before setlm't shall not bee subject to any Taxe—The w'h was fully argued and the Deputyes Returned to their house to Consider thereof.—

The house of Deputyes Againe Came here vpon the 3d Conference touching the aboves'd matter, and the Deputyes againe gave their opinione That all Lands purchased from the Indians ought to bee Equally Rated whether proprieto's or planter.—vpon w'h the Governor, after a Long and hott Debate, finding the Resoluc'on of the Deputyes to bee such as might if put in Execuc'on Destroy one of the fundamentall Constitu'ons of this province, Did assume vpon his Honor to pay in behalfe of the Lords proprieto's of this province, their Equall Taxes for such of them as have particular patents for any Tract or Tracts of Land unsettled and purchased of the Indians, but would not Consent that the same should bee past into an Act for the Reasons afores'd;—vpon w'h the Deputyes was seemingly Contentent and went out to Consider thereof.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morning.
Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in the County of Middx the 23d day of May anno Dni 1688.

p'sent Governor Hamilton
m' Sam[l] Winder
Major John Berry
Cap[t] Ric. Tormely
Cap[t] Thomas Codrington
Cap[t] Isaac Kingsland
James Emott

A Message from the house of Deputyes brought here by m' John White m' w[m] Haige m' Ric: Berry m' Benja Griffith & al. signifying, that it was the vote of the house of Deputyes vpon mature Considerac'on, That the proprieto's Land w[en] is vnsettled should not bee Rated or Taxed for the Raiseing a supply for his maties service att Albany, and further they Desire that there might bee a Com'ittee of the house of Deputyes and this Councill im'diately to meete to setle the Bill for Raiseing a supply as aforesd; to w[ch] this house agreed —wherevpon it was ordered that major John Berry m' Sam[l] winder and Cap[t] Thomas Codrington, bee the p'sons appointed from this Board to attend the s[d] Com'ittee &c.

The Bill w[ch] formerly was brought here from the house of Deputyes touching the Court of Small Causes was againe Read over, and after some amendmts made by this Board, was Transcribed over and sent backe to y'[e] Deputyes &c

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

about seven att night, major John Berry Cap[t] Thomas Codrington and m' Sam[l] winter Returned from the Com'ittee appointed this morning to meete touching the Raiseing of a supply for his Maties service &c, and made their Reporte that the s[d] Com'ittee had agree vpon the method for Raiseing the same, and had also Drawne vp the s[d] Bill w[ch] was here Read.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morninge

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East New Jersey xxiiijth May 1688

p'sent Governor Hamilton
Major John Berry
M'r Sam[l] Winder
Cap[t] Thomas Codrington
Cap[t] Isaac Kingsland
Cap[t] Ric. Tormely
M'r John Johnstone &
James Emott

Councill

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The house of Deputyes brought here the Bill \( w^e \) yesterday by the Com'itttee was agreed vpon, touching the Raiseing of a supply for his matic' service &c for the affaires of Albany, \( \喼 \) they had past \( w^h \)out any amendmt's;—and also signified to this Board, that it was the vote of the house of Deputyes that Governor Hamilton was Released from the p'misse his Honor made for the paymt' of any sume or sumes of money for such of the proprietor's Land as is unsettled;—wherevpon it's Agreed and ordered that the s\( d \) Bill bee past by this Board, also \( w^h \)out any amendt', and to that end it's ordered that the s\( d \) Bill bee fairly Ingrosed:—\( w^c \) was done accordingly and sent to the house of Deputyes by m' winder and Cap' Tormly &c—

5 The Bill touching Courts of Small Causes was againe brought here, and after an addition of another Clause, the same was againe sent backe to the Deputyes by Cap' Isaac Kingsland,—and was againe brought here signed by the Deputyes.

6 An Act was brought here from the Deputyes by Ric. Berry, for building a pound for the out plantac'ions of New Barbadoes and Aquickanne, \( w^c \) being Read,—the same was signed by our Governor and sent backe by Capt Townely and m' Sam'l winder

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

7 An Act or Bill was brought here from the Deputyes, touching an Act of Assembly made in the yeare 1683 for prohibiteing the markeing of Cattle by Cropa'ng of both their Eares:—\( w^c \) Bill was here Read, and many alterac'tons made, and fairely Transcribed over, was againe sent backe and agreed vnto by the Deputyes

The whole house of Deputyes Came here and gave in to this Board all such Acts of this Assembly as were in their Custody in order to bee Recorded, to the end that Coppys thereof might bee made out by the Secretary and sent under the scale of the province into Each County for publicac'on—after \( w^c \) the house of Deputyes Desired an adjournmnt vntill the Latter end of the yeare:—and by Consent of both houses the Assembly amicably agreed, to adjourne vntill the Third Tuesday in the Month of October next, and both houses adjourned accordingly.—

Att
Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 19th day of June 1688

Present Governor Hamilton
Cap' Tormely
Mr Sam' Winder
Mr John Johnstone
James Emott

Governor Hamilton produced here a new Com'ission bearing date att London the 18th August last, and to him Directed, signed by Governor Barclay &c, and given vnder the scale of the province for the office of Deputy Governor for the space of two yeares:—w'ch being read—It's Agreed and ordered that proclamation's bee Issued out to publish the same, and to Continue all officers both Military and Civill in their Respective offices and places vntill further order &c.

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Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy ye 28th day of September anno Dom' 1692

Coll Andrew Hamilton Governour
Present Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas

Coll Andrew Hamilton produced here a Commission from England for Chiefe Governour of this province w'ch was read here, well accepted of, & he Recognized by this board Chiefe Governour of this province.

The House of Deputyes being according to ye writts Issued out to ye effect they appeared before this board, and ye Governr having made a short Speech to them they were desired to withdraw and Chose their Speaker and after some short time they Returned and presented Richard Hartshorne their speaker who was well accepted of.

Ordered ye Cap' Andrew Bowne one of the members of this board do administer the usuall oaths to all ye members of ye house of Deputyes which was done accordingly.

A message sent ye Deputyes by Cap' Bowne, to deliver to them a letter from ye proprietors in England, directed to ye Generall assembly of this province.

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morning

Att
Att a Councill held a perth Amboy y^e 29 Sept anno Dom' i692

[CoIl Andrew Hamilton Gover]
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
John Bishop
John Royse
James Dundas

of y^e Counciill

A Message from y^e house of Deputys by Six of their members desiring to see y^e Gover^s Commission for Cheife Governour of this province, w^ch was delivered to them and in a short time they returned & declared y^e Satisfaction of y^e whole house therewith and returned y^e thants of y^e house that y^e proprs had made Choice of a person so well known & acceptable to them & y^e whole Country.

The whole house of Deputyes, after perusall of the propr's letter to y^e assembly, Came before this board & by their Speaker gave this board the Thanks of that house for y^e proprietors Care and kindness for this province.

Adjourned till 2 a Clocke afternoon

post meridiem

The house of Deputyes desire y^t his Ho^r y^e Gover^ would Issue out writts, for y^e Chouseing Representatives for y^e County of Bergen & y^e Town of acquicaneum, w^ch they find wanting.

Ordered that this board do resolve into a Comittie, to Consider w^th y^e house of Deputyes of a method for Confirmeing y^e Lawes of this province, y^e further Consideration thereof referred till to morrow morning

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy 30th Septr i692

[CoIl Andrew Hamilton Gover]
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie

of y^e Counciill

A Message to y^e house of Deputyes for their Concurrence to an address or letter of thants to be sent to y^e prop's in England for their Care of this province.
A Message from ye house of Deputyes for a Generall Conference Concerning ye s^d address w^ch was granted, and being meet ye Gover Council & deputyes aggred upon ye s^d address & ordered ye same to be Engrossed & signed by ye Speaker in name of ye house of Deputyes, & by ye Secretary in behalfe of this board, w^ch was doon accordingly

Adjourned till 2 a Clocke afternoon

Postmeridiem

Thomas Gordon produced here a Commission to be Deputy Secretary of this province unter mr Dockwra, who was admitted & Sworne here, and Recognized by this board Deputy Secretary of this province.

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morneing

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy ye first day of October 1692

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Two bills from ye house of Deputyes for ye Concurance of this board, viz: one for repealing ye money act for levyng a tax made in May 1688, & for Confirming all ye laws of this province &c, and another for repealing a former act touching a femme Covert, both past this board.

Adjourned till 2 a Clocke afternoon

A Conference of both houses about ye passing a Certain bill but upon a full debate ye bill was set aside

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy ye third of Octr Anno Dom' 1692

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A Bill for ye house Deputyes Concerning markeing of Horses past that house, & desiring ye Concurance of this board, was past this board.

Adjourned till 2 Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem
Postmeridiem

A Message from ye house of Deputyes wth a bill for prohibiteing selling of Strong drink to ye Indians, and a bill for declareing all Conveyances of lands made by vertue of letters of Attorney &c to be good in Law, both past this board.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

Att a Councill held at perth Amboy ye 4th of Oetr i692

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A Committie of both houses appointed, to Confer upon ye methode for raising a tax for helping to Carry on ye warr agst ye french.

A bill past both houses for moderateing ye former Act Concerning markeing of horses.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem

A Generall Conference of both houses about ye money Act

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 5 Octr i692

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A bill for divideing each County into Townships past both houses

A bill past both houses for further Encurrradgment for ye killing of woolyes

A bill past both houses for Regulateing of Ordinaries, and for raising an Excise upon strong drink & Liquors.
A bill past both houses for settling a standard of weights and measures.
A bill past both houses for raiseing 400\[^{th}\] for their Majesties service in Carriac.

All ye Acts past this Sessions of Assembly, being ten in number, were delivered in to this board & ordered ye Secretary should record & publish ye same, and the ye Gover[r] did dissolve ye assembly, & ye assembly was accordingly dissolved.

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy ye 12\[^{th}\] October anno Dom\' i693

The House of Deputies being meet together Came before this board, & ye Gover[r] did desire them to w\[^{th}\] draw & Choise their Speaker & present him to morrow morning & then he would lay before them such things as were for ye generall good & welfear of ye province.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 13 Octr i693

The House of Deputies being meet Came before this board & presented william Lawrance for their Speaker, who was received accordingly, and then ye Gover[r] told them that he had Called them together at this time to Consult & advise of severall things w\[^{th}\] were for ye Generall good Credit and welfear of this province, and seeing ye warr agst ye French still Continued, he desired they would fall upon some proper & good method for defeence of ye Country, & for ye assisting ye warrs & Continuing ye Credit of ye province, w\[^{th}\] they had already acquired, by assisting of our neighbours of new yorke w\[^{th}\] men & money for defence
defence of ye frontiers; and because ye makeing of detachments is found to be very inconvenient he desired they would fall upon some better method for raiseing of men & paying them for ye future

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridien

Ordered that Isaac Kingsland & Thomas Gordon Dep't Secretary & Clerk of this board Do take ye usuall oathes of members of ye house of Deputyes w'th they did

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 14th October anno Dom: 1693

{Gover' Hamilton
 Andrew Bowne
 David Mudie
 John Bishop
 Sam11 Dennes
 James Dundas
 Lewis Morris
}
of ye Councill

A Message to ye house of Deputyes by Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, desirieing them to fall Spedily upon ye bussinese recomended to them yesterday by ye Gover', and to Shew them a letter from his Ex'cie Benj' Fletcher Gover' of new-york applauding & giving thanks in their Maj'ties names, for ye Loyalty & assistance this province hath given towards ye defence of ye frontiers

A Message by John Reid & John Lyon, desired this board would appoint some of their number to meet a Committie of their house, to discourse of ye bussinese in hand; this board did appoint Andrew Bowne & Sam11 Dennes to meet John Bowne John White John Lyon & John pike, who meet accordingly

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy ye 16th October anno Dom': 1693

{Gover' Hamilton
 Andrew Bowne
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 David Mudie
 John Royse
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 James Dundas
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of ye Councill
A Message by John White and John Reid desiring a General Conference of this board, which was granted presently, & being meet, ye Speaker informed this board that ye Country was much aggrieved by many ill and unaccountable practices done to ye Inhabitants of this province by ye Collector of New-Yorke, the Governor answered ye he would willingly Join with them to redress ye same any way they thought fit.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy ye 17th Octr i693

{ Gove$r$ Hamilton
  Andrew Bowne
  John Nians
  David Mudie
  Samll Dennes
  John Bishop
  John Royse
  James Dundas } of ye Councill

A Message by John Bowne & John Drake to Informe this board, that ye house of Deputies have agreed to Levy fifteen men to be sent to Albany for assisting in ye defence of ye frontier, & to pay them for one yeare next Ensueing.

Another Message by John Bowne & John pike, to Informe the House of Deputies that they have agreed to add five men more, which makes twentie in all, for one yeare.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to Informe ye House of Deputies that this House desires a General Conference of ye whole House presently, & being meet, ye Governor told them ye they had received two Messages one Informing them that ye House Deputies had agreed to levy 15 men to be sent to ye frontier, & another that they had five men more which seemed very strange that they should bargain as if they were buying or selling a horse or a Cow, when their own safety & Credit lies at stake, and therefore he desired that this year they would agree to send 30 men which would tend very much to their Safety & Credit, and would also be a leading Case & a good Example to ye yeareneighbourhood, and that he would Endeavour ye 25 if not 20 men should be accepted of next yeare. The Governor also told them that there was an Express Messenger Come for him to go to west Jersey to ye Assembly now sitting at Burlington, & therefore thought fit that they would think of adjourning for some short time.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon.
Post meridiem

A Message by Thomas Gordon to acquaint ye house of Deputyes, that this board did desire they would Conclude upon what ye Gover'd had recomended to them, that he might be Enabled to Improve to ye best advantage in west Jersey, where he was now going, And also ye he might writt to ye Gover'd of New-Yorke, who is now at Connectecute, ye he may Improve to ye best advantage as a leading Case there, & also to desire them to Informe this board what time they desired to adjourn to.

A Message from ye house of Deputyes by John Reid and Thomas Richards, to Informe this board that they Incline to adjourne to ye 14th November next, & in ye mean time, to Informe & advise with their Neighbours if they Can give 30 men to be sent to ye frontiers as is proposed.

The Gover'd did Informe this board that being necessitate to go to Burlington to ye assembly now sitting there, who have sent for him, & not being resolved to stay above 3 or 4 dayes, upon Second thoughts he did not think fitt to adjourn ye assembly, but that a Chairman might be appointed in his absence, and ye Members of this board did recomend it to his Ho' to appoint whom he thought fitt, Whereupon ye Gover'd did name Capt Andrew Bowne to be Chairman during his absence, with all ye Members of this board did well approve of.

A Message by Capt John Bishop to Informe ye house of Deputyes, that this board desired a Generall Conference with them presently, & being meet, ye Gover'd did Informe them that upon Second thoughts, with advise of ye Council, he thought fitt not adjourn because it would be a great truble & Charge to ye Country to meet again, And therefore, with ye advice & approbation of ye Council, he had appointed Capt Andrew Bowne to be Chairman during his absence, with should be very Short, & in ye mean time they might be preparing bills &c till his returne, and that he had now resolved with advice of ye Council to accept of 25 men, with was ye lest with is ye least that they Can with Credit offer or he accept of.

A Message by John Reid Sam'Dennes & Thomas Richards pressing this board for an adjournment at least for ten dayes.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to Informe ye house of Deputyes, that they desired they would appoint 4 of their house to meet 3 from this board to debate ye reasons why they pressed for an adjournment: this board made Choice of Capt Andrew Bowne John Royse & Sam'Dennes to meet Richard Harts-
A Message from Sam

Dennes & James Dundas to ye House of Deputies, to Informe them that this house desires they would finish ye bill of supply for defence of ye frontiers w'th all Expedition, for two reasons, first ye notice may be Sent to ye proprietors in England that they may Improve our Loyalty to Our advantage there, & also that Notice may be Sent to ye Governr of New-Yorke Now at Connecticute, that he may Improve it to our Credit there, & ye forwarding their Maj'ies Interest there & elsewhere w'thin their Maj'ies plantations.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

A Message by John Reid John pike & Sam

denne's w't a bill Concerning ye Courts of Small Causes past that house, desiring ye Concurrence of this board.

A Message by Sam

Dennes & James Dundas to ye House of Deputies proposing some Amendments of ye said bill Concerning ye Courts of Small Causes, And desiring An Answer of ye Message sent them in ye morning Concerning ye Bill of Supply &c.
A Message by John White & John Drake with ye 4th Bill Concerning ye Court of Small Causes amended, & a bill for ye repealing of an act formerly made for regulating of ordinances, & raising an Excise upon Strong liquors, both past that house, for ye Concurrence of this board.

A Message by Samll Dennes & James Dundas desiring a generall Conference of ye house of Deputies presently, about ye bill of Supply &c, Seeing they had returned no answer to ye two last Messages, and being meet, ye Goverd did press ye dispatch of ye bill for Supply &c for ye reasons afores'd. The Speaker did answer that they had Considered ye businesse, & ye they thought they had made a great offer, & that Considering their own poverty 20 men is a great matter, & at their own Charge is as much as they Can well do & as farr as they Can well go.

Att A Committie of two of this board viz Andrew Bowne & Samll Dennes & four of ye house of Deputies, to witt John pike John Lyon John Drake & John Fitzrandolph appointed to debate ye reasons of repealing ye act Concerning regulating of ordinaries, upon full debate it was found that bill had proceeded upon a Mistake & therefore was set aside.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 28 Octr 1693

present

| Goverd Hamilton | Andrew Bowne |
| John Juians     | David Mudie  |
| Samll Dennes    | James Dundas |

of ye Councill

A Message by Richard Hartshorn John pike Samll Dennes & John Reid with ye bill Concerning ye Court of small Causes amended & past that house, wch was read here & past this board, and they did also Inform this board that their house had fully debated and Considered ye bill of Supply &c, & ye poverty of ye Country in Generall & of every County & town in particulare, & found 20 men, on their own Charge, ye uttermost that they Could go.

A Message by Thomas Gordon desiring a Generall Conference of ye house of Deputies presently, to Show some solid reasons why they Can do no more &c, wch they desired time to Consider upon & give their Answers.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon
Post meridiem

Both houses being meet at ye Generall Conference, Mr Speaker did still Insist upon ye poverty of ye Country, And long and much debate ye Gover & Councill aggreed to ye levying of 20 men, to be sent to albany to Joyn in ye Common defence of ye frontiers, & to be maintained for one whole year from & after ye first of may next

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday Morning.

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 30th octr 1693

{Gover Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
John Bishop
John Royse
James Dundas

of ye Councill

A Message from ye house of Deputyes wth two bills past ye house, one Intitled a bill for setting a School & School Master in every town in & throughout ye province, the other a bill for regulation of ordinaries

A Message by Thomas Gordon, wth two bills past this board to ye house of Deputyes for their Concurrence, the one a bill for regulateing ye proceedings of ye Court of Common Right the other a bill for Establishing a Court of Oyer & terminer, also wth ye bill Concerning ye Court of Small Causes past this board, and also desiring they would appoint a Comittie to debate wth some of ye members of this board about ye bill Concerning School Masters & ye about ordinaires. Andrew Bowne & David Mudie were named by this board to meet John Reid John Pike John Lyon & John Drake.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridien

A Message by John Barclay Thomas Fitzrandolph & Elias Michielson, wth a bill past that house for divideing each County into Townships, & desiring this board would appoint some of their number to meet Six of that house to debate upon ye bill for ye Court of Common Right, & ye bill for a Court of Oyer & Terminer. Andrew Bowne John Bishop & James Dundas were appointed by this board to meet John Reid Sam Dennes Henry
Henry Norris, John Lyon, Thomas Cooke & John Drake of ye house of Deputyes to Conferr as aforesd.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to ye house of Deputyes wth 3 bills past this board, viz: one Concerning selling strong drink to ye Indians, one for establishing School masters wth in this province, & one for regulate of Licences for publick houses & marriages & take off ye Excise &c.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att A Counciell held at perth Amboy 3i Octr 1693

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A Message by Thomas Gordon to ye house of Deputyes wth ye bill for deviding each County into townships past this board

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem

A Message by John Reid & Sam\textsuperscript{11} Dennes wth 2 bills past ye house viz: a bill for regulating of marriages, & another for taking off ye Excise & Impowering ye Gover\textsuperscript{r} to grant lycences to ordinary keepers, & ye Bill sent yesterday returned & by this devided into two—

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Counciell held at perth amboy 1\textsuperscript{st} nove\textsuperscript{r} 1693

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A Message by Thomas Gordon to ye house of Deputyes, wth a letter from ye proprietors in England giving Our Gover\textsuperscript{r} & ye assembly, thanks for their prudent Care & Conduct in ye management of ye Goverment of ye province &c, and a bill Concerning ye Militia past this board.

Adjourned to 2 Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem
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A Message by John Drake wth a bill past y^t house, for augmenting y^e Deputyes fees & fining y^e absents, wch being read here was returned again by Andrew Bowne & James Dundas, & to acquaint y^t house, that seeing they pleaded so much poverty this board thought y^e Salary alreadly allowed enuff, and that they should rather Consider y^e Gentlemen of y^e Gove^rs Councill who as yet had nothing allowed to them

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth Amboy 2 Nover^r 1693

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A Message by John White & John Lyon wth a letter signed by y^e Speaker, by order of that house, directed to y^e proprietors in England, giv'ing them thanks for their Care over y^e province & Complaining of y^e hardships put upon y^e Inhabitants of this province by y^e Collector of New-Yorke, & Intreating their assistance for redress of y^e same &c; and also a bill Concerning John pike & his father past y^t house. The letter to y^e prop'rs being read here, Ordered y^t y^e same be signed by Thomas Gordon Dep^t Secretary & Clarke of this board wch was don.

A Message by Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board to y^e house of Deputyes, to Informe them y^t y^e bill for Regulateing of marriages, & the bill for Impowering y^e Gover^rs to grant Licenses to ordinarie keepers & for takeing off y^e Excise, are past this board

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Post merediem

A Message by John Reid & John Lyon, wth a bill for Impowering Each County in and throughout y^e province to make rates to defray their debts, past y^e house.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes, to know what bills sent them from this board are past y^t house, who returned answere y^t y^e bill about Schoolmasters, y^e bill about
about selling strong drink to ye Indians, & ye bill about ye Militia, are all past that house, & returned ye bill about ye Court of Common Right & ye bill about ye Court of Oyer & terminer past.

A Message by John White & John Reid wth a pper signed by ye Speaker by order of ye house, recomending ye putting in practise ye former law about weights & measures, & wth them was returned ye bill Concerning John pike Elder deceased & John pike, because this board did esteem any former disgrace &c, sufficiently taken of, by his being admitted a member of ye house.

A Message by John White John Reid Saml Dennes & John Drake wth ye bill for Raising souldiers for ye safety of this province, & money for maintaining ye same past that house, desireing ye Concurrence of this board to ye sdit bill, and also A Committie to be appointed to Conferr upon ye bill about John pike &c. Ordered that Andrew Bowne John Royse & David Mudie do Conferr wth John Reid John pike John Lyon & Saml Dennes of ye house of Deputyes upon ye sdit bill Concerning John pike &c.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to ye house of Deputyes Desireing a Conference of ye whole house to discourse about ye bill for raising men & money &c, for making some amendments of ye same, & to acquaint them ye bill ye Impowered ye Countey Courts to make rates &c was past this board.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning.

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 3d Nover' 1693

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\text{present} \begin{cases} \text{Governour Hamilton} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{John Inians} \\
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The Bill for raising men & moe &c, wth the amendments, past this board & sent to ye house of Deputyes & past ye house.

A Message to ye house of Deputyes by Thomas Gordon desiring all ye principal bills past both houses to be sent here, & desiring all ye members of ye house to attend ye Goverr & Councell presently, wth they did &c, Ordered that all ye bill past both houses, being nine in number, be recorded by ye Dep't Sec'y in ye publick records of this province, & Copies sent to ye severall Countyes, and then ye Goverr did dissolve ye Assembly.

Thomas Gordon D Sec'y & Reg'r.

Att
Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy in ye County of Middlesex ye Second Day of October anno Dom's: i694.

Present

\(\text{Coll}^\text{II} \text{Andrew Hamilton Gover'}^\text{r} \quad \text{Andrew Bowne} \quad \text{David Mudie} \quad \text{Sam'l Dennes} \quad \text{James Dundas} \)

of ye Councill

The Major part of ye Deputyes being meet Came before this board. The Gover'r did desire them to withdraw & Chose their Speaker, & then he acquaint them with such things as he Judged would tend to ye General good welfear & Credit of ye province.

The House of Deputyes Came before this board and presented John Harriman for Their Speaker, who was accepted & Received accordingly, and then ye Gover'r told them that he had Called them together at this time to rectifie what is now found by experience to be formerly amiss, and to Consult & advise what may be further needfull for ye Common good wealfe & sealty of ye province, and as on ye one part he is persuaded ye Gover'r & Councill will Deny nothing that may Contribute to that End, So on ye other side he desires that they would lay aside all factions & animosities, & Joyn Cordially in what May be for ye General good & Common defence of this & ye rest of their Maj'ties Colonyes.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy 3d October anno Dom': i694

Present

\(\text{Gover'}^\text{r} \text{ Hamilton} \quad \text{Andrew Bowne} \quad \text{David Mudie} \quad \text{Sam'l Dennes} \quad \text{James Dundas} \)

of ye Councill

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy ye 4th of October i694

Present

\(\text{Gover'}^\text{r} \text{ Hamilton} \quad \text{Andrew Bowne} \quad \text{David Mudie} \quad \text{Sam'l Dennes} \quad \text{James Dundas} \quad \text{Lewis Morris} \)

of ye Councill
A Message by Elias Michelson Edward Earle, John pike & Thomas Fitzrandolph, wth a bill Concerning Negroes past that house, desiring ye Concurrence of this board

A Message by Sam'l Dennius, desiring ye house of Deputyes to appoint some of their Number to meet some of ye members of this board, to debate Concerning some amendmt's to be made of ye bill Concerning Negroes &c.

A Message by John Reid, Richard Hartshorn Sam'l Leonard & Jasper Craine, desiring a free Conference of Their whole house wth this board, w'th was granted presently, & being meet, Mr Speaker did offer that they had some debate in their House Concerning ye trade of this province, it's lying under severall very bad Circumstances at present, & therefore desired ye Concurrence of This board to advise & to assist how, & wth way, to Remove ye Same.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy ye 5th October 1694

Present: (Gover'n) Hamilton
         Andrew Bowne
         David Moodie
         Sam'l Dennius
         James Dundas
         Lewis Morris

         of ye Councill

A Message by Richard Hartshorne, William Lawrence & Josias wood, Desiring this board would order ye Secretary to lett their House have ye perusal of ye booke of Records, Containing Commissions &c w'th was granted by this board.

And also w'th them was sent a letter from The Committie of ye Kings Councill in England for trade &c, Directed to ye Gover'n of ye Jerseys, Concerning ye Regulateing ye Trade of this province according to ye act of Navigation &c, to be perused by ye members of ye house of Deputyes.

A Message by Edward Earle & Job Throckmorton to this board from ye house of Deputyes, w'th ye act Concerning negroes amended &c & past that house.

A Petition from James Armour Complaining ye Constable of Perth Amboy, by a warrant from Two Justices of ye peace, had Dispossessed him of some hay &c, which being read this board told him that they had Considered his petition, but Could do nothing in it, and that if he found himself any way aggrieved, he might seek for redress & remidie at ye Common Law in a Regulare & Legall way.
A Message by Thomas Higges Tho: Fitzrandolph will^a
Laing & will^a Ridfoord, desiring this board would appoint
some of their number to meet with a Committie of 8 of Their
House, to Conferr Concerning ye Encurradeing & Increas-
ing ye Trade of this province &c.

Ordered that Andrew Bowne Sam^a Dennes James Dundas &
Lewis Morris be a Committie of this board, to meet Richard
Hartshorne, Thomas Codrington John Reid Sam^a Leonard,
Jonas wood John pike, azariah Crain & will^a Lawrence, to
Conferr Concerning ye Encurradeing & Increasing ye Trade
of this province &c

A Message by Sam^a Dennes & Lewis Morris desiring a
Genr^a Conference of ye house presently, Concerning ye Enc-
curradeing & Encrasing ye trade of this province &c, and
being meet, the Gover^a told them That he understood ye Com-
mittie had Concluded upon three things, to witt, first ye set-
ling of perth Amboy for a port &c, Secondly The Prohibiteing
ye Exportation of pipe staves &c both w^ch were very good but
for ye third ye prohibiteing ye Exportation of firewood &c he
thought it were better to let it alone at this time &c

Adjourned till 8 Clock to morrow morning

At a Councill held at Perth Amboy 6th October 1694

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\text{Gover}^a \text{ Hamilton} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{David Mudie} \\
\text{Lewis Morris} \\
\text{James Dundas} \\
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of ye Councill

The Gover^a did propose to this board, that seeing ye proprietors of this province, have been this 14 years at ye Charge to
maintain & Support ye Gover^a^b to their Expense, that now at
length some way may be taken by ye Country to raise a found
for Supporting ye Gover^a^d for ye future, being in vain to
talk of trade unless ye Gover^a^d be first Maintained Supported & Secured. Andrew Bowne & James Dundas were appointed
by this board to propose to ye house of Deputyes to frame a bill to this effect.

A Message by Richard Hartshorn & Thomas Codrington,
desiring this board Would please send ye peruse all of ye letters directed to our Gover^a, from ye Committee of Trade &
plantations in England, & ye other from Mr Powie, w^ch was
doon accordingly.

A bill for takeing ye attainder off from John pike Elder &
Jo: pike his Son & their posteritie, past ye house of Deputies, was read here and past this board.

A Bill Concerning Negroes with ye amendments past ye house of Deputies, was read here & past this board.

Being proposed here ye Court of Common Right being to Sitt on Tuesday next ye ninth of this Instant Month of October it will be fitt to adjourn till after ye Court be over and accordingly.

Adjourned till Friday ye 12th Instant at 8 a Clock in ye Morning.

Att a Councell held at Perth-Amboy ye 12th of October 1694

Present

{Gover’ Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
John Bishop
James Dundas}

of ye Councill

A Bill prohibiting ye Exportation of pipe staves boards Shingles firewood & all kind of wood &c, past ye house of Deputies was read here.

A bill appointing all vessels Ships boats &c to Enter & Clear at Perth Amboy, past ye house of Deputies was read here.

A bill prohibiting all Justices Sheriffs, Clerks of Courts &c, to plead as attorneys in Any Court within ye province, past ye house of Deputies, was read here.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.

Att a Councell held at Perth Amboy 13th Octr anno Dom: 1694

Present

{Gover’ Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas}

of ye Councill

A Message by David Mudie to ye house of Deputies to desire a Generall Conference presently, Concerning ye three above said bills last sent from ye house & read here, and being meet, the Gover’ proposed severall necessary amendments to be made in ye said bills.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday Morning

Att
Att a Counciell held at Perth Amboy 15th Octr 1694

\[ \text{Present} \{ \text{Govr' Hamilton, Isaac Kingsland, Andrew Bowne, David Mudie, James Dundas} \} \text{ of } ye \text{ Counciell} \]

A Message by Thomas Codrington & Sam'l Leonard, w'th a bill Concerning Town meetings past that house, and another bill Concerning patents &c past that house, both w'th bills was read here.

A Message by Thomas Codrington Sam'l Leonard, willm Lawrence and Azariah Craine, w'th a bill Concerning County Courts past that house, and W'th ye bill prohibiteing pipestaves &c amended, both w'th were read here.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.

Att A Counciell held at Perth-Amboy 16 octr 1694

\[ \text{Present} \{ \text{Govr' Hamilton, Isaac Kingsland, Andrew Bowne, David Mudie, James Dundas} \} \text{ of } ye \text{ Counciell} \]

A Message by Isaac Kingsland to ye house of Deputyes, w'th ye Lumber bill w'th further amendments, The Bill Concerning Attorneys amended, and ye bill Concerning Trade amended, and a bill Concerning ye Court of Common Right past this board, and also desireing a generall Conference upon ye bill Concerning town meetings, ye bill Concerning patents, ye bill Concering County Courts, and being meet ye Gover' desired them to take Care to bring in ye bill for the publick Subsidie, and also for Reimburseing himself what money he had layd out of his own estate upon accompt of ye publick, an particular acc'p of w'ch he had sent them, and then he Showed them Exceeding great Inconvenience of ye 3 above s'd bills—viz

First, ye bill about town meetings having unlimited power &c, what dangers might follow thereupon, but if they Name & Express particularly what powers & authorities the towns do want for ye benefite of ye Country, he was ready to grant them, as to ye 2d, ye bill Concerning patents, it was a thing Could not be don by act of Generall assembly, w'ch Can make nothing Contrary to ye Laws of England, w'ch this bill seems to Import, by
by Converting ye word (or) assigns, wch makes an estate only for life, into ye word (and) assigns, wch is an estate of Inheritance or freehold, and therefore Cannot be don By any assembly; & as to ye 3d, ye bill about County Courts, it seems to Erect the County Courts into so many Courts of Chancery & to Occasion a great delay, being only two of them in a year, & therefore also very Inconvenient.

A Message by John pike willm Lawrence & william Ridford, wth a bill Concerning ministers past that house.

A Message by Thomas Fitzrandolph & Job Throckmorton, wth bill Concerning trade wth further amendments past that house, wch being read here was also past this board

A petition by Isaac Lauzer for liberty to Erect an oyl mill & to prohibite all others ye Space of 17 years, being read here & being directed to ye Generall assembly was sent to ye house of Deputyes.

A petition by Johannes Van Imberg & others for a high way upon new Barbadoes Neck, for goinge to A Religious meeting &c, being read here & directed to ye Generall assembly, was sent to ye house of Deputyes.

A Message by Thomas Fitzandolp Job Throckmorton & Azariah Craine, wth ye bill Concerning Lumber, wth further amendments &c past that house.

A Message by Azariah Craine Willm Laing & David Harriot, wth ye bill Concerning County Courts amended & past that house.

A Message by John Harriman Speaker Thomas Codrington and Richard Hartshorn, desiringe his Honr ye Governour would please to be more Carefull & warie, to appoint honest & substantiall men in Each County for Sheriffs, upon wch much of ye welfear of ye Country did depend, for Choosing Jurys &c, wch ye Governr told them he had doon to ye best of knowledge & Information & would Continue so to do &c

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Councill held at perth Amboy 17 Octr 1694

Goverr Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas

Present of ye Councill

A Message by Richard Hartshorn Azariah Craine & Edward Earle Junior, wth 3 bills past that house, viz: a bill Concerning attorneys,
attorneys, a bill about ye Court of Common Right, and a bill Concerning Indictments & ye Kings Attorney.

A Message from this board by Andrew Bowne & James Dundas, withe ye bill Concerning attorneys past this board, and ye bill Concerning lumber &c, ye bill about ministers, & ye bill about ye County Courts amended.

A Message by Richard Hartshorn Thomas Codrington & Sam'l Leonard with ye Lumber bill, & ye bill about County Courts.

A Message by Isaac Kingsland, with ye bill Concerning County Courts & ye bill Concerning ye Court of Common Right & ye bill Concerning appointing the Kings attorney in ye County Courts, with amendments.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att a Counciell held at Perth-Amboy 18 Octr i694

Present \{ Gover' Hamilton \\
Isaac Kingsland \\
Andrew Bowne \\
David Mudie \\
James Dundas \} of ye Counciell

A Message by Thomas Gordon to ye house of Deputyes, with ye bill prohibiting Lumber &c past this board, & ye bill Concerning Indictments & Kings Attorney past this board.

A Message by Thomas Codrington Richard Hartshorn Sam'l Leonard Edward Earle Junior Job Throckmorton & Thomas Higgens, with ye bill about ye Court of Common Right with amendments, with being read here was also past this board.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att A Counciell held at Perth-Amboy 19th Octr anno Dom: i694

Present \{ Gover' Hamilton \\
Andrew Bowne \\
David Mudie \\
James Dundas \} of ye Counciell

A Message by Richard Hartshorn will'm Lawrance and Thomas Higgens, with ye bill Concerning County Courts further amended, past ye house, a bill Concerning town meetings &c, a bill Concerning ye militia, a bill Concerning Sheep, all past that house, & desiring a generall Conference upon ye money bill & ye
ye Gover's acc'p't of disbursements, ye bill Concerning Sheep was read here & past this board, & ye bill Concerning ye militia was read & amended, & past this board & sent to ye house of Deputys.

Att ye Conference of both houses upon Consideration of ye Gover's acc'p't of it dispensed by him upon acc'p't of ye publick, ye house of Deputys seemed to allow of non of ye articles save only ye first of 21st &c; & as to ye subsidie for support of ye warrs & defence of ye frontiers, it is ye sense of ye whole house of Deputys, ye seeing ye Supply last given doth Continue till May next it's time enuff between & ye time to Consider of it.

A Message by andrew Bown & James Dundas to ye house of Deputys, to desire their possitive answer if they do Intend to raise any supply for ye Common and publick defense, or not, & if they will re-Imburse ye Gover's of what he hath disbursed upon acc'p't of ye publick or not, & to send their answer before they adjurne.

A Message by Thomas Gordon, to acquaint ye house of Deputys ye y''e Gover's & Councill expected ye y''e answer of ye Last message.

A Message by Richard Hartshorn & Thomas Fitzgerald wh' ye house of Deputys answer to ye y''e last message, wh was in writting to this effect, that there is sufficient money raised till may next & then they will Consult what they Judge needfult to be done if Called thereto, and that they allow 67½d 00½d of ye Gover's acc'p't of disbursement upon acc'p't ye publick.

A Message by Thomas Gordon desiring a Generall Conference of ye y''e house of Deputys presently, & being meet, The Gover's told them that by his information on their behalf, ye proprietors in England had Supported and maintained ye Goverment untill now, and therefore he desires their positive answer whither they will for ye future Support & maintain ye Goverment or not, & what they will allow, & what fund they will propose for that end.

A Message by Thomas Codrington Edward Eare Jun'r & azariah Craine wh'an answer to ye Gover's proposal to Witt, That they were Subjects of ye Crown of England, & must be subject to what Governoor Their maj'ties were pleased to set over them Whither ye prop'rs or others. The Gover's told them that that was no answer to ye question proposed, wh was, whither they would raise a fund for ye Support of ye Goverment or not.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to ye house of Deputys in writting as followeth, viz: A Message from ye Gover's & Councill
cill to ye house of Deputyes, to have their answer if they will Support ye Charge of ye Governy, and to relieye ye prop'rs of ye vast Charge they have been at hitherto in ye Support of it, that they agree on ye yearly sume & a Certain method of levieing it; ye answer is desired in writting Octr 19, 1694 by Consent of ye Councill And: Hamilton

A Message by Richard Hartshorn willm Lawrence Edward Earle & John pike, who a long discourse about ye above'd message, telling ye Gover that he had promised them to delay their Supporting of ye Goverm't so long as ye frontiers were helped to be Supported by them, wher ye Gover did acknowledge & is still willing to do so, but being they do now reject it or delay it in effect is ye same thing, it is now but just and reasonable that there be a fund & Support raised for ye maintainance of ye Gover'tment for ye future &c

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon, requiring ye Speaker and ye whole house to attend ye Gover't & Councill presently. The Speaker answered that their house was adjourned till Moonday morning.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock Moonday morning

Att a Councill held at perth-amboy ye 21st octr anno Dom': i694

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\text{James Dundas} & \quad \\
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A Message by Thomas Gordon, desiring ye Speaker & ye whol house to attend ye Gover't & Councill on a Generall Conferencc with in an hour, & to bring with them all ye bills already past, & all ye were at present under their Consideration, and being meet, mr Speaker proposed that a petition was given In to their house by James armour &c, after long debate ye Subject matter of the petition not being Cognosible by an Assembly, ye petitioner was left to take his remedie as ye Law directs. A bill was presented Concerning highwayes, returned with amendments &c, a bill appointing officers for executeing ye lumber Bill &c.

A Message from ye house of Deputyes proposeing to raise ye Sume of 30th to prosecute ye Col'tr of new-yorke, for ye abusses put upon ye Inhabitants of this province in ye free use of ports &c
A Message by Andrew Bowne & Sam'l Dennes, proposing to accept of ye s'l 30l for ye end proposed providing they would lay down some method for prosecuting ye appeal at home, with must need follow upon ye Suite with ever party were Cast, for so long as they were out of their duty to the Crown in not Joyning in ye Common defence of ye frontiers, nor yet support ye Charge of ye Governr, ye Governr was robbt of any arguments with he could use with ye prop'r's in England, to appear upon ye appeal, or in their behalf anyway at home.

A Message by Richard Hartshorn Sam'l Leonard Edward Earle & Will'm Laing, with ye bill Concerning County Courts further amended, past that house and ye bill Concerning high ways past ye house & a bill for County Treasurer's past ye house and ye bill for raising ye Gover'n 79l 12s 9d for repaying ye Gover'n his publick disbursements.

A Bill Concerning County Courts further amended, & a bill about high ways, were both read here and past this board.

A Bill Concerning ye militia amended, & a bill about Treasurer amended, & A bill for executing ye lumber bill amended, & ye Bill for repaying ye Gover'n 79l 12s 9d of publick disbursements, were all read here and past this board, and Sent to ye house of Deputies by Sam'l Dennes & James Dundas, who required ye Speaker and ye whole house of Deputies to attend ye Gover'n & Councill presently, with they did, and did deliver all ye bills past both houses at this assembly to ye Secretary, being in number 14; and because Some of them wanted titles it was recommended to ye Gover'n & Secretary to give proper titles to such as wanted, Orderd by both houses that ye Secretary do Record ye Laws made at this assembly, and do transcribe 4 Copies & Send one to Each County, & that John pike do revisè & Compare ye Copies (when ready) with ye Secretary, & then ye Governour dissolved ye assembly & ye Assembly was accordingly dissolved.

THOMAS GORDON D Sec'y & Reg'r

Att a Councill held at perth-Amboy ye 25th day of Jully anno Dom: 1695

{ Gove'r Hamilton  }
{ Andrew Bowne  }
{ Lewis Morris  }

Present of ye Councill

The Members of ye house of Deputies being meet, Came before this board & Informed his Hon' ye Gover'n ye major part
part of them were Conveened & Came to know his Hon'r's pleasure, The Gover'r did desire them to withdraw and Chose their Speaker and present him, and they did withdraw and in a short time returned Richard Hartshorn for their Speaker, who was accordingly received, and then ye Gover'r told them, That he had sent some proposalls to ye severall towns of ye whole province in writting, that ye Country knowing what was to be effected, they might Come ye better Instructed to give Satisfactory answers, w'h proposalls if Complied with would Conduce to ye generall good & welfar of ye province and as he had proposed in writting, & desired it be ye first thing w'h they would take into their Consideration:

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth—Amboy 26th Jully anno Dom' i695

Gover'n Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
Sam'l Dennes
Lewis Morris  

Present  

of ye Councill

A Message by Sam'l Leonard Willm Lawrance and Benjamin Burden, desiring ye writts & returns of Deputyes to be sent them, w'h was ordered & don accordingly

A Message by David mudie & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board to take ye usual oaths & Subscriptions of ye members of ye house of Deputyes, who returned & reported to this board, that they found a difference between ye oath taken by ye last assembly & ye oaths of ye proceeding former assemblys, by putting ye word (Rights) in stead of (Interest) in ye oath.

A Message by Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board to Informe ye members of ye house of Deputyes, that this board Could not admitt of any alteration in ye Deputyes oath.

A Message by Sam'l Dennes Thomas Fitzrandolph & John Treat, desiring a Generall Conference about ye oath used to be taken by ye Deputyes, which was granted presently, and being meet, The Governor told them he Could not admitt of any alteration in ye Deputyes oath, by changing any of ye words thereof as it has been formerly taken and as it is prescribed by ye Concessions and ye Laws of ye province, w'h at last was agreed to

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon postmeridiem
Postmeridiem

A Message by David Mudie & Thomas Gordon, to administer ye small oaths to ye house of Deputies & to see them subscribe ye same in usuall forme, with they did.

A Message by George Willocks George Harriman & Sam'l Leonard, desiring a Generall Conference Concerning some reports spread abroad as come from England Concerning ye Goverment, and being meet, The Governour did fully Satisfie all of them, that these Reports were altogether false & groundless & not worth noticeing.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Councill held at Perth Amboy 27th July 1695

Present

Gover' Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Junians
David Mudie
John Bishop
James Dundas
Lewis Morris

of ye Councill

A Message of John Royse & Sam'l Leonard desiring a Generall Conference about ye said article of ye proposals Concerning ye quitrents

A Message by David Mudie, to Inform ye house of Deputies, that ye Gover'n & Councill would attend ye Conference with they desired at ye usuall place presently.

At Which Generall Conference, being meet, Mr Speaker did propose that ye paying of ye quitrents was a Generall grievance to ye Country and therefore did propose to buy them off, The Gover'n answered that he had no Instructions at present to dispose of them, but if they would send some person home to negotiate that affair with ye proprietors, He and ye Councill of proprietors would send home another, and did not doubt but it might be so ordered and Concerted that the proprietors would Consent to sell off ye quitrents on reasonable terms, they settling a fund for ye future Support of ye Goverment.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on moonday morning

At a Councill held at Perth-Amboy ye 29th July anno Dom': 1695

Present

Gover'n Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas
Lewis Morris

of ye Councill
A Message by Richard Berry & Sam Dennes, to Inform this board that some more of ye members of y^t house were Come who had not yet taken ye oath.

A Message by David Mudie & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, To administer ye oath to those of y^t house who were lately Come, & to see them Subscribe ye Same in usuall forme.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow morning.

Att A Councill held at Perth-Amboy 30th July anno Dom: 1695

{Gover' Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Nians
David Mudie
John Bishop
James Dundas
Lewis Morris
}
of ye Councill

A Message by John Royse John Reid Sam Leonard will Lawrance & Edward Earle, with a bill Concerning Attorneys at Law, prohibiting any to be Employed or to plead save such as live with in the province, a bill Concerning ye County of Sommersett, & a bill about ye Towns defraying their publick Charges all past that house.

A Message from this board by Andrew Bowne & Lewis Morris, to acquaint ye house of Deputies that ye Gover' & Councill do Expect & desire that they would first settle ye fundation, without with ye Superstructur would soon fall to ye ground, first begine with ye proposalls made by ye Gover' and answer them, and that being once well settled, then they may do what may be found to be Convenient & for ye General good of ye Country.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning

Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy 31st July 1695

{Gover' Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Nians
David Mudie
James Dundas
Lewis Morris
}
of ye Councill

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow morning

Att
Att a Councill held at perth-Amboy y° 1st August 1695

present

{Gover'n Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Juians
David Mudie
James Dundas
Lewis Morris}
of ye Councill

A Message by Richard Berry & John Enslie, wth two bills Concerning y° act prohibiteing y° Exportation of pipe-staves & other lumber &c, made at y° last assembly, both past that house.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth-amboy 2d August 1695

present

{Gover'n Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Juians
David Mudie
James Dundas
Lewis Morris}
of ye Councill

A Message by John Royse Edward Earle Junior John Reid, william Lawrence Sam'l Dennes & Thomas Higgens, desireing a return of y° bills sent to this board, & to know if they be past this board or not.

A Message by Lewis Morris & James Dundas to acquaint y° house of Deputyes, that y° Gover'n & Counciell thought strange that they delayed y° principall thing for wth they were meet together, and did desire they would first answer y° proposals & settle well y° fundation & these things would follow of Course.

A Message by John Harriman & Benjamin Burden, wth a bill Concerning y° ranging of a neck of land between Hariton river & South river, and also desireing a return of y° bills sent to this board. The Gover'n answered that he desired they would send here all y° bills wth they Intended this Sessions, and such of them as aggreed wth y° sense of this board they would pass them, & Such as did not aggree therewith they would desire a Conference upon them.

A Message by Sam'l Leonard Elias Micheilson John Carrington will'n Laing & John Enslie, desireing a return of the bills
bills sent to this board, & to know if they be past this board
or not. The Goverr returned answer as above.

A Message by David Mudie & Lewis Morris desiring a
Generall Conference presently, at ye usual place, Concerning
ye proposals &c, and being meet, The Goverr told them he
was Intending with advice of ye Councill to writt to ye proprie-
tors, & Could not well do it till he had their answer to ye prop-
posals made before ye meeting of ye assembly, & recomended
to them particularly at ye opening of this assembly. Mr
Speaker answered it was their Custome to fall upon ye money
bill last &c. The Goverr told them it was a very bad Custome,
& therefore ought to be amended, and ye most necessarie &
weightie things on whch ye well being of ye province totally
depended should first be don, and also because these proposals
were first tabled & ye Cheife thing for whch this assembly was
Called & now meet together, therefore they ought to be first
fallen upon and answered &c.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem

A Message by will'n Laing John Treat & John Enslie with a
bill for raising 150th for & towards ye Suport of ye Gover-
ment, past that house, and a bill for translateing all deeds &
Conveyances of lands made in Dutch or French into English,
past that house.

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of
this board, desiring ye house of Deputyes would with all expedi-
tion send an answer to ye rest of ye proposals &c.

A Message by John Harriman John Reid Sam'l Leonard
John Royse & John Treat, desiring ye return of ye bills sent
to this board without whch they Could not proceed.

A Message by Andrew Bowne & James Dundas, with all ye
bill returned unpassed this board, being in number Eight, and
to acquaint them that the Goverr & Councill are not sensible of
any Coherence between these bills & ye rest of ye proposals,
but yet at their desire they had returned ye bills, with they
offered to ye Speaker if he desired all or any part of them. Mr
Speaker answered they might lay down ye bills upon ye table
if they pleased. Andrew Bowne said no, they were ordered
to deliver all or any of ye bills that was desired, or with they
had occasion for, otherways he would Carry back the bills to
ye Goverr & Councill with he did—

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att
Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy 3d August 1695

Present { Gov' Hamilton
            Andrew Bowne
            John Jnians
            David Mudie
            James Dundas } of y' Councill

A Message by Saml Leonard Richard Berry, Benj: Burden, John Treat, Elias Michielson, Willm Laing, & Thomas Higgens, To acquaint this board that Their house did Intend to writt to the proprietors in England about the opening y' ports here, and their selling of the quitrents &c.

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, to Informe y' house of Deputies that y' Gover' & Councill expected their answer to y' rest of y' proposals, and that they Intend to writt to y' proprietors & Show y' house y' letters, & therefore they Expected that y' house would Communicate to y' Gover' & Councill y' letters w'ch they said they were writting to y' prop'rs

A Message by David Mudie & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, to desire a Generall Conference of y' house of Deputies, at 2 a Clock in y' afternoon, in y' usuall place.

Adjourned to two a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

Att a Generall Conference of both houses, The Gover' told The members of y' house of Deputies, that he & y' Councill Expected to see the letters w'ch they said they were writting to y' prop'rs, for if they be Concealed it seems to be because they Complain of y' Goverment, or Else writts untruths and mistakes, w'ch if they do not they ought to Communicate their letters, for he & y' Councill are very ready & willing to Joyn in and assist in every thing w'ch may any way tend to y' Generall good of y' province, and unlesse they writt Joynly to y' prop'rs how Could they expect to effect any thing. Mr Speaker answered that they had nothing to Complaine of agst y' Gover' & Councill, nor would they willingly writt any thing but what was true, and if they should Complain of y' prop'rs themselves they hoped it would wrong no body. The Gover' desired an answer to y' proposal in writting, w'ch Mr Speaker refused, but if the Gover' & Councill pleased, he would speak what he had in Commission from y' house upon that Subject, Viz:

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To ye first article of ye proposallls, (to witt ye raiseing of a peice of money for Encurradging of ye Souldiers, Come from England for defence of ye frontsiers) They say ye Country is in great arrears of quitrents, & have done a great deal already, and ye Gover of new-Yorke refused 500\(^i\) offered by that province w\(^e\)n had it been needfull they think he would not have denied it. The Gover answered ye ye Country may as well Complain of their particular debts as of ye quitrents, ye one being as truely due as ye other, and ye Gover of new-Yorke had refused ye s\(^d\) 500\(^i\) Not because it was not needfull, but because that bill was burthened w\(^th\) other things w\(^e\)n he Could not in honor Grant.

2. To ye Second (to witt ye raiseing a peice of money for Clearing of our ports at home) They Say that ye Country have payed their quitrents, or are to pay them, and therefore ye prop'rs ought to open ye ports, and ye Country have been at 800\(^i\) Charge to Support ye frontsiers & ye prop'rs have don nothing, and if they were in a Capacity to raise a peice of money for this end, they are but tennants at will & ye prop'rs may Surrender ye Goverment to ye Crown when they please, they haveing no Certainty of ye Goverment

3. To ye Third (to witt The proposeing a method for Collecting ye quitrents without truble & Charge to ye prop'rs) they say if they Cannot Compell ye master to pay, they cannot Compell ye Servant to Serve. To ye 2\(^d\) & 3\(^d\) The Gover answered ye if ye Country had alwayes payed their arrears of quitrents, as they ought to have done, and Supported ye Goverment, The prop'rs would never have desired their assistance on these two heads

4. To ye fourth (to witt ye proposeing a fund for ye future Support of ye Goverment) They say that they have taken care for one year, and they have no Certainty for any longer time of ye Goverment. The Gover answered that they ought at least to have Continued it for so long time as ye prop'rs keep ye Goverment, it being their own interest so to do, and as to ye bills, ye Gover told them, That he believed that about ye Lumber act would amount to a Monopile & therefore Cannot pass it till he wrett to ye prop'rs & have their answer, as to ye about Attorneys it would have a very ill aspect, & arraign ye Ignorance & partiality of our Courts; as to ye money bill of 150\(^i\) for Support of ye Goverment, if they thought that he must pass all ye rest only for ye Sake
Sake of that, he would return it also, tho he Judged it lame also, being only for one year wch ought to have Continued at least so long as ye prop'rs keep ye Goverment, and as to ye rest he would Consider of them.

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, desireing a Comittie of that house to be appointed to meet two of ye Councill, to Conferr upon Some of ye bills Sent this board, to wit Andrew Bowne & James Dundas from this board were appointed to meet Edward Earle, Richard Berry & John Enslie, and after a full debate they returned & reported to this board, That they had aggreed on ye amendments of ye bill for translateing all Conveyances out of forraign Languages into English.

A bill for raising 150lts for Support of ye Goverment was read here & past this board, & ye bill for translateing Conveyances out of forraign Languages into English was read here & past this board,

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, wth ye Six bill wch are not past this board returned to ye house of Deputyes, & to acquaint them ye money bill & ye bill for translateing all Conveyances out of forraign Languages into English were both past this board, and also to Inform them that ye Gover & Councill had writt to ye prop'rs in England, wch letter they had ordered ye Clerk of this house to read publickly in ye house of Deputyes to Show them that this board are neither ashamed nor affrayed to own publickly what they do, notwithstanding ye house had denied ye like Civility to this board; wch letter ye sd Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board did accordingly read publickly, and also acquainted them, that ye Gover & Councill desired to know if they had any further business to do for ye Country at this time, for if they had they should be adjourned for some Convenient time, otherwise they should be dissolvd, and desired that whole house to attend ye Gover & Councill presently.

The house of Deputyes attended ye Gover & Councill, and Mr Speaker told ye he was ordered to give ye thanks of that house to ye Gover & Councill for their favour in Causeing read to them ye letter wth they had writt to ye prop'rs in England, and said that they knew of no further bussiness wch ye Country had at this time, and ordered ye Secretary do record the two laws that are now made & transcribe 4 Copies, viz: one for each County, & that John pike when ready do wth ye Secretary revise & examine them, and then the Gover dissolved ye assembly and ye assembly was dissolved accordingly,

Thomas Gordon D Sec'y & Regr

Att
Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy the 20th day of february 1695

Present

\begin{align*}
\text{Governour Hamilton} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{James Dundas}
\end{align*}

The Members of the house of Deputies being most of them mett, Came before this board, And told the Governour the Major part of them were convened. And the Governour desired them to withdraw and choose their speaker, And present him Either to Night or to Morrow.

And In a short time presented & Returned Richard Hartshorne their Speaker, who was Accordingly Received, And the Governour told them he thought fitt to Acquaint them that the reason of Calling them together was to Informe them of Thomas Gordons going for England. And also he Acquainted them that the Proprietors had bee ne at A great charge In supporting the Goverment, And never Received any thing out of the Province, which he desired them to take Into their consideration

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock &c

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 25th febr: 1695

Present

\begin{align*}
\text{Governour Hamilton} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{John Bishop} \\
\text{James Dundas}
\end{align*}

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by John Bishop & Thomas Gordon, to take the Oathes of the Deputies as is usuall, And In a Short time Returned gave Acep’t to this board that they had done it

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock &c

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 26th febr: 1695

Present

\begin{align*}
\text{Governour Hamilton} \\
\text{Isaac Kingsland} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{James Dundas}
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A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by John Barclay, Clerk of this board, with A bill for the tryall & Execution of Negros or other Slaves guiltie of murder or any other Capitall Crime.

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock &c

Att
Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 27th febr: 1695

Present

\{\text{Governour Hamilton} \\
\text{Isaac Kingsland} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{James Dundas}\}

of the Councill

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by John Royce, Benjamen Griffith & William Looker, with a bill concerning gaining and tippling in publick houses.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Isaac Kingsland one of the Members of this board, & John Barclay Clerk, with two bills passed this board (viz) one for Establishing of fees for the Members of this board, And an other for Regulating of ordinaries.

Adjourned till to morrow

Att A Councill held the 29th febr: 1695

Present

\{\text{Governour Hamilton} \\
\text{Isaac Kingsland} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{James Dundas}\}

of the Councill

A Message from the house of Deputies to this board by John Royce, William Looker, Thomas Hilburne, Richard Salter, Jedediah Higges, William Lawrence, Clause Janson, with five bills, (viz) A bill for opening our ports &c, A bill Impowering one Justice to sum'ons towne meetings, A bill obligeing Constables chosen to serve, A bill for killing of Woolves, A bill for punishing & Releeving Negros

Adjourned till monday at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held Perth Amboy 2d March 1696

Present

\{\text{Governour Hamilton} \\
\text{Isaac Kingsland} \\
\text{Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{James Dundas}\}

of the Councill

A Message from this board by Isaac Kingsland & Thomas Gordon to the house of Deputies, with two bills, (viz) one for Supporting the Goverment, And one concerning Negros, also three bills past both houses (viz) one concerning Woolves, one concerning constables, one concerning appoynting of towne meetings.
A Message from the house of Deputies by John Pike, John Browne, William Looker, Thomas Hillburne to this board, to desire a Conference concerning two bills (viz) that concerning the support of the Government, and that concerning Negros which was Accordingly Granted.

Att A Generall Conference of both houses, The Speaker first said as to the bill for the support of the Government, That Every Assembly will think it fitt what to offer for the Support of the Government, therefore they did not think it needefull at present to accertaine any thing. The Governour told them the reason of calling them now was to give them an Opportunity to Lett the Proprietors know how farr they would encourage them to maintaine the Government, the speaker further said that the Deputies had Also promised In A Letter to the Proprietors, that they would do what they ought to do.

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 3d March 1693

Present

{ Governor Hamilton }
{ Isaac Kingsland }
{ Andrew Bowne }

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by Benjamin Burden, John Williams, John Pike, William Looker, with A bill concerning Schoolmasters, And the bill concerning Negros, past both houses.

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by William Lawrence, John Pike, John Williams, Benjamin Burden, with A bill Entituled for raising £150 towards confirming our Government & clearing our ports.

A Message from this board by John Barclay Clerk, to the house of Deputies, with A bill for Maintaining the New Road to Burlington &c

A Message from this board by Isaac Kingsland to the House of Deputies, to desire A publick Conference of the whole house, who Returned for answere they would come Immediatly.

Att a Generall Conference of both houses. The Governour acquainted them that the bill for opening our Ports they sent to him, was Inconsistent with it selfe because it Arraigned the Governement.

Adjourned till to Morrow at 8 a Clock
Att A Councill held At Perth Amboy 4th March 1694

Present {Governour Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
James Dundas

of the Councill

Att A publick Conference of both houses, A Petition of Complaint Against George Jewell the Clerk of the peace, & John Gardner High Sheriff for the Countie of Essex, signed by Benjamen Ogden, Jonathen Clements, Isaac Hatfield, which Petition being, And after A Long Debate it was found that their accusers could prove nothing of what they asserted against the said Clerk & Sherrife.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Isaac Kingsland, to Demand two bills passed this board (viz) one concerning ordinarie & an other concerning a high Road, Burlington.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by John Barclay Clerk, with A bill for £200,— "—" — for supporting the frontiers

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies to this board, by Jedediah Higgens, William Looker, Thomas Hibburne, and Albert Terhorne, to desire a Comittee with six of their number & some of the members of this board, to treat about the bills that are yet to be past.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies, by John Barclay Clerk, to Acquaint the house, that some of the members of this board are ready to meete with six of their number Appoynted for A Conference with them.

Att A Private Conference of some of the Members of this board, (viz) Andrew Bowne, Isaac Kingsland James Dundas, And six of the Members of the house of Deputies, (viz) John Royce, William Lawrence Benjamen Burden, Richard Salter, John Pike, John Williams, who returned five bills passed this board (viz) one for Regulating ordinarie, one for Appoynting the Councellors expences, one for A tax for detraying the charge of trying fiellons, one concerning the New Road to Burlington, one for raising £200 "—" — for the support of the frontiers.

To that concerning Ordinaries they answered there was already a Law for Regulating ordinarie, To that concerning the Councellors Expences, they answered since the Countrey did not chuse them they were of opinion it was not their concerne to pay them, To that concerning the charge of
of tellons, they answered there was provision made by the Lawes of England to defray such charges. To that concerning the New Road, they answered they were writing an other bill over about it. To that for £200 "— "— for the support of the frontiers they answered, that the people were generally so poore they could not possibly raise so much monie this Spring, but they further said, they hoped the Governour would call another Assembly sometime next fall, to which it was replied by some of the members of this board that if they would but raise but one halfe this spring, & the other halfe in the fall, to shew their readiness for his Majesties service as well as for their own safety. And it was further told them, that if they would only raise £60 "— "— this Spring, and the rest in the fall that we may shew our readiness to assist in what we can.

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 5th March 1696

Present  
\[ \text{Governour Hamilton} \]
\[ \text{Isaac Kingsland} \]
\[ \text{Andrew Bowne} \]
\[ \text{James Dundas} \]

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies, by John Browne Jedediah Higgens, Richard Salter with a bill concerning the New Road to Burlington, Past both houses; they also Acquainted this board, that the whole house would waite on them presently, In order to A Publick conference.

Att A Publick Conference of both houses, the Governour desired to advise with the house of Deputies what he should do if Governour flitcher should Demand Assistance from him for the support of the frontiers, whither they think fitt the Governour should Attach Men or not when he Demands, them. In Answer to the Governours proposall the Speaker Replyed, they were Ignorant and did not well understand that matter; but only they are willing to raise £50 "— "— to the private Sentinalls at Albany to be payed next fall

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies, by Isaac Kingsland & Thomas Gordon, to know of them whither or not they have considered of a bigger sume, than what they before offered for the support of the frontiers. And to reade to them A Letter Intended to be sent to the Proprietors from the Members of this board.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies, by Andrew
Andrew Bowne & Thomas Gordon, to Acquaint them that the Governor has already been at A Considerable Charge to send Expresses concerning the publick Affaires, therefore he desires to know how he shall be paid for such Emergencies for time to come if any should happen, And Also to Acquaint them, that since there is an open warr against the French, It's thought needfull by this board, there be A Magazine of powder & Shott In Every Towne In this Province.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by William Lawrence, John Pike, Richard Salter, to desire the aforesaid Message from this board In writeing, which the Governor Accordingly did.

Adjourned till to Morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 6th March 1695

Present {Governour Hamilton Isaac Kingsland Andrew Bowne James Dundas} of the Councill

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Thomas Gordon, to read A Letter signed by this board to the Proprietors In London.

A Message from this board by John Barclay their Clerk to the House of Deputies, to Acquaint them that the Governour & Councill desired them to Attend this board with the bills that were finished, unless they had Either A bill for the support of the Goverment, or an other for support of the frontiers under consideration; to whom the speaker Answered the Clerk was busie writeing A bill for the safetie of the Province.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Thomas Gordon, to Acquaint them that the Governour & Councill desired them not to Adjourne untill they brought all the bills along with them, to which they answered their Clerk was busie about the bill for the Safetie of the Province, And as soone as that was ready they would wayte on the Governour & Councill if it were not too Late.

Adjourned till to Morrow at 8 A Clock

Att a Councill held Att Perth Amboy 7th March 1695

Present {Governour Hamilton Isaac Kingsland Andrew Bowne James Dundas} of the Councill
A Message to this board from the House of Deputies by William Lawrance, Jedediah Higgens, Richard Salter & Benjamin Burden, with A bill for the Safety of the Province, & defraying the Charge of Expressess In time of War.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Thomas Gordon, to Acquaint them that the Governour cannot be answerable to signe the said bill, because he cannot Act safely, without the Advise of his Councill, who Returned for answere the house of Deputies would Attend this board presently.

Att A Publick Conference of both houses, The Speaker presented all the bills past. The Governour told them that In the beginning of the Assembly he Acquainted them that Thomas Gordon was going home, In order to prosecute some persons that had abused our Governement. The Governour further Acquainted them if they had any thing to offer to the Proprietors he should be no Insendarie against them, And he should be glade that they convince the Proprietors they have beene ready to serve them According to their Ability.

And also the Governour told them he knew of no other business at this time, And so dissolved them

JOHN BARCLAY Dpt Scr & Rgstr.

Att A Counciill held At Perth Amboy 2d June 1696

{Governour Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
Samuell Dennis
John Bishop
James Dundas} of the Counciill

The Governor Informed this board that he Received A Packett dated at the Counciill Chamber of White Hall the 10th March 1695, signed by tenn of the Members of his Majesties Privie Counciill, Wherein they Informe him of A Horrid Plott against his Majesties sacred person, And an Invasion by the French, wherein they also Informe him they doe it by his Majesties Express Com'and, And hopes that all his Majesties Loving subjects In that Province, will Joyne in giving thanks to Almighty God for such A wonderful deliverence.

Accordingly the Governour with consent of his Counciill Issued out A Proclamation for A Solemne day of thanks giving to bee Religiously kept through out this Province upon the 11th day of this Instant.

And
And it was Concluded by this board that A Letter bee writt by the Governour to Mr Povey Clerk to the Plantation Office, giving him an Accept: of the Receipt of the said Packett which was Accordingly done In these words.

Sr

The Express from the Right Honourable the Lords of his Majesties Most Honourable privie Councill, bearing date from the Councill Chamber at White Hall the 10th day of March 1695, came to my hands via. Virginia upon the 22d of May, I called, A Councill In Each Province, & produced their Lordsp's Letter together with the papers Inclosed.

As the Barbarous & wicked designes against the sacred person of A prince who so often shews himselfe at the head of his Armies, The only opportunitie A generous Enemie could desire, created detestation & Abhorrence. So the happy disapoyntment of it by the good providence of God, And the defeat of the Enemies Attempts against his Majesties Kingdomes & Government, was a matter of great Joy. I have therefore with Advice of councill of both East & west Jersey, Appoynted a Solemn day of thanks giveing In Each Province, upon which I am well Assured the unfeigned thanks of All the Inhabitants will bee offered up to Almighty God for so great A deliverance, & all imigineable Expressions of Joy upon so solemn an occasion

And: HAMILTON

Perth Amboy 2d June 1696|

Att A Councill of Generall Assembly begun and held at Perth Amboy the 16th day of March Anno Dom: 1695

Coll: Andrew Hamilton Governour
Capt: Andrew Bowne
John Inians
James Dundas

of the Councill

The Members of the house of Deputies being most of them mett, came before this board, and told the Governour the Major part of them were convened & the Governour desired them to withdraw & chuse their speaker & present him.

And In A short time they returned & presented Samuell Denniss their Speaker.

The Governour told them, hee would have called them together Last yeare, as hee has yearly done since hee came Into the Goverment, but the reasone (why hee did it not) was because Mr Gordon was sent home on the publick Accept: and was unwilling to putt the Countrie to the charge of A Generall Assembly
Assembly till his returne, but the reason why they were now called together was because the Justices & severall others of the Inhabitants of the Province had Addressed him to call an Assembly, And hee was willing to heare what they had to offer.

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Counciell of Generall Assembly the 17th of March 1693

Present \[ \{ \text{Governour Hamilton} \} \]
\[ \{ \text{Cap': Andrew Bowne} \} \]
\[ \{ \text{John Inians} \} \]
\[ \{ \text{James Dundas} \} \]

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by Lewis Morris & William Sandfoord, to desire one of the Members of this board to take the Deputies oathes—And Accordingly James Dundas & John Barclay Clerk to this board went to doe the same,—& In a short time Returned & gave an Acept, they had done it.

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by Lewis Morris & William Loveridge, Acquainting this board that they see not cause to Admitt Thomas Warne to bee one of their Members, therefore desires A New writt may be Issued out to chuse an other In his Roome

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A clock in the morning

The 18th of Aprill

present As Above

A Message to this board from the House of Deputies by Richard Hartshorne & Cornelius Longfield, to Intreate the Governour to Issue out his writt to chuse an other Deputy for Perth Amboy In the Roome of Thomas Warne.

Adjourned till morrow morning at 8 A Clock

The 19th day present As Above

Adjourned till monday at 10 A Clock In the morning

The 21st day present As Above

A Message to this board from the House of Deputies by John Pike & Lewis Morris, to Acquaint this board that their House had Adjourned themselves untill the 17th day of May next

\textbf{John Barclay Dep't Sc'r & Rgst'}

Att
Att a Councell held At Perth Amboy In the Countie of Middx: the 7th day of Aprill Anno Dom 1698

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\text{Coll: } & \text{ Andrew Hamilton Governour} \\
\text{Capt: } & \text{ Andrew Bowne} \\
\text{Samuell Dennis} & \\
\text{Capt: John Bishop} & \\
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of the Councill

Jeremiah Basse Esq produced to this board A Commission to bee Governour and Com’ander In Cheefe of this Province of East New Jersey, given under the Scale of the sayd Province In London, & signed by the Proprietors there bearing date the 15th day of July 1697.

Hee Also produced here A Commission given under the broad Scale of England by order of the Lords Justices, bearing date the thirtieth day of Aprill Anno Dom: 1697 (directed to Edward Randolph Esq & severall others, In All Eight In Number, or any five of them, or In case of theire Absence by death or otherwise, then to five of the Councill And In case of any of theire Absence, then to three of the Councill), to take the oath (of the Governour or Com’ander In Cheefe of this Province of East & west New Jersey for the time being) Appoynted by the Act of trade & Navigation &c: to bee taken by the Respective Governours of his Majesties Plantations.

Hee Also produced here A Certificate (given under the hand & Seale of his Excellency Richard Earle of Bellamont Cap: Generall & Governour In Cheefe of the Province of New Yorke &c: dated 5th Aprill 1698) therein setting forth (that before his sayd Excellencie) hee had taken the oathes Appoynted by Act of Parliment to bee taken Instead of the oathes of Alleadgiance & supremacie, both which Com’issiones & Certificate were here read In Councill, And then hee Im’ediately tooke the oath of Alleadgeance to the King & fidelity to the Interest of the Proprietors of the sayd Province As Governour thereof.

And it was then ordered by this board that Proclamatione should bee Issued out to Each Countie throughout this Province, setting forth the New Governours Com’ission, And ordering All officers both civill & Militarie to continue In theire several offices & places till further order.

Adjourned till to morrow morning Att 8 a Clock

Att
Att A Councill Held Att Perth Amboy the 8th of April 1698

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\text{present} & \quad \{ \begin{array}{l}
\text{Jeremiah Basse Esq', Governor} \\
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Agreed & ordered by this board that A proclamation bee Issued, for All Magistrates & other officers to put the Lawes In Executione strickly Against im'oderate drinking swearing & other vices & the breach of the sabbath day.

Agreed & ordered Also that an other Proclamation bee Issued out, setting forth that the Com'issioners of his Majesties Customs in England Have Allowed Perth Amboy to bee a free Port.

Agreed & ordered by this board that the peace bee proclaimed here the first day of the next Court of Com'on Right.

The Governour Requested the members of this board to Ad- minister the Oath (to him) Appoynted by the Act of trade & Navigation, According to the Com'ission under the broad Seale of England by him here produced, And this board were of opinion (at present) that they had not power to Administer sd oath, because there are several other persones Nominated In the sayd Com'ission to Administer the same.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill held att Perth Amboy the 20th day of April Anno Dom: 1698

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\text{Capt. Andrew Bowne} \\
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\text{Cap' John Bishop} \\
\text{John Royce} \\
\text{Richard Hartshorne} \\
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This day the Members of this board Administered the oath to the Governour (Appoynted by the Act of trade & Navigation &c) According to the Com'ission under the broad Seale of of England, here in Councill produced.

All the Members of this board here present, tooke this day the oathes Appoynted by Act of Parliamet to bee taken. Instead of the oathes of Aleagiance & supremacie, (Except Richard Hartshorne) who scruples swearing After the usall forme

Agreed
Agreed & ordered by this board, that A writt bee directed to the Sherifffe of the Countie of Bergen to sum'ons the Justices of the sayd Countie to Appeare before the Justices of the next Court of Com'on Right to render their reasons why they refused to obey A writt of Habees Corpus directed to them.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill Held Att Perth Amboy The 12th day of May Anno Dom: 1698

Capt Andrew Bowne
Samuel Dennis
Cpt: John Bishop
Thomas Warne
Richard Hartshorne

It’s Agreed by this board that the Letter directed to Coll: And: Hamilton & the Councill of this Province from the Proprietors dated 12th of October 1697, bee Recorded In the publick Records of this Province, & safely kept In the Secretaries office.

It’s Also Agreed by this board, that notice bee given to the severall members of the present Generall Assemble of this Province, that they doe not meete here According to thier owne Adjournment the 17th day of this Month, but that they delay thier meeting untill they have further order by Proclamation from the Governour.

Att A Councill held att Perth Amboy 30th May Anno Dom: 1698

Jeremiah Basse Esq': Governour
Capt Andrew Bowne
Samuell Dennis
John Royse
Thomas Codrington
Capt John Bishop
Thomas Warne
Richard Hartshorne

The Governour Administered an oath of Secracie to John Tatham Esq’ hee not being of the Councill of this Province, but of West New Jersey, who was Accordingly Admitted by this board to Assist them with his Advice,

After the reading of A Late Proclamation signed by Bellamount Governour of New Yorke the 24th of this Month, This board
board were of opinion that Mr. James Dundas should be sent for, to Acquaint them what he knew of any order Lately come from England to Bellamount concerning our Port, who Accordingly came.

And it was Agreed by this board that there should be a Proclamation Issued out Asserting the Authoritie of our Port. And there be a Letter writt to the Proprietors giving them An Accept thereof & also of Bellamounts Proclamation, with Coppies of them both, which was Accordingly done.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy: 16th June 1698

present
{ Jeremial Basse Esqr Governor
  Capt Andrew Bowne
  Samuell Dennis
  Thomas Codrington
  John Royse
  Capt Thomas Bishop
  Thomas Warne
} of the Councill

The Governour Informed this board that hee received A precept, directed to him from the Earle of Bellamount, As vice Admirall of the Province, wherein hee requires him to send (two prisoners together with their Effects, Accused of Piracie) to New Yorke, to bee tryed there at the Court of Admiraltie.

And it's the opinion of this board that the Governour ought not to send said prisoners as desired, untill my Lord Bellamounts Com'issione for vice Admirall of this Province bee published here.

And its Also the opinion of this board that A letter bee writt to My Lord, giving him an Accept, why the prisoners are not sent According to his desire.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill at Perth Amboy for ye province of East—new—Jersey the 15th day of July, 1698

{ Jeremial Basse Esqr. Governor
  Capt Andrew Bowne
  Tho: Codrington
  John Royse
  Tho: Warn
  Capt Jo[n] Bishop
  Sam[n] Dennes
} of the Councill

Thomas
Thomas Gordon Presented to this board a Deputation for Seer'y & Repr' of this province & the Gover' Did Satisfie this board that he did see ye s'd Deputation Signed Sealed & delivered by ye s'd Mr. Dockwra to ye s'd Tho: Gordon who was accordingly Recognized by this board & and took ye Oaths in usual forme.

The Governor did present to this board a Letter from ye King and Councill, with a proclamation prohibiting his Maj'ie's Subjects to Enter into ye service of forraign princes Estates &c, directed to the Proprietors of East-New Jersey, with this board ordered to be published in ye severall Countyes of this province According to ye usuall forme.

The Petition of Robert Cole Deputy Collector, Complaining agst George Jewell & his wife for rescuing some goods seized by him, belonging to Thomas Webster of Elizabeth town, & also agst Isaac Whitehead & Benjamin Pryce for refusing to take Cognizance of ye Same was read here, & ye opinion of this board is that this bussinesse doth not ly properly before this board & therefor doe refer him to a due Course of Law, & in Relation to any weshells or sloops seized by the s'd Rob't Cole, It is ye opinion of this board ye s'd weshells or sloops with all their tackle & furniture &c be Inventaried & apprized, & Security taken to produce ye same at ye next Court, or pay ye apprized value in Case they be lost &c.

The petition of Mr George Willocks being read & Considered, its the advice of this board that ye s'd Willocks do bring ye s'd Ship Called ye Dispatch & Cargo to Perth-Amboy, & this board in behalf of ye proprietors and the Council do promise to Indemnifie ye s'd Willocks & his Employers from all Customes of ye s'd Cargo, (w'th Cargo s'd Willocks sayes is about 800l ster: first Cost) in Case s'd Ship shall be forcibly Carried up to New-York & forced to pay Customes there.

Adjourned till further order.

Att a Councill held for the Province of East New Jersey att Perth Amboy ye 1st of Aug' 1698

Present

{Govern'r Basse
Cap't Andrew Bowne
Tho: Codrington
John Royse
Sam: Dennis
Tho: Warne

all of the Councill

M'
Mr. George Willoks did propose to this Board that the Ship dispatch being now at New York, did propose to the Lieut. Govern' & Counciill there, that if they would permit the said Ship to come here to Perth Amboy to unload, the goods bound hither by bills of Loading, they would give Bond to Stand tryall for the Dutyes payable by New York Laws at Westminster hall, & if cast there to pay the same &c; and in case this proposal be rejected, he desires the advice of this Board, in case he be forced to a Law Suit, & an appeal &c (by bringing down the Ship & goods here) how the charges &c Shall be defrayed, being hard for him & his Employers as private persons to bear So great charges & Expences, being designed for the benefit & good of the publick &c. It is the Opinion of this Board that it will be very much for the good of this Province & the Interest of the Proprietors that Mr. Willoks do endeavour, by all ways & means by Law or otherwise to bring the Said Ship & goods here, & what charges &c he Shall be at, this Board will use their utmost Endeavours with the next assembly to assist towards the reimbursing the Said charges & Expenses.

Adjourned till further order

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 26th of November 1698

Present

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\text{John Royse} & \\
\text{John Bishop} & \\
\text{Sam' Dennes} & \\
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The Govern' did Inform this Board that yesterday in the afternoon Cap. Mathews & Mr. Hungerford with between fifty & Sixty men in Arms did come from New York & by Surprise forcibly entr'd the Ship Hester & forcibly detain'd her, & also forcibly do keep & detain Capt. Richard Wise Commander of the sd. Ship & all the Seamen & Marriners, (to her belonging) prisoners aboard the Said Ship, and have hurt & wounded several of the sd. Marriners: His Honour the Govern' doth desire the Opinion & advice of this Board, whether he shall convene the Country & forcibly retake the Said Ship, or forbear & suffer those people to do what they please.

It is the positive & unanimous Opinion of this Board that there be no force used to retake the Said Ship Hester.
At a Councill held at Perth Amboy the 12th of December 1698

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There was read before this Board a Letter from Mr. Cousens Clerk of the Council of New York dated the 25th of November, writt to Govr' Basse by order of the Govrn' and Council of New York, concerning the Ship Hester. It is the Opinion of this Board that they have no need to return any answer to the said Letter.

The Govrn' desir'd the Opinion of this Board what is fit now to be done concerning the Ship Hester, being appointed by the proprietors Instructions to take the advice of this Board in that affaire.

It is the positive and unanimous Opinion of this Board, the Governor do not medle or concern any further with the Ship Hester any manner of way, in Complyance with the Govrn' or Goverm' of New York.

Cap' Andrew Bowne & Thomas Codrington by their Letters are of the same Opinion.

It is the Opinion of this Board that an Assembly be called to meet at Perth Amboy the 21st of February next.

There was Read before this Board a letter from the Proprietors in England, directed to the Govern' & Councill, dated the 27th of August 1695 the Clark of this Board is order'd to draw up the minutes in answer thereunto against to morrow morning.

Adjourned till to morrow morning.

At a Councill held at Perth Amboy the 13th December 1698

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There was drawn up the Scroll of a Letter to the proprietors in answer to theirs of the 27th of August, which the Clark was ordered to write, out fail against to morrow morning.

Adjourned till to morrow morning.

At
At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 14th of December 1698

Present

{Govern' Basse
John Royse
Richd: Hartshorne
Sam'l Dennes
John Bishop
Tho: Warne

The Letter to the Proprietors being writt out fair by the Clerk of this Board, was here read & approved of & Signed by the Govern'r & all the members of this Board now present, & recommended to the Govern'r to be carefully conveyed to the Proprietors in England by a Ship Cap't Bradford Com'ander now bound from New York to England, & then Adjourned till further Occasion

Att a Councill held for the General Assembly at Perth Amboy the 21st of February 1698

Present

{Jeremiah Basse Esq' Gover' & Prop'
Andrew Bowne
John Royse
Will: Pinhorne

The Representatives being met did come before this Board, & did acquaint this Board that they were now met in Obedience to the Govern'rs writts, & desired therefore now to know his pleasure, & then the Govern'r did acquaint them that he was glad of this Opportunity to meet them here & Spoke to them in this manner (viz')

Gentlemen

"The first work of the learned Phisician when called for "the curing of a distemper'd body is to remove & repell "all venemous humours from ye heart, because a disease once "Seated in this Metropolis, is rarely curable. This deserves "imitation by you who are the carefull Phisicians of our "State, & the healers of our body poblick: It is easily per- "ceivable what wounds this Province has of late received & "by what hands; It remains then with you to consider the "most proper, Speedy & effectual remedies in which I dare "assure you of my utmost concurrence & assistance "We
"We may attribute our misfortunes not only to the invasion of our just rights by some from another Province but in part to our Intestine differences & interests: could there be more of unanimity amongst our Selves, & all the different interests reconcil'd, or at least not in this juncture agitated, we might ye less be lyable to fear our Success against any others that Should attempt to hurt us. Scierus his Arrows, whilst they were bound in a bundle together, could neither be broken nor bowed, but being divided were easily Snapped assunder; So will it fare with us, whose happiness chiefly depends on unity & mutual conjunction amongst our Selves, & nothing can be of more dangerous Consequence to us, then discords, or divided Interests. It is an excellent Motto on the coin of ye united Provinces, that have from poor distressed States in a little time raised themselves to be the Companions of the ancientest Monarchies, Concordia parva rescrescunt; & the Same in practice may in time render us not the Scorn but the envy of our Neighbours, whilst they by their mutual jars shall, tho' unwillingly largely contribute to our prosperity.

Let us then resolve to be unanimous in Seeking out what is for our general Interest at this juncture, & both Speedy & resolute in ye accomplishment of it. Nothing being more commendable in a Sate, than constancie to their resolutions, & celerity in all their Actions; by the one they disanimate & by the other they prevent the very designs of their Enemies.

In our Search then after that which may tend to the Interest & honour of this Province, I must commend to you, the removing those obstructions that hinder the trade thereof, this being the Source & Original of almost all our other misfortunes, for as nothing can more tend to the enriching a people & province, then trade, So nothing can more impoverish & debilitate it, then those Obstructions that are layd in ye way of it; the growth of Amsterdam is only to be attributed to ye trade thereof, & that Philadelphia hath grown to so great a height in less than half the time that this Province hath been Settled, is easily to be accounted for: God & Nature have done their partes in giving you (I may Say) almost an unparalell'd advantage over the last in respect of Situation, & it is not to be question'd but your growth would be proportionable, would you Sedulously apply your Selves to the removals of our unhappy hinderances; And in this give me leave to tell you, that this business well timed & begun is half ended and if I am not mistaken, we can never propose
"propose to have a more happy juncture, a more critical time
"wherein to prosecute to advantage this great affair: Your re-
"Solutions & Zealous Espousal of this cause will greatly ad-
"vance the main of it & prove a disanimiting circumstance
"to your opposers, neither shall I doubt of Success, Since
"we are to make our application to those Laws for our relief,
"whose chief Minister is so far from wresting them to the
"disadvantage of the Subject that he hath given us the most
"noble testimonies of a firm reSolution to hazard a life of in-
"valuable worth to preserve us from tyranny, & an arbitrary
"construction of them.

"Some things are necessary to be consider'd in order to ye
"well doing of this work, Justice, as the first mover &
"efficient facility, as the instrumentes & profit as the final
"cause. The first of these hardly admits of a dispute from
"our Opposers, It is Excellence in that very proclamation
"which Seems to Strike at our trade, giving the cause away
"to us in ascribing the legal Establishment of ports to be in
"ye Commissioners of the Customs under the direction of the
"Lords of the TreA'ry, which establishment we have an un-
doubted and undeniable proof of, not only in instructions to
"that purpose but in their placing an officer to collect the
"Kings Revenue, in whose Commission the direction of ye
"Lords of the TreA'ry to ye Com'rs of ye Customs per their
"warrant is recited: but indeed the Law of Nature &
"Nations Seems to argue Strongly for our right, it being no
"less than imprisoning of us in our habitations, if denied our
"Egress to or our regress from them, & how unreasonable this
"must be to be punished when innocent will be evident to
"every unbiassed person

"Having then justice as the basis & foundation of our
"design, tho' we Shou'd be forc'd to wade through Some diffi-
culties for ye obtaining of it, the Profit in ye Conclusion
"would abundantly over ballance the charge, but I see no in-
"superable difficulties to contest withall: The path to our
"desir'd Port is already trodden & none I hope will be so
"Slothfull to desist, from the fears of there being a Lion in
"ye way.

"We have some of us long wished for an opportunity
"of trying this contest by a due Course of Law, you
"have now Such an opportunity put into your hands, that
"if once Slipped may perhaps never be again retrieved,
"a Ship Loaden for an Outward bound Voyage against
"whom our Enemies themselves cou'd have no pretence, hav-
ing if I err not, three times tryed herin their own Courts,
"where they might justly be said to be both Judges & party
& yet too clear evidences of her freedom appeared that con-
trary to their interest & inclination, They were forced to
clear her; Yet this very Ship, loaded with wood and water
& necessary provisions that we wou’d allow to a Turk or In-
fidel, is by a Commission from his Ex’ely forcibly carried
away tried, condemn’d, & Sold by them for not entering &
clearing at ye Port of New York; True it is, She was Soon
after her capture profered to me again on the payment of an
inconsiderable charge, which occasioned me to consult both
the Council of ye Province & the Council of Proprietors
about that proposall, & they are my Evidences that in it I
never consulted my own, but your Interest, never inquired
what wou’d conduce most to my private advantage, but what
might tend to the benefit & advantage of the Province,
which according to their Opinion I pursued, leaving both
Ship & Cargo in the hands of the Captors, to be proceeded
with as they thought fit. Now having my recourse to you,
for your Assistance in ye recovery of my right, unjustly &
violely carried away, & after by me neglected or rather
Sacrificed to your Interest, by which you will not only en-
engage the endeavours of one that looks on nothing more
dear to him, then the Interest of his Countrey, & hath in this
given no mean Instance of his resolutions to Serve you; But
you have the fairest prospect of attaining your desired end,
the clearing your trade from its hindrance & Obstructions, &
given the greatest encouragement to other Merchants to ven-
ture their Stocks in Trade amongst you, when they See you
generously defending of them.

The Representatives in a Short time returned & presented
Mr John Harriman as their Speaker, upon which ye Govern-
Spoke to them to this effect, Gent, That the House of Repre-
sentatives have the choice of their Speaker is a thing I Shall
not bring into question, but before my acceptance of ye person
you have chosen, give me leave to Inform you that I have re-
ceived Information that Some of ye house have Petic’oned our
Neighbour Govern’t to take them under his protection, which if
true, seems to me to destroy those Libertyes that ought to be
near & dear to us. Some of your house are not unacquainted
with it, I must therefore beg of you, to retire & consult what
may be necessary to be done in this affair, & then present the
person you Shall conclude on to me.

A Message from the house of representatives that they had
adjourned till eight a clock to morrow morning & this Board
Adjourned till 8 a clock to morrow morning

At
At a Council held for ye Generall Assembly the 22th of February 1698

Govern' Basse
Andrew Bowne
John Royse
Willm Pinhorne

Present

A Message from the house of Representatives desireing the returns of the writts of ye Election of Deputies to be Sent them, & accordingly there was delivered to John Reid the writts for ye Countys of Essex, Midlesex, Monmouth, & Bergen.

Adjourned till four a Clock after noon

Post meridiem

Present as above & Thomas Warne

A Message from ye house of Representatives to this Board desiring this Board would please to Send Some of their members to administer the usual Oaths to the members of the house of Representatives, & accordingly John Royse & Thomas Gordon Clark of this Board were Sent to the house of Representatives & being returned did Inform this Board that they administred the usual Oaths to the house of Representatives

A Message from the house of Representatives to Inform this Board that the house of Representatives were adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning & this Board also

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council for ye Generall Assembly &c of February ye 23rd of 1698

Govern' Basse
Andrew Bowne
John Royse
Will: Pinhorne
Tho: Warne

Present

A Message from the house of Representatives Informing this Board that they had received a Letter from the Proprietors in England telling them that according to their desire the Government was now authorized & acknowledged under the broad Seal of England, & their Ports fully cleared, the Instructions
strucions of which they desired this Board would please to Send them, together with a Copy of his Hon's the Govern's Speech made at the opening of the Assembly, all which the Govern promised to Send them, as soon as his Hon's Speech was copyed out which was now a doing.

Ordered that William Pinborne one of the Members of this Board, do return the thanks of this Board to the Reverend Mr Edward Portlock Authorized Pastor of the Jerseys for the Sermon he preached before the General Assembly Yesterday afternoon.

A Message from the House of Representatives to Inform this Board, that the Representatives for ye County of Bergen were come, desiring this Board would Send some of their Members to administer the usual Oaths to them, & accordingly John Royse & the Clark of this Board were Sent to administer the said Oaths, who being returned did inform this Board that they had administered the usual Oaths to the Bergen Representatives.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

Present as above

Ordered that Thomas Warne & Tho: Gordon, Clark of this Board, do carry the Dedimus Potestatem under the broad Seal of England, (to the House of Representatives) for administering the Oaths concerning trade & Navigation to ye Govern or Com'ander in Chief of East & West Jersey concerning Trade & Navigation &c Subscribed by the Lords Justices & Subscribed by the Lords of the Treaty, as also a Copy of his Hon's the Govern's Speech which accordingly they carried, & being returned did Inform this Board that they read the Dedimus Potestatem publickly in the House of Representatives, & had Shewn them the Instructions &c, & had left with them the copy of his Hon's the Govern's Speech, & that the whole house of Representatives did Seem very well Satisfied that the Dedimus Potestatem &c was an acknowledgment & Confirmation of our Government under the broad Seal of England, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament &c, & that the Instructions &c, was a Sufficient confirmation of our free Ports & trade &c.

A Message from the House of Representatives that they had adjourned till to morrow morning at 8 a Clock & then this Board

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At
At a Council for ye General Assembly &c the 24th of February 1698

Present

{Governr Basse
Andr. Bowne
John Royse
Wm Pinhorne
Tho: Warne

Thomas Gordon Clark of this Board was sent to the House of Representatives with the Act ag' Pyrates mentioned in his Hon'ts the Governr's Speech, and a Letter from the Lords of Trade & Plantations to the Proprietors of the Jerseys concerning the Same.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above

A Message from the House of Deputies that they had adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning and then this Board
Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

At a Council for the General Assembly the 25th of February 1698

Present as above

A Message from the House of Deputies that they had adjourned till Munday at 2 a Clock afternoon & then this Board
Adjourned till Munday at 2 a clock afternoon

At a Council held for ye General Assembly &c 27th of February 1698

Post Meridiem

Present

{Governr Basse
Andr. Bowne
Jo' Royse
Wm Pinhorne

A Message from the House of Deputies that they had Adjourned to eight a clock to morrow morning and then this Board, Adjourned
till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At
At a Council held for the General Assembly &c 28th February 1699

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives that they had Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon, & then this Board Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives Informing this Board that the House of Representatives had Adjourned till to morrow morning at eight a Clock & this Board Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council for the General Assembly ye first of March 1698

Present as above

George Willoks Agent for ye Propr's did desire of this Board that if any bills were presented to this Board from the House of Representatives of this General Assembly for ye Concurrence of this Board, to be past into a Law, which Should any way touch ye private Interest or Estates of the Proprietors of this Province, that this Board would please not to pass any such Bills until he as the Proprietors Agent were called & heard thereupon in behalf of ye Proprietors.

A Message from the house of Representatives that they had adjourned till to morrow morning at 8 a clock & this Board Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council for ye General Assembly &c ye 2d March 1698

Present

{Govern" Basse
Andrew Bowne
John Royse
Will" Pinhorne}
A Message from the House of Deputies with a Bill concerning patents &c which was read the first time

And Mr Willoks having formerly desired that no bills which Seemed to touch Any thing relating to the Proprietors Interests Should pass this Board till he by himself & Council Should be heard in behalf of the Propr's as their Agent,

Ordered that Capt Bowne & Mr Royse desire a General Conference of the whole House upon the Subject Matter of ye said Bill, at 4 a clock afternoon, & that Mr Willoks have notice to attend in behalf of ye Proprietors.

Ordered that Thomas Gordon Clark of this Board do give Mr Willoks notice to attend with his Council at the above Conference in behalf of ye Proprietors & then this Board

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon.

A Message from the house of Deputies by Edward Earle & John Pike with a Petic'&on &c from Major Berry which was read & ordered to lye on ye table.

At a General Conference of both Houses the said Bill being read, after much debate on all Sides, Mr Willoks did offer that he as Agent to ye Proprietors would consent to ye said Bill, provided they on the other hand would Secure the Propr's rents according to the true & real Intent & meaning of the said grants, or else he did here offer in behalf of the Proprietors that the Proprietors, at their own cost & charges, would give New Pattents to all Such as had Such old pattents & who desired new pattents; to which it was answered that they did desire to know what Power Mr Willoks had as Agent for the Proprietors, & that he as being a member of their House, could not appear against them; in answer to which he said that he did not appear as one of their members but as Agent for ye Proprietors as above, & as a Member of ye Proprietors Councill, & desired time to bring Council in their behalf, & produced his Commission from the Propr's which was read here, & also desired the Commission for the Council of Proprietors, whereof he was a Member, might be read which was done, to all which it was reply'd that they did think Mr Willoks had not Sufficient power from ye Proprietors as their Agent in this affair, & So were not concerned to enter into any further debate with him after Some debate by the members of this House concerning the said Bill Ordered that the Bill concerning pattents be read a 2d time to morrow ten a Clock in ye forenoon.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.
At a Council for ye General Assembly the 3rd of March 1698

Present as above

The Bill concerning patents was read a 2nd time
A Message from the House of Representatives by William Lawrance & John Williams desiring a return of the above Bill

Ordered that John Royse & Thomas Gordon do carry ye said Bill to ye House of Representatives & leave it wth them, & desire that it may be Ingrossed fair without Interlinings

A Message by John Pike & another, to acquaint this Board that they were adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon & then this Board

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above

The above said bill being returned by Wm. Lawrence John Pike & two others, fair Ingrossed & past the House of Representatives, was here read & past this Board, & they also delivered in to this Board a bill concerning privateers and Pyrates past that House wch was here read.

Ordered that Capt Bowne desire a general Conference of the House of Representatives presently, upon the Said two Bills, & to desire the Copy of the Act made in Jamacia concerning Pyrates to be returned; & being met his Hon' ye Governr did acquaint them that he had pass'd the above said Bill concerning Patents &c, & delivered it to ye Speaker, & told them there wanted Some Small amendments in the Bill concerning Pyrates &c, with wch he would acquaint them, & they returned back the Copie of the Jamacia Act, & the Council of trade & plantations Lett' to the Proprietors of East & West Jersey

Ordered that John Royse carry the bill concerning Pyrates &c with the amendments to the House of Representatives to be fair Ingrossed.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

At a Council for ye General Assembly &c 4th March 1698

Present {Governr Basse }
          { Andr. Bowne }
          { John Royse }
          { Will. Pinhorne }

A
A Message from the House of Representatives by Samuel Walker & Judiah Higgins, with a paper in writing, Signed by John Harriman Speaker by order of that House, requesting the Govern'r to Issue out his warrant to the town of Perth Amboy to choose another representative for ye Said Town instead of Mr. George Willocks, which was accordingly done & directed to the Constable of ye said Town.

A Message by John Reid to desire this Board to appoint Some of their Number to confer with five of their Number about amendments of the Bill Concerning Privateers & pyrates,

Ordered that Cap't Bowne & William Pinhorne do meet Richard Hartshorne Thomas Codrington, Samuel Dennes John Reid & Samuel Walker, to conferr about the Said Bill presently, & be being returned, Informed this Board that they had agreed on the amendments of ye Said Bill.

Adjourned till Munday morning 9 a Clock

At a Council 6th of March 1698

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives by Thomas Codrington & Samuel Walker, to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned till to morrow morning at 8 a Clock & then this Board, Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council held &c ye 7th March 1698

{ Govern'r Basse
  Andr Bowne
  John Royse
  Will: Pinhorne
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Petition of Grimstone Bonde against John Mathie Clerk of ye Court of Small causes, was read here, complaining of Several misdemeanours comitted by ye said Mathie in ye Execution of his Office, & both parties being called and fully heard, & the Petition producing no Evidence to prove the facts alleged, Save the offer of his own Oath, & the Said John Mathie denying all the facts alleged & offering to make Oath to ye contrary, This Board thought fit to take neither of their Oaths, & ordered to dismiss the Petition & the Petition is hereby dismissed accordingly

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

At
Att a Councill &c held ye 8th of March 1698

Present
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\text{Governr. Basse}
\text{Andr. Bowne}
\text{John Royse}
\text{Will. Pinhorne}
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The whole House of Representatives came before this Board, & presented Mr. Earle for their Speaker, in place of Mr. Harri-man who is ill, & he was received accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above & Jo'n Inians

A Message from the House of representatives with a Bill declaring the Rights & priviledges of his Ma'ties Subjects within this Province of East New Jersey, & another Bill for Establishing ye Several Courts of Judicature within this Province, both past that House, were read here the first, & ordered a Second reading to morrow morning.

The Governr & Members of this Board did here Subscribe the test & association.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held &c 9th March 1698

Present
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\text{Governr. Basse}
\text{Andr. Bowne}
\text{John Inians}
\text{John Royse}
\text{Will. Pinhorne}
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The Bill concerning Rights &c was read a Second time, & ordered to be read the third time to morrow morning.

A Message from the House of Representatives with a Bill past that House concerning the chief ranger of this Province was read here, Ordered Mr. George Willoks, therein named do attend this Board at 3 a clock to make his Objections against the same, & that Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board do give him Notice thereof.

A Message from the House of representatives with a Bill past that House concerning ye Sec'ys Office was read here, ordered that it be read to morrow afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post
A Message from the House of Representatives with a Bill concerning Towns making rates &c past that House, was read here, & ordered a Second reading to morrow morning

Ordered that John Royse go to the House of Representatives & desire them to Send Some of their Members to be present here, to hear what Objections Mr. George Willoks doth make against the Bill concerning the chief rangers place &c; accordingly there came from the House Samuel Dennes, Richard Hartshorne, William Lawrence, Samuel Walker, John Treat, John Pike, & Jediah Higgins, before this Board, & Mr. Willoks being also present, the said bill was here read, & Mr. Willoks did desire a Copie of the said Bill & time to consider & give in his Objections.

Ordered Mr. Willoks have a Copie of said Bill, & make his Objections against it to morrow morning 10 a Clock.

A Message from the House of Representatives, desiring that this Board would appoint Some of their members to meet a Committee of 8 of their House, to draw up Instructions for disposing of the money agreed to be raised.

Ordered Cap't Bowne Mr. Inians Mr. Royse & Mr. Pinhorne presently to meet the said committee to wit Richard Hartshorne, Thomas Codrington Samuel Walker, John Pike, Jediah Higgins, John Treat & William Lawrance.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock.

Att a Councill &c ye 10th of March 1698

{ Govern't Basse
  Andr. Bowne
}{
  John Inians
  John Royse
  Will'm Pinhorne
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A Message from the House of Representatives by John Reid, Tho: Codrington & others, with the Names of those that they have chosen viz', Edward Earle Jun', John Cooper, William Lawrance Jun', Samuel Walker, & Peter Vannest for a Committee to joyne Such as Should be named by this Board, for managem't of the instructions concerning ye' money bill.

Ordered that Cap't Bowne & John Royse do carry the Names of those named by this Board, viz', Andrew Bowne, John
John Royse, Sam Dennes, Richard Hartshorne, & William Lawrance to joyne with those by them named as above.

The Committee which came before this Board Yesterday, about the chief rangers Bill to answer Mr Willocks objections ag' it, came again before this Board according to Yesterdays order, & Mr Willocks not being here present they returned again.

A Message by John Pike & Jediah Higgins to acquaint this Board that they had attended the time appointed to hear Willocks Objections, & he not being present, they thought themselves no further obliged to attend y' matter.

A message by Richard Hartshorne & William Lawrance to acquaint this Board, that they did not think fit that any who are now members of their House Should be named by this Board to be of the aboveSaid Committee, concerning the money bill & desire this Board would name Such others as they think fit.

Ordered that John Royse & William Pinhome do carry to the House the Names following, Capt Andrew Bowne, John Royse, William Pinhome, John Bishop, & Thomas Warne, all of the Councill, in place of those formerly named as above, who returned again without delivering the Message, that House being busie.

The Bill concerning Rights &c was here again read &c. Mr George Willocks came before this Board & gave in his reasons in writing ag' ye chief Rangers Bill which were read here.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above

A Message by John Barclay & another, to Inform this Board that their House was met & was ready to receive their Message

William Pinhome & John Royse did carry the Names of ye 3d persons as p. above Order.

A Message by Thomas Codrington William Lawrance & Samuel Walker, desiring to know whether this Board had yet passed the Bills Sent them; to which the Govern' returned answer, that this Board was as busie as could be, but the Bills being very long they take up much time to consider them.

Ordered that John Royse & William Pinhome do desire the House of Representatives, to Send Some of their House to confer with Andrew Bowne, John Royse & William Pinhome about
about the Bill of rights &c, & accordingly came Richard Hartshorne, John Reid, John Pike, Samuel Walker, Samuel Dennes, & William Lawrance, being a Committee of their House, to confer about the said Bill of rights &c.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council &c 11th March 1698

{ Govern'r Basse } 
{ Andr: Bowne } 
Present { John Jnians } 
{ John Royse } 
{ Will: Pinhorne }

A Message by Jediah Higgins & another, desiring this Board would appoint a time to confer about the Bill concerning Courts, this Board did desire it to be done presently, then came Richard Hartshorne, Willm Lawrance, John Reid, John Pike, & Sam'l Walker, members of that House, a Committee to meet Andrew Bowne, John Inians John Royse & William Pinhorne to confer upon the said Bill concerning Courts &c; after much Debate this Bill is referr'd till next Sessions of Assembly.

The Bill about making Town rates & taxes &c was again read here, & Some amendments made for allowance for the members of theGovern'r's Council. Ordered that Mr Royse & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board do carry the said Bill with ye Amendments to ye House of Deputyes for their Approbation.

Cap't Richard Wyse late Master of the Ship Hester came before this Board, & made affidavit in writing concerning the forcible Seisure & carrying away of the Said Ship Hester from the Harbour of Perth Amboy to New York.

A Message from the House of Representatives with a Bill concerning Deputyes past that House, & the Bill concerning rights &c, & the Bill concerning Pyrates &c, both amended & past that House.

Adjourned till munday at 8 a Clock in ye morning

At a Council for the General Assembly held the 13th March

1698

{ The Hon'ble Jer Basse Esq' Govern'r & Prop' } 
Present { Cap't Andrew Bowne } 
{ John Royse } 
{ William Pinhorne } 

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The Bill for declaring the Rights & Priviledges of his Ma'ties Subjects &c read, & a message ordered to the Lower House to desire a Conference of Some of their members, who may have full Power to amend, alter, change out, those things that in this Bill are added or altered, from the amendments agreed on by the former Committee of both Houses, & that they bring up the former Bill & amendments & that Capt Andrew Bowne & John Royse do carry the same.

The Act for ye restraining & punishing Privateers, & Pyrates read & Signed p. the Governor & Sent to the House of representatives.

The Act declaring what persons are disabled to Sit in Assembly read, & Ordered that it be read a Second time,

Mr Hartshorne & Mr Burden Sent from the House for a Conference of a Committee for amendments of the Bill of rights &c, At said Conference, were, Richard Hartshorne, William Lawrence John Pike, John Reid & Samuel Walker, with Andrew Bowne John Royse & William Pinhorse, members of this Board, who agreed on Some further Amendments of the sd Bill of rights & priviledges &c

A Message by Richard Hartshorne & Elias Mackilson, with the Bill about making Town rates &c amended & past that House.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem.

Present as above

Ordered that Mr Royse & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board do carry the Bill concerning Town rates past this Board to ye House of representatives, & ye Bill concerning Elections &c, also past this Board.

A Message by Richard Hartshorne & Andrew Hampton, with Some amendment of the Bill concerning Election of Deputies, which was consented to by this Board.

A Message by Richard Hartshorne & Another, with a Bill concerning the Explaining of a former Act concerning Capt John Pike and John Pike his Son, which being read here a first & Second time was past this Board.

Ordered that Capt Andrew Bowne & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board, do carry back ye said Bill concerning John Pike eld. & Jun., with order to desire ye House to make Some amendments on the said Bill, which the House consented to, & accordingly the amendments were made in the presence of the said
said Cap' Bowne & Thomas Gordon by the Clerk of that House by order of the said House.

The whole House of Representatives came before this Board and gave in the Bill of rights, with the Amendments &c past their House, which was read here & past this Board, and they also gave in the Bill for raising 671' for redressing a force of our Neighboring Province, past that House, which was read here & past this Board, & delivered back again to the Speaker, both which Bills, were delivered back to the Speaker, & then was given in an address to his Hon' the Govern' craving his assistance for redressing the Said Grievance which was also read here &c.

The whole House came before this Board, and delivered up all the Laws made this Session &c, being Seven in Number, & delivered to the Sec'y who was ordered to cause write four fair copies of them, viz', one for every County, and to Send them to ye Several & respective Sherriffs of each County to be published with all Expedition, & then both Houses agreed to adjourn this Assembly until the third Munday in May next ensuing, & accordingly the Assembly was Adjourned till the third Munday in May next.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 9th day of May for the Province of East New Jersey 1699

His Hon' Jeremiah Basse Govern'
Cap' Andrew Bowne
John Royse
John Bishop
Tho: Warne
Sam'l Dennis
Rich: Hartshorne

Present

The Govern' & Council Seeing cause to Suspend Thomas Gordon, have thought fit to constitute in his place Charles Goodman Clark of the Council for the time being, who has taken his Oath accordingly.

- Ordered that Mr Charles Goodman be made Clark of the Chancery instead of John Barclay, & that a Commission be drawn accordingly.

The Govern' acquainting this Board of the Necessity of his absence, proposed the making a Deputy Govern' to Act in his absence, it was allowed, & Accordingly Cap' Andrew Bowne was chosen Deputy Govern', & it was ordered that a Commission be drawn for the Same.

Adjourned till to morrow.

At
At a Council held the tenth of May &c

Present as above

The Govern't produced a blank writ, which Lewis Morris Gent, demanded to be Signed against Obadiah Holmes Sheriff of the County of Monmouth, the Council were of opinion Nemine Contradicente that it ought not to be Signed during the Sessions of the Court, they not remembering any Such practice in this Province, & knowing the Said Holmes to be a Sufficient man & easy to be come at, any time.

Ordered that Lewis Morris & George Willocks be brought before the Council.

Ordered that they Give Security for their appearance to answer at the Court of com'on right, the Second Tuesday in October, & to be of the good behaviour, otherwise a mittimus to be directed to the Sheriff to convey them to Goal till they Should find Security as aforesd, on which Mr Morris, desired an hour or two to consider of it, wch was granted.

Mr Morris & Willocks were again Sent for, & the Govern't & Council proposed to them to give Security for their good behaviour, & to appear at the Court of com'on right on the Second Tuesday in October next, the absence of witneses not appearing at ye Subpœna's, hindring ye present prosecution this Court; on which both Mr Morris & Willocks desiring to know the Sume required for their Security, the Council ordered three hundred pounds, wth they refused, & Said they wou'd not give especially for the good behaviour, Mr Morris asserting that by no overt Act he had any way given occasion to them to Suspect it

Permitted their Liberty till to morrow morning upon their parole

Ordered that Henry Kimbell & Patrick Murdo be Sent for by a Messenger of the Council

Adjourned till to morrow morning

Att a Council held for the General Assembly at Perth Amboy the 15th day of May 1699

Present

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&\text{Cap't Andrew Bowne Deputy Govern't} \\
&\text{John Royse} \\
&\text{Cap't John Bishop} \\
&\text{Tho: Warne}
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Cap't
Cap't Andrew Bowne being Elected Deputy Govern'r to act in the absence of the Govern'r, took the Oath usual, in Such cases, viz:—

I Andrew Bowne underwritten do Solemnly Swear to bear true allegiance to our Soveraign Lord William the Third of England &c, and to his Successors, and to be true & faithfull to ye Interest of the Lords Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey in America, & to their Heirs Exec'r's & Assigns, & Shall endeavour the peace and welfare of the Said Province, & shall & will discharge the trust in me reposed as Deputy Govern'r of the Said Province, & do equal justice unto all men according to the best of my Skill & Judgment without favour or affection. Witnes my hand the 15th day of May in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord William the Third over England &c King, annoq. Dom. 1699

Signed ANDREW BOWNE

The Sheriff of ye County of Middx made a return of Lewis Morris to Serve in the present General Assembly for the Town of Perth Amboy, & Peter Vannesse for the County of Somerset in the room of Thomas Codrington, pursuant to a writt under the Seal of the said Province to him directed.

The Representatives being met, did come before this Board & acquainted them they were met according to their last adjournm't, & desired to know the pleasure of this Board, & then the Deputy Govern'r told them he had not much to Say, but if there were any thing they cou'd think of, for the good of the Province, he hop'd they would take it into their Consideration.

A Message from the House of Representatives to the desire the return of the writt for the Election of one Deputy for Perth Amboy, & Another for the County of Somerset, & accordingly the Said writ was delivered to Jediah Higgins one of the Said House.

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning & then this Board

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning

At a Council held the 16th of May &c

Present

{ The Deputy Govern'r
  { John Royse
    { Tho: Warne
      { Cap't Jn° Bishop

A
A Message from the House of Representatives by John Royse & John Hanse, to desire this Board would Send Some of their Members to administer the usual Oath to a member chosen to Serve in Assembly for the County of Somerset in the room of Thomas Codrington.

John Royse & Charles Goodman Clark of this Board were Sent to administer the Said Oath, who being returned informed this Board that they had administered the usual Oath to Peter Van Este.

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned till 2 a Clock, & then this Board Adjourned till 2 a Clock

Post Meridiem

Present as above

There was Delivered by Mr Willoks a Lett' which was read here directed to Cap't Andrew Bowne Mr John Royse Mr Thomas Warne & Comp' &c in these words.

Sr's

We are now able (God be thank'd) to treat with you any way you think fit; if you had valued either your own or the Welfare of ye Government, your procedures had been more calme, Your day is not yet out, & it is yet in your Power to follow the things that make for peace, & if you do not at your door lye the Consequence, Our friends will not Suffer us to be put upon

farewell

May 16 One afternoon 1699

Ordered that One of the Members of this Board be Sent to desire a Conference with the House of Representatives thereupon, Accordingly Thomas Warne & the Clark of this Board were Sent, & the whole House of Representatives came before this Board, the Deputy Govern' represented to them that he had received a Lett' from George Willoks & Lewis Morris which was read, & the House of representatives desired time to peruse & consider of the Same, which was Sent them by John Royse. The said Lett' was returned to this Board by John Pike & Benjamin Burden members of the House of Representatives.

A Message from the House of Representatives by Peter Van Este & Elias Mackeelson desiring that this Board would appoint
appoint Some of their Members to meet a Comittee of Seven of their house, to come to Some Resolution upon the Said Lett; Accordingly Thomas Warne was Sent by this Board to acquaint the House of Representatives, that they were ready to meet the Said Comittee in the Chamber where the Council was held, upon which Richard Hartshorne, Samuel Dennes, Samuel Walker, Benjamin Burden, John Pike, John Treat & Jediah Higgins came to meet the Members of this Board, being Thomas Warne, John Royse & John Bishop, & thereupon the Deputy Govern' withdrew.

The Deputy Govern' returning, the Members of this Board who had met the Comittee acquainted this Board that they had agreed that an Act should be prepared to morrow to Suppress any Insurrection,

Ordered that a writ of Inquiry be Issued out to the Sherriff of the County of Monmouth to return a Jury upon the riot committed at Woodbridge

Adjourned till 7 a Clock to morrow Morning

At a Council held &c the 17th of May

Present:

The Depty Govern'
John Royse
Cap' John Bishop
Tho: Warne

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had adjourned to two of the Clock, & then this Board

Adjourned till 2 a Clock

Post Meridiem

Present as above

Samuel Dennes, Sam'l Walker Jediah Higgins & Benjamin Burden were Sent to this Board from the House of Representatives, to acquaint this Board, that they had considered of the Lett Sent from Lewis Morris & George Willoks, but did wholly leave it to this Board, & desired they would take Such measures as they Should Judge most conducive to the Welfare & Safety of the Province

A Message from the House of representatives to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned till 8 to morrow morning, & then this Board

Adjourned till 8 to morrow morning

At
At a Council held &c ye 18th of May

The Depty Govern'r
John Royse
Tho: Warne
Cap' Jn° Bishop

A Message from the House of Representatives by John Barclay, John Pike, John Williams & . . . . . Crayne to desire a Conference with this Board in order to an Adjournment.

Mr Warne was sent from this Board to the House of Representatives to desire them to appoint a Com'ittee of the said House to conferr with the Depty Govern'r & Council upon the matter of the last Message.

Thomas Warne returning, acquainted the Board he had delivered the Said Message.

A Message by John Williams & Benjamin Burden from the House of representatives, to desire that this Board would appoint some of their members to meet the Said Com'ittee.

The Deputy Govern'r told them they were ready to meet them immediately.

Richard Hartshorne, John Barclay John Treat, John Pike, John Reid & Mr Harryman, came before this Board. Mr Royse acquainted them that the Depty Govern'r & Council had desired a Comittee to debate the matter of Adjournment with them, Richard Hartshorne told this Board, that they had no order from the House to debate, & desired a Hours time to conferr with the House thereupon, He, John Barclay & John Reid withdrew.

Richard Hartshorne John Barclay and John Reid returning from the House of Representatives, the Depty Govern'r told them now they were met he desired to know the reasons of their proposing an Adjournment. Richard Hartshorne told him that the House of Representatives differed in their Opinions concerning the money Act &c.

After a long Debate and reasons given by this Board ag't the Adjournment the Deputy Govern'r desired the Comittee impartially to represent what Had been offered by this Board (in answer to their reasons) to the House of Representatives, & that they might hear from them concerning the Same. This Board likewise told the Committee that if there were any thing in the Act that wanted an Amendment they Should consider of it, & this Board would consent therunto if found reasonable, & then the Comittee of ye House of Representatives returned.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon.
Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned to 8 a Clock to morrow morning, & then this Board
Adjourned to 8 a Clock to morrow Morning.

At a Counsel held &c ye 19th May

Present

{ The Depty Govern'r
  Tho: Warne
  Cap't John Bishop
  John Royse

This Board being informed that the Speaker & Several of ye Members of the House of Representatives had departed without giving notice, thought fit to adjourn till further Occasion, having heard nothing from them Since their Message of Adjournment last night, the Speaker went away early in the morning with Seven of the members of the House, Johannes Stinmates having acquainted the Depty Govern'r & Council, that he was advised by Some persons to go away with them & they would give him a Bond to Secure him, or Save him harmless.

Att a Council held at Perth Amboy for the province of East New Jersey June the 6th 1699

Present

{ Cap't Andrew Bowne Depty Govern'r
  Richard Hartshorne
  Tho: Warne
  John Royse
  Cap't John Bishop
  Sam'l Dennes

Ordered that an acc' of all the transactions of the Assembly be drawn up & Sent to the Proprietors in England.

Ordered that Mr Gordon be Sent for & bring with him a Letter from the Prop'r's directed to Coll Hamilton & Councill &c in 8ber 1697, which was accordingly done, the Dep'y Govern'r kept the Lettr' & gave Mr Gordon a receit for ye Same

Ordered that Mr Gordon read the Govern'r's Commission as recorded in the book of Records, which was done.

Mr Gordon was ordered to bring his Commission for attorney Generall in the afternoon, of which he was desired to leave a Copy, which was also done.

At
At a Council &c June 7th 1699

Present as above

A Letter being drawn up pursuant to the above ord' & fairly ingrossed by the Clerk, was Signed by the Council & delivered into the hands of Mr Royse to Send by the first & best Conveyance to England.

The Deputy Govern' took the Oath for observing the Acts of Trade & Navigation &c, in form following viz

I Doe Solemnly Swear in the presence of Allmighty God that I will do my utmost that all clauses matters & things contained in the Several Acts of Parliament heretofore pass'd & now in force relating to trade & Navigation, & also the Act for preventing frauds &c made 7th & 8th William the third, be punctually & bona fide observed according to the true intent & meaning of them & each of them respectively. So help me God.

Mr Royse Mr Warne &
Mr Dennes present—

Ordered that Mr Gordon draw Com'issions of the peace for William Looker & Henry Norris in the room of Isaac Whitehead & Benjamin Price Jun' for Elizabeth Town

Adjourned till further Occasion

At a Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey August the first 1699

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\text{Present} & \quad \text{The Hon'ble Govern' Basse} \\
& \quad \text{Capt Andrew Bowne} \\
& \quad \text{Richard Hartshorne} \\
& \quad \text{John Royse} \\
& \quad \text{Thomas Warne}
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The Govern' read several Memorials & papers relating to the Proprietors proceedings in England, about the Port of Perth Amboy, which he had received from Mr Dockwra by Capt Jefferys.

Ordered that a Letter be drawn up & Sent to the Proprietors, to give them an account of ye present State of Affairs.

Ordered that the Council be Summoned to meet at Amboy the 22th Instant on Earnest Occasion

Adjourned till 22 Instant

At
At a Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey the 23rd of Augt 1699

The Hon'ble Govern'r Basse
Cap't Andrew Bowne
John Royse

present

Cap't William Lawrance
Thomas Warne
Richard Hartshorne
Samuel Dennes

THE GOVERNOUR communicated to the Council Some Letters he had received from England relating to our Port & Government.

Ordered that the business of Woodbridge, about the Kings Store being robb'd, be prosecuted with all Severity.

Ordered that Nathaniel f'z Randal high Sherriff of the County of Middx be Sent for to attend this Board, to Shew reason why the Proclamation against the Scots at Caledonia is not published, which was accordingly done.

Ordered that the Messenger of this Board be Sent for Mr Gordon the Attorney Generall, to draw up a Proclamation requiring all persons to Seize & Secure Cap't Kids men if found within the Province, & forbidding any to assist or entertain them, pursuant to an Order from Whitehall of ye 23th of November 1698

Adjourned till 8 to morrow Morning

At A Council held &c the 24th Augt 1699

The Hon'ble the Govern'r
Cap't Andrew Bowne
John Royse

Present

Cap't John Bishop
Richard Hartshorne
Samuel Dennes
Cap't William Lawrance
Thomas Warne

The Question being put whether Mr Gordon was a fit person to be made use of as Attorney Generall, in the case of Morris' & Willoks upon tryall at the next Court of Common right, 'twas carried in ye Negative; & resolved Another person be employed to prosecute for the King in that behalf.

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The Letter ordered to be Sent to the Proprietors was drawn up & fairly ingrossed by the Clark, & order'd to be Sent by the first Ship under a Cover to S' Thomas Lane.

Adjourned till further Occasion

At a Councill held at perth Amboy for the province of East New Jersey 23d Aprill 1700

Governour Hamilton
Sam'11 Dennes
John Bishop
Present
Sam'11 Leonard
Sam'11 Hale
William Sandford
Benjamin Griffith

The Governour & all ye members of this board, & Thomas Gordon the Clerk of this board, took ye Usual oaths appointed by Law &c.

The Gover' produced here a Letter from Esq' pinhorn, another of Members of ye Councill of this province, wherein he desires his absence may be Excused having been Ill for some weeks past.

This Board having been Informed, that some of ye people of Elizabeth Town & piscataway are sending home petitions agst ye Governmet &c, It is Resolved by this board, that ye Councill writt to ye proprietors on ye Subject, And a Letter was written Read & approved of, & Signed accordingly.

Aggreed & Ordered ye writts be Issued out to Such Townships as have not Chosen Representatives According to ye Late act of generall Assembly.

Aggreed & Ordered ye proclamations be Issued out to Conveen ye generall assembly on ye Last thursday of may Next, according to sd act of gen'11 assembly.

Aggreed ye ye Court of Common Right be adjourned to ye 2d tuesday in Junn next.

Charles Goodman Esq' Came before this board, and took ye oaths appointed by Act of parlament in place of ye oaths of alleidgeance & Supremacie, & an oath to be true & faithfull in ye Execution & discharge of ye office of Collector of his Maj'1e's Customs in ye province of East New Jersey, according to his Com'ssn & Instructions &c.

Adjourned till further occasion

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Att a Councill held for ye province of East New Jersey at perth-Amboy ye 30th day of May anno Dom: 1700

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of ye Councill

William pinhorn one of ye members of this board took ye usuall oaths appointed by Law &c.

The Honble Coll Andrew Hamilton Governour of this province, did before this board take ye Oaths by vertue of a Dedimus potestatem under ye broad Seal of England, bearing date ye 30th day of Aprrill in ye 9th year of his present Majesties Reign, appointed to be taken by ye Severall acts of parliament of England &c.

The house of Representatives being meet, they Came before this board, and Cap' Andrew Bowne said that in obedience to his Ho' the Governours proclamation, they were Come here, & further said ye at ye desire of ye Rest he was desired to ask his Ho; ye Goverr to know by what authoritie he acted as Governour, & ye he had nothing more in Charge save ye one question. Then his ho; ye Gover Answered ye true it was ye it had been usuall for ye House of Representatives, To desire a seight of ye Gover's Commission, & if ye was what they desired they should be satisfied, & accordingly ye Gover's Commission was Read, and then ye Gover' gave them a full account of all ye Steps ye had been made towards an approbation &c, and after some debate they did all with draw &c

Adjourned till further occasion

Att A Council held at perth Amboy 15th August 1700

Present

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of ye Councill

His Ho: ye Gover proposed to this board ye for prevent-
ing tumults & disorders within this province for ye future, a proclamation may be drawn up & published &c.

Ordered ye a proclamation be forth with drawn up, forbidding all his ma:ty's good subjects to hold any tumultuous or Seditious or unlawfull assemblyes or meetings within this Province, & Commanding all Magistrates & officers to Suppress all Such, & Commanding and Requiring all his Ma:ty's Liege Subjects to be aiding & assisting in suppressing ye same, &c. which proclamation was accordingly drawn up, Read and approved of by this board, & ordered to be published in Every town within this province, & a Copie thereof to be affixed upon ye most publick place in Every of ye sd towns, in and through out the province &c.

Adjourned till further Order

Att a Councill held at Perth-Amboy, for ye province of East New Jersey 20th Dece'r anno Dom: 1700

Gover Hamlton
Saml Dennes
John Bishop
Saml Hale
Benjamin Griffith

of ye Councill

Aggreed & Ordered ye a petition be drawn by this board to ye Kings Most Excellent Maj:te, which was accordingly don, & being Read here was approved of & signed by this board.

George Willoks Came before this board, and Exhibited an Information against William Dockwra Esq Cheife Secretary & Register of this province, as an unjust and Corrupt Man & unfit for an office of so great trust, and desired this board would be pleased to appoint him atime to hear him prove the sd Charge. The sd Information being read before this board, aggreed & ordered that ye said George Willoks do appear before this board on the third tuesday in march next, to prove & make good his sd Information & Charge agst sd w'm Dockwra. And also aggreed & ordered ye in ye mean time Thomas Gordon present Deputy Sec'ry & Reg'r Do Safely keep all ye Records & papers belonging to ye sd office, & not deliver them to ye sd w'm Dockwra nor to any other by his order untill further order of this board.

Adjourned till ye 3d tuesday in March next
At a Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey upon the 17th Day of June Anno D'ni 1701.

{Coll1: Andrew Hamilton Gover1
William Pinhorne
Samuel Dennis
Samuel Leonard
John Bishop
Samuel Hale
William Sandford
Benjamin Griffith}

of ye Councill

Capt Andrew Bowne came before this board, and acquainted the Governor, that he had a Commission from the proprietors in England to be Governor of this Province of East New Jersey.

The Governor acquainted him that he had a Letter from the Proprietors residing in this Province & Neighbourhood, whereby they desired to be present at the opening of the Commission, and they were accordingly called in.

David Lyal one of the Proprietors Acquainted this Board, that he had seen said Bownes Com'ission a few dayes before, and that he perceived it was Defective, as not being Signed by so many hands as make a Majority even of the Proprietors that reside in and about London, that he therefore had good reason to Suspect it to be Surreptitious & without the knowledge of the other Proprietors, and that it was a juggle, put upon most of those unwary Proprietors that signed this Com'ission by one Salter, that he had acquainted his fellow Proprietors residing in this Province of it, & that they had formed a protest against it under their hands, which he gave in at the Table, and desired in behalf of himself and the rest his Fellow Proprietors, that the same might be read and Entred, which was read accordingly.

Capt Bowne desired a Copy of the Protest which was ordered to be given him.

The Governor told Capt Bowne that he had heard ye Protest read, & desired to know what he had to Answer to it.

He Replied he would answer no Questions, If the Proprietors in England had sent him a lame Commission let them see to it, But that he was resolved to publish it.

The Governor told him that, As the Government of the Jerseys was not so desirable a thing as to be Courted, yet that since the Commission appeared Insufficient for said Bowne to Act by, he could not warrantably Surrender it, which would be...
to leave the people without Government, & by Consequence to fall into disorder & Confusion

That he had received lately a Letter from Mr Secretary Vernon (which was produced at the Board) Signifying the Kings Pleasure that he should know of the Motion of a French Squadron of Men of Warr, bound for the Spanish West Indies, & that he take all Necessary care for the defence of the Provinces under his Command in Case of any Attempt to be made upon them, That if he Surrendered the Government, He was disabled of Executing the Kings Commands by the Secretary of State, & that Cap't Bowne was not qualified by this defective Commission to execute them. That since the Publication of this Commission (Though he did not apprehend it would supersede his Commission, Since no Commission could supersede his, but such a one as was Sufficient to Act by) might be a handle to licentious people to cavil at, he advised him not to publish it. Notwithstanding, the said Cap't Bowne went out & Said he was resolved to publish his Commission. The Governor & Council went also out, & the Governor protested against the publication of it, & if he would pretend to publish it, he would declare it a Riot. Said Bowne bid him punish him then. The Governor Replyed he questioned not to find a Time to do it, tho he now valued himself upon the Mobb at his heels. The said Bowne caused read off his Commission. The Gover'r & Council went away.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning

At a Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey upon the 18th day of June Anno Domini 1701

Present

Collonel Andrew Hamilton Governour
William Pinhorne
Samuel Hale
Samuel Leonard
John Bishop
Samuel Hale
William Sandford
Benjamin Griffith

of the Council

Ordered that Proclamations be Issued out, to Acquaint the People of Cap't Bownes Defective Commission that no body pay Obedience thereto. That the Governour would still Continue his care over them. And Commanding them to have their Arms fixt, And Ammunition provided, that they may be in a Posture of Defence (in Obedience to his Majestic's Com-

mands,
mands, Signified to the Governour by M't Secretary Vernon) In Case of any Descent &c, Which were Accordingly Drawn and Signed by the Governour, under the Seal of ye Province, & sent to the Several Counties to be forthwith published

ORDERED That a Letter be written to the Proprietors in England Acquainting them of the Reason why they advised the Governour against Surrendring the Government, viz: that the Commission Appeared defective, & that several of them selves had heard M't Roysse & M't Walkker say they did not value Cap't Bownes Commission of a Farthing, or such like words, but that it answered their End, if it Superseded Coll't Hamiltons, by which in probability it appeared that the use of the Commission to Cap't Bowne, was only to Supersede Coll't Hamiltons, & then to throw up his own Commission as defective, & to lodge the Government in the People, for want of necessary powers from the proprietors in the Province to appoint a Governour.

Ordered that the protest which was yesterday given in by the Proprietors, residing in and about this Province, & Read before this Board against Cap't Bownes Commission, &c Be entred by the Secretary upon the publick Records of this Province &c

Adjourned till further Occasion

Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy for ye Province of East New Jersey ye 12th of August Anno Dom' 1701

{Col[t] Andrew Hamilton Gover'r
Sam[l] Dennes
Sam[l] Leonard
John Bishop
Sam[l] Hale
Benj: Griffith

of ye Councill &c

The Gover'r Informed this board ye he had Rece'd a Letter from England Signed by w'm Dockwra Thomas Cooper, Tho: Hart Tho: Barker Clem't Plumstead & Peter Sonmans dated 27th March last, w'ch was now read before this board, & to which an Answer was written & Signed by ye members of this board.

A Petition by George Willoks was read here praying, ye,' Seeing ye Councill did not meet in March last according to an Order made in Decr' preceeding, to hear him make good his Information Against M't Dockwra, ye this board would now please to appoint a time to hear him make good his sd Charge ag' st

Cc
ag'st sd Dockwra; Ordered y't Mr Willoks do appear to morrow morning before this board, in order to be heard Concerning sd Information & y't y'e Clerk of this board do give him notice thereof

Adjourned till to morow morning

Att a Council held at Perth-Amboy for y'e sd Province of East New Jersey y'e 13th August anno Dom: i70i

Present

[Coll\(^{11}\) Andrew Hamilton Gover
Sam\(^{11}\) Dennes
Sam\(^{11}\) Leonard
John Bishop
Sam\(^{11}\) Hale
Benj\(^{a}\) Griffith]

Of y'e Councill

It being moved to this board, y't Several of y'e proprietors of this Province being in town desired to be present Att y'e hearing of Mr Willoks make good his Charge & Information Agst Mr Dockwra, being they are very much Concerned in sd business, w'th was Consented to & they were Called in accordingly.

Mr Willoks being Called appeared & his Information agst Mr Dockwra being read as followeth

Province of East New Jersey

To the Hon\(^{bl}\) Coll: Hamilton, Governour & Councill of sd Province

THE INFORMATION OF GEORGE WILLOKS

HUMBLY SHEWETH

That the proprietors of sd province Residing in & about London, by Commission under their hands and provinciall Seal, have Constituted William Dockwra of sd London Merch\(^{t}\) Sec'ry & Reg\(^{r}\) of the aforesd province of East New Jersey as may appear by y'e publick Records of y'e Same.

And y'e sd office of Sec'r'y & Reg'r being a place of great trust to whose Custodie y'e publick Seal, Books of Records, Laws, Instruments, Charters, Patents, Wills, Testaments, Deeds, & writings whatsoever, touching & Concerning y'e province in Generall the propr's planters & Inhabitants of y'e Same & others in particular.

And
And whereas ye publick welfare of ye sd province as well as of private persons Concerned in ye same very much depend upon ye faithfull discharge of ye office of Secr'y & Rg't & on ye Contrarie by means, Contrivance assistance aid Connivence Or permission of wicked Corrupt Covetous Malitious Or mercinarie Officer in ye place, may tend to ye hurt & dishonour of the Govern't, & to ye lose detriment or utter ruin of private persons.

And whereas ye sd w'm Dockwra is a person of Evill fame, & hath perpetrated divers unjust & wicked actions, & lyeth under no ty or Restraint to oblige him to a faith full discharge of ye Trust reposed in him, and probably may Embrace any opportunity whereby he may attain his Covetous Corrupt or Malitious ends, Either by himself or Deputy, to Raze viciate falsifie withdraw or destroy the publick Records Instruments or writings Committed to his Charge, & leave those so Injured w'tout hopes of any futur Remedie; For preventing of w'h ye sd George Wilfoks doth Informe your Hon's ye sd w'm Dockwra is Guilty of ye Enormous actions underwritten.

1st Hath sent an Instrument under ye Seal of ye sd province, Signed only by himself as Agent, that whatever orders & Instructions Should be Sent from him under ye sd Seal Signed as aforesd, be as authentick orders to ye Gover' &c here, as if Signed by ye Major part of all ye propr's of sd province.

2nd Hath under his hand & seal aforesd Imposed grievous mulcts fynes or amerceements, (after a most arbitrary manner w'tout any tryall hearing of partyes or Legall Conviction of any Crime Committed) upon Gent's Estates in sd province.

3rd Hath under his hand and seal aforesd, Sent orders & Instructions to ye Gover' &c appointed & Constituted by sd propr's &c, for unjust & unequall dividends of land disproportionable to the Interests of those Concerned.

4th Hath under his hand & seal aforesd, sent orders & Instructions to ye Gover' to Call in patents divest persons of their Estates & to deface ye publick Records.

5th Hath under his hand & Seal aforesd, sent Instructions & orders to ye Gover' &c, to Insert into particular grants or patents unjust Clauses for makeing void ye Estates of ye Grantees.

6th Hath
6th Hath under his hand & Seal aforesd, sent orders & Instructions to ye Gover &c, prohibiting to grant land to some propr's of sd prov: according to their proportions, notwithstanding they were sufficiently Entitled by Law to Demand ye Same

7th The sd Dockwra hath out of a wicked & Corrupt design, refused to do justice himself & hath obstructed others, till ye party Injured was under a necessity to bribe him before his bussines could be accomplished.

8th The sd Dockwra hath for his self Ends ordered his agent or Servant, (tho Sufficiently plain to be understood but in Indirect words) to Corrupt ye Surveyor of this province.

9th It hath been ye practice of sd Dockwra to alter ye minutts of ye propr's after agreed on by them, at their meetings, and afterwards Endeavor to obstruct his alterations on them.

10th The sd Dockwra wth a wicked & malitious design, wthout ye propr's orders Consent or privity, hath written in ye sd propr's minut book Shamful opprob'us and Scandalous lyball agst one of his fellow propr's, to Leave an odium to posterity upon ye Reputation of his Just opposer.

The sd George Willoks prays yo' hon's will take the premises into Consideration, and to Assign ye Informer a time to prove his Charge Exhibited, wch if made good agst ye sd w'm Dockwra, ye sd willoks further prays yo' hon's will take Such proper & Requisite measures for ye publick welfear honour Reputation & peace of ye Goverment, & ye Security of all private persons Concerned, as in ye' wisdoms shall be thought fitt.

All wch is Humbly Submitted to yo' Hon's September 20th
1700

Mr Willoks to prove ye first article produced an Instrument under ye Seal of ye province, and Signed by order of ye propr's Willm Dockwra Agent, being a true Copie of ye original bearing date of 29th aprill 1686; purporting as in sd article is set forth, but no names of ye propr's Signed sd order is therein Recited.

To prove ye 2d article Mr Willoks produced an Instrument under
under ye Seal of ye sd province, & Signed by order of ye propr's in London, Will: Dockwra Agent, bearing date Eleventh Jan'y anno Dom: 1686—a paragraph of wch is as followeth, "Provided alwayes nevertheless ye for ye thousand acres of Land at Chengaroras taken by Garven Lawrie there be three thousand taken off from his Share of the first division of ten thousand to a whole propriety, & for the thousand acres taken there by Thomas Rudyard, there be four thousand taken off & discounted from his Share as aforesd, according to ye propr's Order of ye 3d July 1685, wch shall be an Effectual discharge for so much in part of their severall & Respective Interest in ye first division appointed as aforesd, And in another paragraph, But to non ye holds under a forth part of a propriety is this priviledge to be allowed of haveing land layd out to them wth out settling families thereon.

To prove ye 3d article M' Willoks produced ye aforesd Instrument bearing date ye Eleventh Jan'y 1686 a paragraph of wch is as followeth, "And they do hereby order & appoint ye after such lands are set out & patented, as are already directed p. their former orders, (whither Generall or Speciall) to Sundry persons who have stock & servants already in ye sd province, That then they Cause to be set out & patented to Robert Barclay of Ury Esq ye Gover, as much land as he shall want to make up his first dividend of ten thousand acres for himself, or any other ye is or shall be Con- serned under him in ye propriety.

To prove ye 4th article M' Willoks produced an Instrument under ye Seal of sd province, Signed by order of ye propr's Will Dockwra Agent, dated 14th Sept' Anno Dom: 1686. The purport of wch is, That where any prop'r or sharer in a propriety has taken up land Exceeding 2000 acres to a whole propriety, & so pro rata to Sharers in a propriety according to some former Instructions, then & in ye Case, the sd Instrument doth order & appoint The Deputy Gover & Councill of propr's ye overplus shall Immediately be taken away, ye patents Called in to be Surrendered, and are thereby declared null & void to all Intents Constructions & purposes, & new patents to be granted for ye same to others wth a non ostante to any other former patents, wth wth, if ye party Concerned do not Comply, they shall be totally divested of ye whole tracts of land mentioned in sd patents & ye same given to others, And then follows this paragraph "And the proprietors Do hereby further order that the Record or Registry of Every Such Irregular & Illegall patent, be forthwith Defaced in the books of "Registry,
"Registry, so soon as any second patent be past in pursuance to this order."

To prove ye 5th article Mr Willoks produced an Instrument under ye province seal, & signed order of ye propr's wth Dock-wra Agent, dated ye 15th Septr 1686, a paragraph of wch is as followeth "And that a Clause be Inserted in ye patent to ye purpose following, viz: In Case ye sd Kildin or his family "Do not Come into East Jersey before ye month of Decer 1687 ye sd patent to be null and void, as if it never "had been, & ye land to be disposed of to any other proprietor "any order Instruction or Instrument to ye Contrary, of any "part of the premises in any Wise notwithstanding. Also "another Instrument, Signed & sealed as abovesd, dated 21st "Junn 1687, to the Same purpose, Concerning Sam Stancleife "of London &c.

To prove ye 6th Article Mr Willoks produced one of ye abovesd Instruments, signed & sealed as abovesd, dated 11th Jan'y 1686, a paragraph of wch is as followeth "All proprietors or Sharers in a proprietie Whatsoever, "who owe any money to ye publick stock for ye Respective rates layd on Every propriety here in London, towards "defraying ye publick Charges of ye bussinese of ye "province, shall be barred & Excluded from having any "Land &c.

To prove ye 7th article Mr Willoks produced ye affidavits of himself & Thomas Gordon taken before the Members of this board viz:

**East New Jersey By ye Gover & Councill**

George Willoks of ye sd province, Aged about forty years, being Sworn upon ye holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Saith, That ye s'd Deponent in ye year 1696, or thereabouts, did make application to ye Gover & Councill of propr's in sd province Concerning a tract of Land ye sd willoks held by mean Conveyances from Garvine Lawrie dec'd wch sd tract of Land was layd out by ye Surveyors of sd province to sd Lawrie for 1000 acres, but Either through mistake or Ignorance of ye Surveyors, was found upon a Resurvey to Contain (to ye best of ye deponents knowledge) but about 300 acres; & ye sd Deponent prayed ye Gover & Councill aforesd would make up ye Deponents quantity of 1000 acres out of ye adjacent Land, but ye Gover & Councill was unwilling to grant the Depon't his quantity out of ye adjacent land, some of ye propr's in England Having
Having a pretention to ye same, & ye Gover advise ye Deponent since he was bound for England to address ye proprs there, & accordingly writ to ye propr's Concerning ye same upon ye sd George Willoks arrivall in England he applyed himself to ye propr's there seting forth ye Equity of his Demand, & the great Charge yt had been Expended upon Improving ye aforesd tract of Land, wch would be an Extraordinary loss to ye Depont unless ye propr's would make up his Complement out of ye adjacent land, and ye Deponent urged, yt by Councill learned in ye Law was advised his grant would Entitle him ye full quantity of 1000 acres, notwithstanding of wch ye Deponent was opposed by wm Dockwra of London Seer & Regr of sd province, & yt ye Deponent Spoke to ye sd Dockwra in private, & urged ye Equity of his Case & ye great loss it would be to him if his Complement were not made up as aforesd, ye sd Dockwra gave ye Deponent to understand yt ye Deponent had a tract of Land upon ye Rariton & milston Rivers in sd East Jersey, adjoining to land of sd Dockwra yt ye sd Dockwra was very desirous to have, wch ye sd Willoks perceiveing, & yt without ye Deponent should gratifie his Covetous desire ye sd Dockwra would obstruct his just demands, told ye sd wm Dockwra, yt providing he would gett him ye adjacent land aforesd layd out to ye Deponents Satisfaction he would give ye sd Dockwra ye sd 850 acres of Land, wch ye sd Dockwra willingly Embraced & in a fewe dayes after ye sd Dockwra sent for ye Deponent & had a paper written, purporting yt on Condition of his Endeavours to have ye Deponents Complement of Land made up as aforesd, ye sd Deponent should make a Conveyance of ye 850 acres of land aforesd to sd Dockwra, wch ye Deponent refused to signe, but told him yt he would performe what he had promised, after wch great facility ye Deponent obtained his desire, & when the deponent signed ye deeds for sd 850 acres of land ye sd Dockwra urged to have a receipt from ye Deponent for 150 pounds as the Consideration of sd 850 Acres of Land, wch ye deponent positively refused, & would only sign a Receipt for five Shillings, but never received any Consideration for ye same but what is above written. And the Deponent further saith yt ye sd Dockwra at Sundry times when ye Deponent was in England, after ye Propr's aforesd had agreed upon Sundry matters and things, & ye same minutted down, yt ye sd Dockwra used to alter add or deminish from sd minutts as he thought fitt, & Endeavour to Obtrude ye Same at next meeting with his alterations upon ye sd propr's. And Lastly ye sd Deponent Saith yt ye sd Dockwra wrott in ye sd
sd propr’s minutt book (wherein they Entred divers publick transactions) Secretly a most Scandalous Lybell against Joseph ormston, one of the propr’s aforesd, because he generally found fault w’th ye actings of sd Dockwra, w’ch ye sdOrmston in presence of ye Deponent did Sharply reprove ye sd Dockwra for, & did tear ye Same out of ye book aforesd, & further ye Deponent saith not.

GEO: WILLOKS

Jurat: 13th Die Augusti anno Dom: i70i Coram

And: Hamilton
Samst Dennes
John Bishop
Samst Leonard
Samst Hale

East New Jersey, By ye Gover & Councill of sd Province

Thomas Gordon Aged about 47 years maketh oath ye he was present at London, w’th w’m Dockwra & Geo: Willoks, when sd Dockwra desired sd willoks to sign a receipt & discharge for 150l as Consideration money of 850 acres of Land made over by sd willoks to sd Dockwra, w’ch m’t willoks refused to Do because he sd he had never rece’d a farthing from sd Dockwra, & further told sd Dockwra you know you had it on another acc’pt (or words to ye purpose) & then the sd willoks & his wife signed a receipt to sd Dockwra for 5 Shillings, w’ch other acc’pt I believe by what I have heard from sd Dockwra & willocks, was a brib to said Dockwra to get his land made up at Chesquacks &c, by ye propr’s in England, w’ch sd Dockwra obstructed untill sd willocks gave him sd land at milston river &c: sd Thomas Gordon doth further make oath, ye when sd Gordon was in England sd Dockwra did alter the minutts of ye propr’s orders Concerning their Instructions to Gover Basse &c, & yt sd Dockwra did Insert in ye propr’s minutt book a Shamfull opproprious Story Consening Mr’ Ormston, laying a wadger with him &c, which was Afterwards torn out of ye minutt book &c: & further Saith not

Jurat, 13th die Augusti anno Dom: i70i. Coram

And: Hamilton
Samst Dennes
Samst Leonard
Samst Hale
John Bishop
Benjamin Griffith
To prove ye 8th article Mr. Willoks produced a letter to John Canington dated 11th Nover. 1690 Signed Will: Dockwra a paragraph of "wch is as followeth, Above all ye you Joyn on all " occasions wth such other friends ye may assist & give their " advice about getting out orders for all ye remaining land ye " is due to me, & in Cheife good tracts, and that the Surveyor " be made a fast friend.

To prove ye 9th & 10th articles Mr. Willoks produced ye affi- davitts of Thomas Gordon & himself taken before this board as is above written.

Then all persons who were not members of this board were ordered To withdraw, And upon Mature Consideration of ye premisses It is ye Opinion of this board that Mr. Willoks has made good ye Severall articles of his Charge Against sd wth Dockwra, partly by Instruments under his hand & Seal of ye province, & partly by oath of witneses. Ordered that ye Clerk of this board do draw up a Copie of ye above sd Information & Charge agst sd Dockwra & ye proof of Every article at Large wth all Convenient Speed, to be sent to ye propr's in England, under ye province Seal &c, that said Mr Dockwra may have opportunity to make his defence &c.

A petition was presented and Read before this board from ye propr's Residing in and about this province, praying that seeing it appears ye Mr Dockwra is a man not fitt for so great a trust, ye this board would suspend him from his office of Chief Secretary & Reg'r & from ye perquisitts & profits thereof untill ye propr's in England be acquainted & their minds known there- in; and ye in ye mean time he ye shall be put into sd office may be obeledged to find security for his faithful discharge of sd office. In answer to wch petition, it is ye opinion of this board ye if ye Instrument wch was produced under ye hand of sd Dockwra & Seal of ye province be genuin, there Can remain no doubt of ye Reasonableness of Suspending him, thereby directing ye Records to be defaced, yet being willing to give him an opportunity to make his de- fence, we have forborn Suspending him, Recommending to ye propr's in England ye unless he make appear ye ye sd Instrument dated ye 14th Septr 1686, be fictitious & false, they dis- miss him of ye sd office of Sec'y & Reg'r: The Estates of the Inhabitants & others Concerned being very precarious under ye Custodie of a person Who has made so unjustifiable a step, And in ye mean time, Ordered, that the Records of all publick papers & Instruments, be keept in ye Custodie of Thomas Gor- don,
Present Deput Secretary, untill ye sd Dockwra acquitt himself of ye above Charge.

Adjourned till further Occasion

Att A Councill held at Perth-Amboy for ye sd province of East New Jersey ye 29th of April anno Dom : 1703.

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\text{Lewis Morris Pr't} \\
W^m \text{ Pinhorn} \\
\text{Sam'l Denis} \\
\text{John Bishop} \\
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of ye Councill

Ordered ye a Letter be written to his Excellencie Lord Cornbury, Govern'r of New York, acquainting him with ye death of Col'l Hamilton Late Governour of this province &c; which was accordingly done & being Read here was approved of, & Signed by this board &c as followeth Viz

May it please your Excellencie

To ye great greife of us & of ye better part of this province it Pleased Almighty GOD to take to himself Our Late Worthy Governour Col'l Andrew Hamilton who departed this life On ye 26th of this Instant: A person whose good Charracter is not unknown to your Excellencie. Wee being of ye Councill of this province do (as in duty bound) humbly Represent the same to your Excellencie. Hoping ye your Excellencies favourable assistance & support for ye preservation of the publick peace will not be wanting to us, untill your Excellencies Commission do arrive which wee do heartily desire may be Spediely; Your Excellencies prudent administration in your Goverment of New-york giveing us assurance of happiness under your Excellencies Conduct.

Wee are

May it please your Excellencie

Your Excellencies most obedient Servants

Lewis Morris Pr't
W^m Pinhorn
Sam'l Denis
John Bishop
W^m Sandford
Sam'l Hale

East New Jersey
Perth-Amboy 29th April 1703

For his Excellencie Edward Lord Viscount Cornbury Governour of Her Maj'ies province of New-York and Dependancies

Adjourned till further Occasion
[The following forms are in the back of the Book form from which the foregoing records are taken.]

I A B Profess faith in God the father and in Jesus Christ his Eternall son the true God and the holy Spirit one God blessed for Evermore & I doe Acknowledg the Scriptures of the ould & new Testament to be given by Divine Insperation.

The Declaration of fidelity & Subscription on as profassion of the Christian Beliefe to be Described by Dissenters Consonant to the Statute Prim: Gut: & Mar:

I A B Do sincerely Promise & Sollemnly Declare before God and the World That I will be true & faithfull To Kinge William And I doe Sollemnly Profess & Declare That I doe from my heart detest & abhor & Renounce as impious & Heriticall that Damnable Doctrine & Profession That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope or any authority of the sea of Rome may be deposed or marthered by their Subjects or any other whatever, & I doe Declare that no foreigne Power princes person Prelate State or Potentate hath or ought to have any power Jurisdiction Superiority Preemenence Authority Eclesiasticall or Spirituall within this Realm

The forme of the Declaration directed by The Statut 30th Car 2d Cap 1st To be Subscribed by all Peers or members of the House of Lords & members of the house of Commons before they vote in any of the saide houses:

I, A, B, doe Sollemnly & sincerely in the presence of God profes testify & declare that I doe believe that in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper thear is not any transubstanstion of the elements of bread & wine into the Body & Blood of Christ at or after the Consecration thereof by any persons whatsoever & that the Invocation or adoration of the virgin Mary or any other Saint & the Sacrifice of the Mass as they are now used in the Church of Rome are Superstitious & Idolatrous & I doe Solemnly in the presence of God profess Testifie & declare that I doe make this declaration & every part thereof in the plaine & ordinary Sence of the words read onto me as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any Evation Equivocation or mentall Reservation whatsoever & without any dispensation already
already granted me for this purpose by the Pope or any other authority or Person Whatsoever or without any hope of any such Dispensation from any person or authority Whatsoever or without thinkeinge that I am or can be aquilted before God or man or absolvd of this Declaration or any part thereof altho the Pope or any other persons or power whatsoever should dispence with or annul the same or Declare that it was null & voide from the begininge

J Basse

Andrew Bowne
John Jnians
John Royse
Wm Pinhorne
Wm Lawrence

I A B do sencerely Promise & Swear that I will be faithfull & bear true allegiance to his Majesty King William, So help me God

J Basse

Andrew Bowne
John Jnians
John Royse
Wm Pinhorne
Wm Lawrence

I A B Do Swear That I doe from my heart Abhor detest & Abjure as impious & heriticall that damnable doctrine & Position that Princes Excom'unicated or deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the Sea of Rome may be deposed or Murdered by their Subjects or any other Whatsoever, & I doe declare no Foreign Prince person Prelate State or Potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction Power Superiority Preeminence or Authority Ecclesiacticall or Civill within this Realm.

So help me God

J. Basse

Andrew Bowne
John Jnians
John Royse
Wm Pinhorne
Wm Lawrence

Wee Underwritten Do sencirly promiss & Solemnly declare as in y° presence of God that wee bear true allledgediance to his Majt° William y° third King of England &c, And that wee from
from Our hearts abhore & detest as Impious & heretickall y^t Damnable Doctrine & position y^t princes Excomunicated or deprived by y^e pope Or any authoritie of y^e Sea of Rome may be deposed or Murthered by their Subjects or any other Whatsoever, & Wee do declare No forraign prince person prelate State or potenteate hath or Ought to have any Jurisdiction Power Superoritie Preheminence Or authority Eccleseastical or Civill w^th in this Realme and that wee will well & faithfully discharge y^e trust reposéd in us & Each of us as members of the Governour’s Councill of this province of East New Jersey in America. So help us God &c dated this 23d of aprill anno Dom: i700

AND: HAMILTON
May 30,
WM PINHORNE

I Underwritten Do Sincerly promise & Solemny declare as in y^e presence of God that I bear true Allegiance to his Maj^le WM ye 3^d King of England &c, And y^t from my heart Abhore & detest as Impious & heretickall y^t Damnable Doctrine & position y^t princes Excomunicated Or deprived by y^e Pope or any authoritie of y^e Sea of Rome may be deposed or murthered by their subjects or any other Whatsoever, & I do declare No forraign prince prelate State or potenteate hath or Ought to have Any Jurisdiction power Superioritie prehemenence or authoritie Ecclesiasticall or Civill w^th in this Realme and that I will well & faithfully performe & discharge y^e trust Reposéd in me as Clerk of y^e Councill of y^e province of East New Jersey in America, So help me God, &c, date this 23^d of aprill anno Dom: i700

THOMAS GORDON