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- Woodbury Obadiah - Pet. 54. 68. 70.
- Wooden Abner - Pet. 19.
- Wright Edward - Pet. 25. 26.
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Journal of the House,
of
Representatives of the Commonwealth,
of
Massachusetts;

From May 1780. to October 1780.

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A Journal

of the Honorable House of Representatives at a Great and General Court or Assembly for the state of Massachusetts Bay in New England, began and held at Boston in the County of Suffolk, upon Wednesday, the 31st day of May, being the last Wednesday in said month, Anno Domini 1779.

Wednesday, May 31st. 1780.

Members The Honorable Thomas Cushing, Samuel Adams and Moses Gill Esqrs, came down from the Honorable Council & acquainted the House that they were appointed by the honorable major part of the Council, to administer the oath of fidelity and allegiance to the Gentlemen returned to represent the respective towns within this state as prescribed by a law of the same; - which was accordingly taken by all the members present. The Honorable Gentlemen above mentioned then withdrew.

Returns. ' Mr. Davis of Boston by device of the House went to the Secretary's Office and brought from there the Writs and Precepts for the choice of Representatives: upon the examination thereof it appeared that the following Gentlemen were returned to represent the several towns in the General assembly the ensuing

Viz:

County of Suffolk – Boston. [so in original]

Clerk. Mr. Austin, Mr. Walley, & Mr. Singletary, were then appointed to collect sort & count ye[?] votes for a Clerk; the members then bought in their votes for a Clerk & the Committee

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having counted the same reported that the Hon. Samuel Freeman Esq, was unanimously chosen. Whereupon the following Oath was administered to him by Thomas Crane Esq, viz. (the same as last year verbatim.)

Speaker. Mr. Gorham, Mr. Lowell & Col. Thatcher were then appointed to collect & number the votes for speaker.

The members then brought in their votes for a Speaker, & the Committee having examined & numbered the same, it appeared that the Hon. John Hancock Esq. was unanimously chosen.

Members Ordered that Mr. Pickering attend to the Committee of the Hon. Council appointed to administer the oath of Fidelity and Allegiance such Gentlemen as have not taken the same.

Speaker Ordered that Major Osgood, Mr. Davis, Benjamin Preble, Mr. Phillips & Mr. Gorham be a Committee to wait upon the Hon. Council & inform them that the House had made Choice of the Hon. John Hancock Esq. for their speaker; and that they were ready to attend Divine Service.

Afternoon

Members. Major Hosmen was Ordered to attend to the Committee of the Hon. Council, appointed to administer the oath of allegiance, such Gentlemen present as had not taken the same.

Resignations. Mr. Avery Deputy Secretary came in with a letter from each of the following Gentlemen, containing a Resignation of his seat at the Honorable Board, viz. -
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The Hon. William Sever Esq. Hon. Oliver Prescott Esq. Hon Timothy Edwards Esq. Hon. Noah Goodman Esq.

Counsellors.

Ordered that Mr. Lowell, Mr. Gorham, Col. Pope, Mr. Pickering & Major Osgood, be a Committee to go up to the Hon. Board & acquaint them that the House were ready to proceed to the election of Counsellors, agreeable to the usage of this State; - and propose to bring in their votes first for eighteen Counsellors for the late Colony of the Massachusetts Bay. And in order that an exact account be taken in numbering & sorting the votes, the House propose that a Committee to be appointed for that purpose, set a separate table from the Board, and that no election shall be declared till it shall have passed the examination of one of the tellers of each House at least; provided that if more than eighteen shall have a major vote, those of them which shall have the greatest number of votes, shall be the persons elected.

The Committee reported that had delivered the Message –

Whereupon, John Potts Esq, came down & informed the House that the Hon. Board were ready to proceed to the choice of Counsellors in the manner proposed by the House.

Mr. Lowell, Gen. Titcomb, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Pickering & Col. Pope, were then appointed to collect and carry up the votes of the House, and on the part of the House to assist in counting & sorting

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Counsellors. them together with the votes of the Hon. Board & report to the House the election that should be made.

The House then proceeded to bring in their votes for eighteen Counsellors or Assistants, Inhabitants or Proprietors of Lands within the Territory formerly called the Massachusetts Bay, & the Committee having carried up the same reported, that Sixteen Gentlemen only were chosen, viz.:

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| Hon. James Bowdoin Esq. | Abraham Fuller Esq. |
| Thomas Cushing Esq. | Samuel Niles Esq. |
| Jabez Fisher Esq. | Samuel Baker Esq. |
| Samuel Holten Esq. | John Potts Esq. |
| Moses Gill Esq. | Eleazar Brooks Esq. |
| Benjamin Austin Esq. | Aaron Wood Esq. |
| Timothy Danielson Esq. | Stephen Choate Esq. |
| Josiah Stone Esq. | Caleb Strong Esq. |

Monitors The following Gentlemen were appointed monitors, viz: Mr. Hastings, Major Hosmen, Mr. Ellis & Mr. Dix.

R. & O. Ordered that Mr. Gorham, Col. Baldwin & Col. Dawes be a Committee to revise the Rules & orders observed by the House of Representatives the last year, & report what are proper to be observed by the House the present year.

Chaplain. The House assigned 3 oclock, tomorrow afternoon for the choice of a Chaplain.
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- Coms. Ordered that Co. Dawes, Mr. Kollock & Col. Orne be a Committee to consider what standing Committees are necessary to be appointed.
- Printing Ordered that Mr. Davis, Mr. Nichols & Mr. Crane be a Committee to confer the Printers respecting the Expense of printing the acts and Resolves of the Court & the Journals of the House.
- Chains. Ordered that the Messenger of the House be directed to put up chains as usual, and see that they be securely locked.
- Business Voted that all papers which were before the House the last year, & not passed upon, be revised & have day in the Present Session.

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Coms. The Committee appointed to consider what standing Committees are necessary to be appointed, Reported:-

Whereupon the House assigned the several hours on Friday next, hereafter mentioned, for the appointment of the following Committees, viz.:-

Committee on Accounts, 10 oclock A.M.

Committee to settle with the Army to consist of five 11 oclock A.M.

Committee on Muster Rolls to consist of three 12 oclock.

Committee on Pensioners of the Army & Navy to consist of three – 12 o'clock.

Committee on sale of Lands to consist of five 12 o'clock.

Committee for methodizing, stating & adjusting ye Public accounts - to consist of three 3 o'clock P.M.

Rules & Orders

The Committee appointed to revise the Rules & Orders of the House of the last year reported as their opinion, that no alteration for the better could be made therein - & that the

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same be observed by ye House the present year.

The Report was accepted by the House.

Counsellors. Ordered that a Message be sent to the Hon. Board, to inform them that the House propose to put off the further choice of Counsellors to 9 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Mr. Davis was charged with the Message, who reported that he had delivered the same.

Whereupon, Henry Gardner Esq, came down & informed the House that the Board agreed to their proposal.

The House then adjourned to 9 oclock tomorrow morning.

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5 Thursday, June 1. 1780.

Member. The Hon. Noah Goodman Esqr was returned a member from the Town of South Hadley & Mr. Brown of Framingham was directed to attend him to the Committee of Council appointed to administer the oath of allegiance.

Counsellors Mr. Gorham was sent with a message to the Hon. Board to inform them that the House were ready agreeable to the order of the day to proceed to the choice of Counsellors and proceed to begin with the choice of two Gentlemen to complete the eighteen for ye old colony of Massachusetts.

Whereupon Moses Gill Esqr came down and informed the House that the Board were ready likewise.

Mr. Pickering Mr. Partridge Maj. Osgood Mr. Gorham & Mr. Dix were then appointed a Committee to collect the votes of ye. House.

Member Ordered that the messenger of the House place a chair for the accommodation of the Hon. Mr. Tyng member from Dunstable in such part of ye House as will be agreeable to him.

Member. Capt James Perry was returned a Member from the Town of Easton & Mr. Starkweather was directed to attend him to the Committee appointed to administer the oath of allegiance.

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Thursday June 1. 1780.

Counsellors The Committee appointed to collect the votes of the House for Counsellors collected the votes for two Gentlemen Inhabitants or Proprietors of Lands within the Territory formerly called the Massachusetts Bay & having carried up the same reported that William Whiting Esqr & Joseph Dorr Esqr were chosen.

The House proceeded to bring in their votes for four counsellors or assistants. Inhabitants or Proprietors of Lands within the Territory formerly called the Colony of New Plymouth and the Committee appointed to collect the same having carried them up to the Hon. Board reported that the following Gentlemen were chosen, viz:

Hon. Walter Spooner Esq^r

Hon. Daniel Davis Esq^r

Hon. Nathan Cushing Esq^r

and Hon. Thomas Durfee Esq^r

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Counsellors The House then proceeded to bring in their votes for three Counsellors or assistants Inhabitants or Proprietors of Lands within the Territory formerly called the Province of Main, and the Committee having carried up the same reported:
That the Hon^{bl}. Jeremiah Powell Esq the Hon Joseph Simpson Esqr & ye Hon Edward Cutts Esqr were chosen.

The House then brought in their votes for one Counsellor or assistants an Inhabitant or Proprietor of Lands within the Territory lying between the River Sagadahock and Nova Scotia and the Committee having carried up same reported;

That the Hon Henry Gardner Esq^r was elected

The House then brought in their votes for two Counsellors or assistants Inhabitants or Proprietors of Lands within any part of this State and the Committee having carried up the same reported;

That the Hon Robert Treat Paine Esq^r and the Hon Benjamin White Esq were chosen.

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Afternoon

Chaplain The House agreeably to the Order of the Day proceeded to the choice of a Chaplain. Maj. Goodman Mr. Kollock & Capt. Mattoon were appointed to collect & count the votes. Who having attended that service, reported:

 That the Rev. Sam^l. Cooper was chosen.

Mr. Lovell Mr. Austin & Maj. Osgood were then appointed a committee to inform him of the appointment

Members Mr. William Paige was returned a member from the Town of Hardwick and Mr. David Sexton from the Town of Deerfield and Maj. Hosmer was appointed to attend them to the Committee of Council appointed to administer the oath of allegiance.

Absence Mr. Dix & Mr. Brown of Framingham had leave of absence until Tuesday next.

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7 Thursday June 1. 1780.

Members Mr. Jonathan Whiting & Mr. Oliver Wetmore were returned as members from the Town of Conway.

Returns The Returns of the Precepts for the Choice of Representatives were examined.

Swanzey A memorial of the former selectmen Committee of Correspondence & Militia Officers of the Town of Swanzey against Jerathmeel Bowen Esqr.

Read & committed to Gen^l Warren Mr. Lowell & Col Freeman.

Thos Chase A Petition of Thomas Chase D. Q. M. G. praying for the Loan of a sum of Money.

Read & committed to Mr. Greenough Maj. Hosmer & Capt Hunt.

Berkshire A Memorial of a number of Inhabitants of the County of Berkshire praying the Court to grant a Lottery for raising a sum of Money to repair the Road through the Green Woods.

Read & committed to Mr. Dench, Mr. Kollock, & Mr. Sears.

Counsellors The Secretary by order of ye Hon Maj^r part of ye Council brought in to the House a List of the Counsellors elected for the present year & having read ye same delivered it to the speaker.

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Thursday June 1. 1780.

- Member Capt John Thompson was returned a member from the Town of Pelham.
- Counsellors The Secretary by order of the Hon Maj^r part of the Council came in to request the House to send up to the Hon Board the Hon Eleazer Brooks Esqr & the Hon Stephen Choate Esqr members of ye House who have been elected to seats at the Board.
At the request of these Gentlemen. Voted, that they be indulged to defer giving an answer to their appointment until Tuesday next & Ordered that Mr. Lowell inform the Hon Council of this vote.
- R. Huniwell A Petition of Roger Huniwell of Searborough a Pensioner praying a further allowance.
Read & committed to Capt Wales Col Freeman & Mr Pickering
- Brookfield A Petition of the Militia officers of the foot company in the third Precinct in Brookfield with the committee of correspondence &c. of said Town.

Read & committed to Col Hutchinson Col. Thatcher & Mr. Sargent.
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8 Thursday June 1. 1780.

Shrewsbury A Petition of the Selectmen of Shrewsbury praying that the Widow of Caleb Johnson late of said Shrewsbury deceased may be supported out of part of ye Estate which belongs to s^d. Deceased.

Read & committed to Mr. Fessenden Mr. Webster & Mr. Pickering.

Mary Codner A Petition of Mary Codner praying for liberty to go to New York & return to this State.

Read & committed to Gen^l Preble Mr Chamberlain & Col Bagley.

Cloathing Com Ordered that Mr. Pickering, Capt Hunt & Col Hutchinson be a committee to enquire if the Resolve which passed the Gen^l. Court the last Session respecting Cloathing has been published & to consider what is proper to be done whereby the army may be supplied.

Also to consider how the agents for obtaining the prices of Corn &c. shall be furnished with the Resolves directing Selectmen to assist them in that business.

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T. Leonard A Petition of Tadock Leonard of Middleborough. Read & committed to Col. Baldwin Mr. Turner of Scituate & Mr. Foster of Brookfield.

Middleborough

A Petition of the Selectmen of Middleborough.
Read & committed to the same Committee.

T. Danforth & al.

The Petition of Timothy Danforth & Solomon Pollard. Read & committed to Mr Stow Col Thatcher & Capt Howes.

J. McFarland A Petition of James McFarland of Worcester praying that the Town may be empowered to chose a collector or collectors of Taxes.

Read & committed to Mr. Cranch. Maj. Washburn & Maj. Davis of Oxford.

Printing The Committee appointed to confer with the Printers relative to the expense of printing the Resolves of Court & Journal of the House.

Reported that Mr. Willis would print the Resolves at the rate of Fifty four Pounds for 500 sheets that it was their opinion his terms were reasonable & that he be employed to print them accordingly. The Committee also reported, that it was not expedient to print the Journals of the House at present. The report was accepted in each part.

W More A Petition of William More of Southwick. Read & committed to Mr. Crane Mr. Starkweather & Gen. Farley

The House then adjourned to 9. oclock tomorrow morning.

9 Friday June 2. 1780.

James Thompson

A Petition of James Thompson.

Read & committed to Mr. Lowell Mr. Kollock & Col. Freeman

Alex Campbell A Petition of Alexander Campbell agent to Col. Allen

Read & committed to Col. Bagley Maj. Goodman & Col Hale.

W^m. Cropman A Petition of William Cropman late Lieutenant in the 15th Massachusetts Battalion
praying compensation for his services. Read & committed to Col. Orne Col Gerrish & Col.
White.

Sam^l Parker The Petition of Rev Samuel Parker which was read in ye last year House ye 3rd Jan 1780

Read & committed to Col. Pope Mr. Starkweather and Mr Webster

Marblehead The Petition of the Town of Marblehead which was read in the last years House

Read & Committed to Capt Wales Maj. Goodman & Col. Toby.

9 Friday June 2. 1780.

Cloathing_____Ordered

That Capt Wales Mr. Davis of Boston and Mr. Foster be a Committee to confer with the State Clothier on ye subject of Cloathing for the army.

Dan^l. Pearl_____A Petition of Daniel Pearl praying for a permit to go to Yarmouth in Nova Scotia.

Read & committed to Mr. Gorham Mr. Fairbanks & Maj. Osgood.

10 Friday June 2. 1780.

Belchertown A Petition of the Town of Belcherstown praying for the remittance of a Fine
Read & committed to Col. Pope Maj Thompson & Capt Smith.

Berkshire The committee on ye Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the county of Berkshire
Reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & Passed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Naval office act

Ordered that the Naval office act be committed to Col Pope Capt Ward & Mr Rowe.

Council A Message from the Hon. Maj^r Part of the Council by the Secretary
State of Massachusetts Bay
Council Chamber June 1. 1780

Gentlemen of ye House of Representatives

Major General Heath &c –

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10 Friday June 2. 1780

Read & committed with the Papers accompanying the same to Mr Pickering Mr Partridge Gen^l. Warren Col Dawes Col Orne Mr Gorham & Mr Lovell, and Ordered that the purport thereof be kept a Secret by every member until the further order of the House

Brig. Gen^l. Wadsworth

Benj C Austin Esqr brot down several Letters from Brig. Gen^l Wadsworth

Read & thereupon Ordered that Gen^l Preble Col Glover & Mr Gorham with such as the Hon Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

W^m. Shepard Benjamin Austin Esqr brot down a Letter signed William Shepard Dated Highlands May 19. 1780

Read & committed to Mr Greenough Capt Bancroft & Mr Nichols.

11 Friday June 2. 1780

North Hampton

A memorial of the Town of Northhampton respecting twelve Persons Inhabitants of s^d.Town who enlisted into the army & left the service before their time was out without a regular discharge.

Read & committed to Maj^r Washburn Maj^r Osgood & Mr Hastings.

Com: on accounts

The House by ballot made choice of Maj^r Osgood Mr Kollock Mr Branch Maj^r Washburn Mr Starkweather Mr Webster & Maj^r Hosmer as a Committee on accounts.

Gen^l Heath Edward Cutt Esqr bro^t down a letter from Gen^l Heath Dated Roxbury June 1, 1780.

Com: on Meth-Stat[?] Accounts

The House by ballot made choice of Mr Peter Boyer Mr Deming & Mr Stephen Gorham as a Committee for methodising & stating accounts

Dickinson Farm at Amherst

Ordered that Maj^r Goodman Mr Phelps & Capt Putnam be a Committee to consider the situation of Mr Dickinsons Farm at Amherst & report what is proper to be done therewith.

Com: on Muster Rolls

The House appointed Mr Sergeant & Mr Metcalf as a Committee on Muster Rolls.

Com: on Pensioners

The House appointed Col Thatcher Mr Austin & Mr Hastings as a Committee on Pensioners.

Friday June 2. 1780

Comm. on Sale of Lands

Ordered that Capt Dix Maj. Davis Col Coffin Mr Herrington & Mr Fairbanks be a Committee to consider Petition for the Sale of Lands.

Sam^l. Whittemore & others

A Plan of a Tract of Land granted to Samuel Whittemore & others was committed with the Papers accompanying it to Col Baldwin Capt Brooks and Mr Child.

Comm. on Supplies to the army

Ordered that Mr Sargent Maj^r Davis & Col Prescott be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the army on the subject of the supplies made to the officers thereof on account of the Depreciation of the Currency

Com. to Settle with the army

The House by ballot made choice of the following Gentlemen as a Committee for settling with the Army. Viz Col Baldwin Mr Phillips Mr Walley Mr Austin & Mr Greenough.

Nath Sumner & others

The Petition of Nath^l Sumner George Sumner and Ebenezer Sumner praying that they with their Lands in the town of Stoughton may be set off to the Town of Dedham.

Read & thereupon voted that the prayer of said Petitioners be granted & that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

12 Friday June 2. 1780

Resolves Ordered that Mr Phillips Capt Wales & Mr Henshaw be a Committee to consider the best mode whereby the Inhabitants of this state may be acquainted with the Resolves of a Public nature which are passed from time to time by the General Court

Delegate in Congress

Daniel Davis Esq^r brought down a Letter from the Delegates of this State at Congress dated Philadelphia 19, May 1780 with the following Vote of Council thereon. viz. In Council June 2nd. 1780. Read & ordered that Moses Gill Esq with such as the Hon. House shall join be a Committee to take this Letter into consideration & report

Sent down for Concurrence

Read & Concurred & Col Glover & Mr Rowe are joined.

Stoughton & Stoughtonham

Voted that the consideration of the Papers relative to the contest between the Town of Stoughton and the Town of Stoughtonham be deferred to Tuesday the 13th current & ordered that the member from Stoughton inform the Town of Stoughtonham of this vote.

Martha Gardner

A Petition of Martha Gardner of Sherburne in ye County of Nantucket. Read & committed to the Committee on sale of Lands.

Friday June 2. 1780

Sam^l Atwood A Petition of Samuel Atwood praying for leave to go to Nova Scotia & bring his effects from thence to this State.

Read & committed to Capt Wales Maj^r Orne & Col Thorndike.

Depreciation The House assigned three O'Clock in the afternoon to take into consideration the Bills respecting Depreciation.

Public Business

Ordered that Capt Hunt Mr Davis of Boston Mr Fessenden Col Brown & Mr Phillips be a Committee to consider & report what Public Business is necessary to be taken into consideration the present session.

Springfield A Petition of the Town of Springfield praying that a Lottery may be granted to enable them to build a Bridge over the Agawam River.

Read & committed to Mr Mighill & Mr Kollock.

13 Friday June 2. 1780

Depreciation A Bill intituled "An Act for carrying into Execution a Resolve of Congress of the 20th March last and for repealing certain clauses of an act made in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six entitled An Act to prevent the forging and altering Bills of Public Credit and for preventing the Depreciation thereof and for making the Bills of Credit of the United Colonies and the Bills of this Government a Tender in all payments and for establishing a rule of Depreciation"

Read a second time & considered.

On the first enacting Clause which was for repealing such clauses of the act abovementioned as made the Bills of Credit aforesaid a Tender in all payments the question was put & it passed in affirmative nine eight members voting in favour of it out of one hundred & thirty five the number of members present.

x Samuel Niles Esqr brought down a x

The House then assign'd Tuesday next at ten oClock in the forenoon for the second reading of the Bill.

Friday June 2, 1780

Member John Lewis Esq. was returned a member from the Town of North Yarmouth.

Committee of Congress

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t. down a letter from Phillip Schuyer Esq^r & others a Committee of Congress at Morris Town dated 25th May 1780. with a Letter from General Washington to them & several other Papers accompanying the same.

Read & the House having enjoined every member to keep the contents thereof secret

Ordered that Gen^l. Warren Mr Davis of Boston Maj Osgood & Col Orne with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then adjourned to 9 oClock tomorrow morning.

14 Saturday June 3rd 1780

Comm. on accounts

Orderd that Gen^l Farley Col Hale & Mr Fessenden be a Committee to bring in a Resolve pointing out ye Power & Duty of the Committee on accounts.

Jas McFarland The Committee on the Petition of James McFarland ent^d. t. cur.[?] reported a Resolve granting ye prayer thereof.

Read & passed. Sent up for Concurrence.

State Clothier A Letter from Sam^l Ruggles State Clothier with a Return of Cloathing delivered to the Massachusetts Troops

Read & committed to Mr Curtis Capt Stone & Maj^r. Osgood

Comm. on accounts

The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve pointing out the Power & Duty of the Committee on accounts reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Royalston & Winchendon

A Bill for setting off the Inhabitants living on a strip of Land in Royalston called Royalston Leg. to the Town of Winchendon

Read a first time & orderd to be read again on Friday next at 4, oClock in ye afternoon.

Absence of Members

Voted that Col Prescot & the Member from Billerica have leave of absence.

Saturday June 3rd 1780

Valuation Orderd that Maj^r Goodman Col. Dawes and Capt Stone be a Committee to revise the Valuation Act & report what alterations (if any) are necessary to be made

Guns Orderd that Col Little Mr Walley & Col Woods be a Committee to enquire what has been done respecting the Guns belonging to men who have been in the army from this State which have been stopped & report what is further necessary to be done

Delegate in Congress

Orderd that the Letters from the Delegates at Congress of ye 11th Feb, & 15th April last be committed to the Committee on their Letters of ye 19 May last

Sent up for Concurrence

Jona Burrell & others

A Petition of Jonathan Burrell & a number of others Inhabitants of Sherburne on the Island of Nantucket praying that Timothy Folgier may be permitted to go to New York to obtain compensation for the property taken from them by the Enemy. Read & committed to Capt Ward Mr Crane & Gen^l Titcomb

15 Saturday June 3. 1780

E Storer Daniel Davis Esqr bro^t. down a Petition of Ebenezer Storer praying that his Daughter at New York may be permitted to right her friends in this State with ye following vote of Council thereon Viz.

In Council June 3. 1780 Read & Orderd that John Pitts Esq^f. with such as ye Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition and report what may be proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence

Read & concurred & Mr. Perry of Medfield and Capt Varnum are joined

Sam^l Parker The Committee on the Petition of the Rev^d Samuel Parker reported

Thereupon the House passed a Resolve granting him the sum of Three Thousand Pounds

Sent up for Concurrence

Israel Washburn

Orderd that the Petition of Israel Washburn be committed to Capt Stone Col McIntosh & Col Brown

Saturday June 3 1780

Mary Codner The Committee on the Petition of Mary Codner reported
Read & not accepted

Orderd That the Petition lie for ye present.

Marblehead The Committee on the Petition of the Town of Marblehead reported a Resolve for paying
them the sum of Four Thousand Eight hundred Pounds.

Read & passed

Sent up for concurrence

Brookfield The Committee on the Petition of the Militia Officers & Committee of Brookfield
reported.

Read & accepted

Sent up for concurrence

Swanzy The Committee on the Memorial of the Selectmen &c of Swanzy against Col Bowers
reported

Read & accepted as follows. Viz

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Tho^s Chase The Committee on the Petition of Col Thomas Chase reported a Resolve granting the
Prayer thereof

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence

16 Saturday June 3 1780

Hampshire & Berkshire

A Bill intituled An Act for raising by Lottery the sum of the Forty Thousand Pounds for the purpose of repairing the road in Green Woods so called in the Counties of Hampshire & Berkshire

Read a first time & orderd to be read again on Monday next at three oClock in the afternoon

Jas Archibald The Petition of James Archibald which was read ye 28 April last.

Read & committed to the Committee on accounts to act thereon as they shall judge best

Sent up for Concurrence

Eb Storer John Potts Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Ebenezer Storer being by way of Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Passed in Council & Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred with an amendment.

Sent up for Concurrence

Rebecca Thompson

A Petition of Rebekah Thompson praying for liberty to go to England & return again to this state. Read & thereupon orderd that Mr. Walley bring in a Resolve giving her liberty to go to England but not to return again who Reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Saturday June 3. 1780

Delegates in Congress

Moses Gill Esq^r bro^t. down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the several Letters from the Delegates of this State at Congress

Read & committed to Mr. Rowe Capt Hunt & Mr. Phelps

Afternoon.

Absence Voted that Mr. Sargeant have leave to be absent the next week.

Nathan Smith A Petition of Nathan Smith praying for leave to transport a quantity of Rum & Salt to the State of New Hampshire

Read & committed to Col Baldwin Gen^l Titcomb Mr. Webster Capt Hunt & Mr. Partridge who were directed to consider the matter at large

Dan^l Pearl Orderd that Capt Brooks be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Daniel Pearl in ye room of Mr Gorham excused.

17 Saturday June 3. 1780

Wm More The Committee on the Petition of William More reported a Resolve empowering the Board of War to make such allowance in the settlement of his account & expenses occasioned by the seizure of the Flour mentioned in his Petition as shall appear to them to be just & reasonable.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence

Comm of Congress

Jabez Fisher Esq^r bro^t down Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Letter from the Committee of Congress at Morristown of the 25th of May last being way of Resolve for raising four thousand men to reinforce the Continental army

Tax Orderd that Col Freeman Mr. Lowell & Capt Mattoon be a Committee to bring in a Bill for levying a Tax of £72.000 in Gold & Silver on the Polls & Estates within this State

Dickinsons Farm

The Committee appointed to consider what was proper to be done with Mr. Dickinsons Farm at Amherst reported a Resolve for improving the same for pasturing Cattle for the use of the army.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Saturday June 3. 1780

Delinquent Collectors

The House passed a Resolve directing the Treasurer to issue his Warrant against delinquent Collectors of Taxes which were to be paid before the first of May last.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Stackhouse Appedaile

Edward Cutt Esq^r bro^t down the Petition of John Stackhouse Appedaile with the following vote of Council thereon, viz.

In Council June 3. 1780 whereas new Evidence hath arisen with regard to the foregoing Petition which require the further consideration thereof. Resolved that the said Petition be revised and that John Pitts Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take the same into consideration and report what may properly be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence

Read & concurred & Gen^l Harley and, are joined

Continental army

The House took into consideration the draught of a Resolve for raising 4000 men to reinforce the Continental army and after debate thereon

18 Saturday June 3. 1780

Adjournment Voted that when this House shall adjourn this evening it be adjourned to 8 oClock tomorrow morning and that a message be sent to the Hon^l Board to inform them of this vote. Mr Lowell was sent with ye message who reported that he had delivered ye same.

Ordered that every member be enjoined to give his punctual attendance at 8 oClock tomorrow morning

The House then adj^d to 8 oClock tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Day June 4, 1780

Chaplain Mr Walley was directed to inform Doct Cooper that it was the request of the House he would attend and pray with them.

Continental Army

The House resumed the consideration of the Resolve for raising 4000 men to reinforce ye Continental army

Sabbath Day June 4. 1780

Afternoon

Continental Army

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Resolve for raising 4000 men to reinforce the Continental army & after debate thereon

Orderd that it be committed to Mr Walley Mr Foster & Mr Davis of Boston.

Orderd that Col Freeman Maj Goodman Col Baldwin Mr Grenough & Capt Hunt be a Committee to consider the expediency of granting a Bounty to ye men to be raised by ye Resolve abovementioned & what is proper to be done in that respect.

The House then adj^d. to 9 oClock tomorrow morning

Monday June 5. 1780

E Atherton Moses Gill Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of Eliakim Atherton of Bolton praying that he may be a Licensed Inn holder with a Resolve granting the prayer thereof. Passed in Council & sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred with an amendment.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Member Mr Ahemas Easton was returned a member from

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Member from the Town of Washington & Col Pope was directed to attend him to the Committee of Council appointed to administer the Oath of allegiance.

C Phelps A Petition of Charles Phelps praying that a former Petition of his may be resumed.
Read & dismissed.

Abner Wooden

A Petition of Abner Wooden administrator on the Estate of John Wooden Late of Mount Washington deceased.

Read and committed to the Committee on the Sale of Lands.

Wm. Murray A Petition of William Murray a soldier in Col Voses[?] Regiment representing that he lost his & cannot receive the Bounty due to him without ye aid of the Gen^l. Court.

Read & committed to Col Gerrish Mr Woodbridge & Mr Singletary.

Ch^s Goodrich A Petition of Charles Goodrich praying for a Grant of forty seven acres of Land in lieu of a grant of ye same quantity made A.D. 1767 to Ephraim Keyes which has become ineffectual.

Read & committed to Mr Rowe Mr Hastings & Col Easton

N. St. John & an

Two Petitions of Nathan St John and Ruth Smith administrations on the Estate of Caleb Smith Late of Stockbridge deceased. Read & committed to the Committee on ye sale of Lands.

Cartels Orderd that a message be sent to the Hon^l Council to request them to issue an Order for stopping the two Cartels in Boston Harbour one bound to New York & the other to Hallifax.

Monday June 5. 1780

Powder Magazine

The House passed a Resolve appointing Thomas Dawes Esqr to repair the electrical wires at the Powder Magazine at West Boston.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Pelham A Petition of the Town of Pelham representing their inability to repair the Roads in that Town & praying Relief.

Read & committed to Maj Goodman Doct Barney and Mr Mattoon.

Cartels Orderd That a message be sent to the Hon^l Council to desire that they woud recall the order which the House just now requested them to issue for stopping two Cartels. Mr Austin was charged with ye message who reported that he had delivered ye fame

Continental army

The Committee to whom the Resolve for raising men to reinforce the Continental army was committed reported. The Resolve was then amended passed & Sent up for Concurrence

Ezra Lunt A Letter from Ezra Lunt Commissary at Fish Hill dated May 25 1780 asking the Grant of a sum of money.

Read & committed to Mr Davis of Boston Col Thatcher & Col Orne.

Military Duty Orderd That Col Dawes Capt Page Maj^r Hosmer Brigadier Frost. Brigr Titcomb Mr Sexton & Col Easton be a Committee to enquire what Military Duty has been done by the

20 Monday June 5. 1780

Military Duty Several Towns in this State since the commencement of the present war and make report.

Ezra Lunt The Committee on the Letter of Ezra Lunt reported a Resolve for paying him One Thousand five hundred Pounds.

Read & Passed
Sent up for Concurrence

Afternoon

Hampshire & Berkshire

Orderd That the Bill for raising a Sum of money by Lottery for repairing the Road in Greenwoods be committed to Col Orne Maj^r Goodman & Capt Barney.

Member Mr Samuel Hand was returned a Member from the Town of Hancock & Maj^r Goodman was directed to attend him to the Committee appointed to administer the Oath of allegiance.

Monday June 5. 1780

Com. on accts & for Settling with the army

Orderd That Col Dawes Col Orne & Gen^l Titcomb be a Committee to consider the expediency of joining the Committee for stating accounts to the Committee for settling with the army

Member Solomon Lombard Esqr was returned a member from the Town of Gorham & Brig. Preble was directed to attend him to the Committee of Council appointed to administer the Oath of allegiance.

Cambden. A Petition of the Inhabitants of a Plantation called Cambden in the County of Lincoln representing that they are called upon by ye Town of Thomaston to pay part of ye Tax set upon by that Town, that they are unable to pay it & therefore praying Relief

Read & committed to Brig^l Frost Col. Tyler & Mr Small.

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- Wm. Murray The Committee on ye Petition of William Murray reported a Resolve intitling him to the same Bounty other Soldiers are intitled to
Read & pass^d.
Sent up for Concurrence.
- Member Barnabas Freeman Esq^r. was returned a member from the Town Eastham & Mr Ellis was directed to attend him to the Committee of Council appointed to administer the Oath of allegiance.
- Assessors Orderd That Mr Lowell Mr Foster & Mr Hastings be a Committee to revise the Tax Act & report what explanation is necessary to be made for the direction of Assesions[?].
- Dan^l. Hearsay A Petition of Daniel Hearsay praying ye Court to order that payment may be made him of ye notes he is intitled to as a Soldier.
Read & committed to Capt Cushing Maj^r Page & Maj^r Bullard.
- Salt & Grain Orderd That Col Dawes Gen^l Warren Mr Davis of Boston Col Orne & Mr Nichols be a Committee to consider some measures for importing a quantity of Salt & Grain.
- Council Orderd That Mr Davis of Boston & Maj^r Osgood be added to ye Committee on ye message from ye Hon^l Council.

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W^m. Peabody A Petition of William Peabody Read & committed to Col Davis Capt Stone & judge Cranch

Allex. Campbell

A Petition of Alexander Campbell praying he may be supplied with a number of small arms &c for the defence of a Vessel conveying Provisions to Machias. Read & ye House pass,d a Resolve granting ye Prayer thereof.

The Committee on ye Petition of Col Alex Campbell enterd ye 2^d current reported a Resolve empowering Lieut John Albee to reinlist thirty three men at Machias.

Read & Pass,d

Sent up for Concurrence.

Hampshire & Berkshire

A Bill intituled An Act for raising by Lottery the sum of two hundred Thousand Dollars for the purpose of repairing the Roads in the Green Woods so called in the Counties of Hampshire and Berkshire. Read a first time & recommitted

Monitor Orderd That Mr Fessenden be a Monitor in ye room of Maj^r Hosmer excused

Yarmouth A Petition of the Selectmen of Yarmouth praying an allowance of their account for procuring Blankets Shirts &c in addition to ye sum allowed by ye Com^{ee} on acc^{ts}.
Read & committed to Mr Nichols Mr Singletary & Mr Stow.

Comm. of Congress

Voted That ye injunction of secesy laid on ye members at the receipt of ye Letter from ye Committee of Congress at Morristown be taken except that part which respects ye situation of ye Army.

The House adj^d to 9 oClock tomorrow morning.

22 Tuesday June 6th 1780

Speaker The House assigned 10 oClock for the choice of a Speaker pro tempore the Hon Gen^l Hancock ye standing speaker being indisposed

Raising Men Orderd That Col Thatcher Mr Greenough & Brig^f Frost be a Committee to ye that the Resolves for raising men be printed & dispersed

Speaker Pro. tem

Agreeably to ye Order of ye Day. The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker pro tempore.

Mr Mattoon Mr Henshaw & Mr Foster were appointed a Committee to collect ye Votes who having attended that service reported That the Hon^l. Azor Orne Esqr was chosen

County Treasurers Accounts

Orderd. That Col Chadbourne Col Gerrish & Col Bagley be a Committee to examine County Treasurers accounts.

Speaker p. T. The Hon^l Col Orne at his request being excused from serving as speaker of ye House p. t. The House proceeded to the choice of some other Person, & the Committee having collected the votes reported, That the Hon Geo Partridge was appointed, who desiring to be excused was excused accordingly. Whereupon the House again bro^t in their votes for a speaker pro temp & ye Committee having counted ye same reported That Nathaniel Gorham was chosen who accepted ye Trust.

Whereupon.

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Council Orderd. That a message be sent to the Hon^l. Board to inform them thereof

Member Jabez Ward Esqr was returned a member from the Town of New Marlbor^o & Maj^r
Goodman was directed to attend him to the Committee of Council appointed to
administer the Oath of allegiance

Washington Orderd. That Maj^r Washburn Mr Hunt & Col Easton be a Committee to consider the
apportionment of Taxes on ye Town of Washington & report what alteration if any ought
to be made therefrom.

Depreciation Bill

Voted. That the second reading of ye Depreciation Bill be put off to 3 oClock in the
afternoon.

Monitor Orderd, That Mr Singletary be a Monitor in ye room of Mr Dix excused.

23 Tuesday June 6. 1780

Afternoon

Barnabas Penior

A Petition of Barnabas Penior a soldier in Colonel Greatons Regiment representing that he was returned by his Captain as inlisted during the War & that he inlisted only for three years & praying ye consideration of ye Court.

Read & committed to Mr Crane Col Gerrish & Col Hale.

Delegates in Congress

The Committee to whom ye Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Letters from the Delegates of this State at Congress was committed, reported an amendment which was accepted & ye House concurred the Report with ye amendment proposed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Col Crafts Officers

A Petition of sundry Officers late in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. Thomas Crafts. Praying that the establishment of their Wages may be made good to them.

Read & committed to Col Bagley Col Little & Col Toby.

Tuesday June 6. 1780

Depreciation Bill

A Bill intituled "An Act for carying into execution a Resolve of Congress of the twentieth of March last and for repealing certain Clauses of an Act made in ye year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred & seventy six intituled, An Act to present the forging and altering Bills of Public Credit and for preventing the depreciation thereof and for making the Bills of Credit of the United Colonies and the Bills of this Government a Tender in all Payments, and for establishing a Rule of Depreciation

Read a second time & considered

The first enacting clause viz that for repealing several Clauses of the Act above mentioned making the Bills aforesaid a Tender in all Payments passed by a majority of 81 Members out of 110 the number present. The question on the second clause viz that relative to making the present Bills a Tender according to the Rule to be established was put after debate thereon & it passed in ye negative 14 only voting in favour of it out of 111 ye number of members present

Orderd. That Mr Lowell Mr Pickering and Capt Hunt be a Committee to bring in a Clause making the present Bills a Tender for the discharge of Judgment recovered in Courts of Law. Also Ordered that ye 3^d Paragraph containing ye Scale of Depreciation be

24 Tuesday June 6. 1780

Depreciation Bill

committed to ye same Committee and that Maj^r Osgood & Mr Rowe be added to the Committee Orderd also That ye other Paragraphs be committed to ye same Committee & that the Committee consider what provision is proper to be made to prevent injuries arising to Executors Administrators Guardians Agents &c.

Counsellors The Hon^l Eleazer Brooks Esqr & ye Hon^l Stephen Choate declared an acceptance of their appointment to a Seat at the Hon^l Board and moved that Precepts be issued to the Towns which they were respectively chosen to represent for the choice of some Persons in their room

The House then Orderd That Col Chadbourn Mr Dix Col Coffin Brigad^r Preble & Mr Pickering be a Committee to attend the Gentlemen to the Hon^l Board

Orderd also that Precepts be issued to the Towns of Lincoln & Ipswich agreably to the motions abovementioned

Member Doct John Long was returned a member from the Town of Shelburn & Maj^r Osgood was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of allegiance

The House adj^d to 9 oClock tomorrow Morning

Wednesday June 7. 1780

Stephen Smith & Oth.

A Petition Stephen Smith & others.

Read & committed to ye Committee on ye Petition of Barnabas Penior to which it is similar.

Belchertown. The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Belchertown reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & pass.d.

Sent up for Concurrence.

North Hampton

The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of North Hampton reported a Resolve granting ye Prayer thereof.

Read & pass.d.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Member

Lieut. Ebenzer Marsh was returned a member from the Town of Douglass & Col Coffin was appointed to attend him to ye Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of allegiance.

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Edwd Wright. A Petition of Edward Wright praying for a Permit to carry a quantity of Rum & Salt to the State of New Hampshire.

Read & committed to Col Hale Col Davis & Mr Singletary

Hancock A Petition of the Town of Hancock praying Relief in regard to Taxes laid upon them. Read & Orderd to lie

Lieut. Albee A Petition of Lieut. Albee praying that he may be furnished with Money to pay the Bounty offered to the Men which he is impower.d to enlist at Machias.

Read & thereupon Ordered, That Mr Perry bring in a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof, who reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & passed.

Sent for Concurrence.

David Pearl The Committee on the Petition of David Pearl reported a Resolve giving him liberty to go to Nova Scotia & bring from thence his Family & Effects.

Read & passd

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wm. Greenwood

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t down the following vote of Council with the Papers to which it relates

Wednesday June 7. 1780

Wm. Greenwood

Viz. In Council June 7. 1780 Read & Ordered that Daniel Davis Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall appoint be a Committee to take into consideration the Petition of William Greenwood & answer these to hear the Parties and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Mr. Nichols & Gen. Farley are joined.

Rateable Property

A Bill intituled "An Act in addition to an Act entitled An Act for enquiring into the rateable property of this State made this present year. Read a first time & recommitted & ordered that Mr Crane & Maj Washburn be added to the Committee.

Exports

A Bill intituled. An Act for replacing two acts made in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy nine intituled, An Act to prevent Sundry articles being exported from this to the neighbouring States. The other intituled An Act, in addition to An Act, intituled An Act to prevent sundry articles being exported from this to the neighbouring States. So far as said acts prohibit the exportation of any

26 Wednesday June 7. 1780

Exports any articles to either of the United States of America by Land. Read a first time and
Ordered to be read again at 10 oClock tomorrow morning

Mendon A petition of the Selectmen & Assesors of Mendon praying that the Sum of £ 12829 part
of the Tax set on that Town may be set to the Town of Milford.
Read & committed to Mr Davis of Dudley Col Tyler & Mr Turner of Scituate.

Hampshire & Berkshire

A Bill intituled "An Act for raising by Lottery the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
for the purpose of repairing the Roads in the Green Woods so called in the Counties of
Hampshire & Berkshire. Read a second time & Ordered to be read again at 11 oClock
tomorrow morning.

Edw^d Wright The Committee on the Petition of Edward Wright reported a Resolve granting the Prayer
thereof.

Read & Passed
Sent up for Concurrence.

Complicated Estates

Two accounts of the Committee for Selling complicated Estates in the County of Suffolk.
Read & committed to Capt. Dench Mr Perry & Capt Brooks.

Mendon. The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen & assesors of ye Town of Mendon,
reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wednesday June 7. 1780

John Thompson

The Committee on the Petition of John Thompson in behalf of the Town of Pelham.

Reported Read & not accepted. Voted. That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Council.

The Committee on the message from the Hon Council reported sundry Resolutions which were orderd to be taken into consideration at 3 oClock in the afternoon

Afternoon

Nine Month Men.

Orderd that Capt. Barnes Mr Henshaw & Mr Brown be a Committee to consider what is proper further to be done to intitile the nine months men, to the pay due to them for finding Guns & Blankets, or to the Towns who found them for ye Men.

Council.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the House proceeded to the consideration of the Resolves reported by the Committee on the message from the Hon Council. and by a majority of 69 out of 109 the number of members present pass,d a

27 Wednesday June 7. 1780

Recruiting Officers

Resolve making an additional allowance to recruiting Officers in lieu of Rations for their Horses & desiring Gen Heath to order them to the army.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tax. Orderd. That Mr. Henshaw & Mr. Woodbridge be of the Committee on ye Tax Bill in ye room of Col Freeman & Mr Lowell excused.

Recruits Orderd. That Mr. Davis of Boston Col Freeman and Maj Bullard be a Committee to bring in a Resolve appointing some Persons to receive Recruits in ye Sev^l. Counties in this State & making provision for recruiting in ye army

Freetown Eleazer Brooks Esq^r bro^t. down the following Vote of Council with the Papers to which it relates. viz. In Council June 7. 1780 Read & Orderd That Eleazer Brooks Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall appoint be a Committee to take into consideration the Petition of the former Selectmen and Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Freetown hear the Parties who are present & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred. & Mr Foster and Mr Starkweather are joined.

Wednesday June 7. 1780

Member. Maj^r Joseph Dimmuck was returned a member from the Town of Falmouth in the County of Barnstable & Mr Brown of Framingham was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of allegiance.

Council Commissaries of Purchases

The House pass,d a Resolve reported by the Committee on ye message from the Hon^l Council directing the Treasurer to issue Certificates of the Tenor therein presented to the Commissaries of Purchases in discharge of Warrants of Council in their favour to be by such Commissioner issued to any Person of whom they may purchase Supplies for the use of the Army.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Council Supplies.

The House also pass,d a Resolve reported by said Committee authorizing the Hon^l Council to take such measures as they should judge necessary for purchasing for & transporting supplies to the Army & to appoint Persons to impress Teams for that purpose.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Henry Luckis. A Petition of Henry Luckis a sergeant in Col Cranes Regiment praying that the Town of Lincoln or Holliston may be directed to supply his Family Read & committed to Mr Cranch Capt Waters & Col White who were directed to consider ye matter at large.

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Col. Le. Mair Abraham Fuller Esq^r bro^t. down a Letter from Mr LeMair Lieut Col of Dragoons of the State of Virginia.

 Read & thereupon. Orderd That Mr Partridge & Maj^r Goodman with such as the Hon^{be} Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

 Sent up for Concurrence.

Rufus Taylor A Petition of Rufus Taylor who was a Soldier in ye Continental Army & has greatly injured his Health.

 Read & committed to Capt Page, Mr Fessenden & Doct Barnard.

Natick Voted That the Petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Natick & other Papers relative thereto be taken into consideration at 9 oClock tomorrow morning.

John Spring & oth.

Abraham Fuller Esq^r bro^t down the Petition of John Spring & others of Northbridge with the following vote of Council thereon viz. In Council June 6. 1780 Read & orderd That Jabez Fisher Esq with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take this Petition together with the answer thereto and the Papers accompanying the same into consideration hear the Parties and report what they may judge proper to be done thereon.

 Sent down for Concurrence.

Wednesday June 7. 1780

Read & concurred & Mr Nichols and Gen^l Titcomb are joined

Middleborough.

Agreeably to a report of the Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Middleborough voted. That they have leave to withdraw the same.

Rateable Property

The House assign,d 11 oClock to morrow morning for the 2nd reading of ye Bill in addition to ye Act for enquiring into the rateable property of this state.

Commissaries of Purchases

Stephen Choate Esq^r brought down the following Vote of Council viz. In Council June 7. 1780. Orderd.

That Walter Spooner Thomas Cushing Robert Treat Paine and Timothy Danielson Esqr be a Committee on the part of the Board to confer with such Committee as the Hon^{le} House shall appoint upon the subject matter of a Resolve of the House of Representatives of this day to empower and direct the Treasurer to issue Certificates to the Commissaries of Purchasers for this State & c.

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Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Gen^l Warren Mr Partridge Mr Greenough & Col Orne were appointed on the part of the House for the purpose aforesaid

Supplies for the army.

Stephen Choate Esqr brought down the Resolve which pass,d the House this day empowering the Council to take measures for purchasing & transporting the Supplies for the Army with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council June 7. 1780. Orderd.

That this Resolve be committed to the Committee of Conference appointed to consider the subject matter of a Resolve pass,d this day to impower and direct the Treasurer to issue Certificates to the Commissaries of Purchases & c.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Thursday June 8. 1780

Martha Gardner

Agreeably to the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Martha Gardner.

Voted That she have been leave to withdraw ye same.

Robert Wheton A Petition of Robert Wheton of Rehoboth praying that may have another having of a certain action therein mentioned.

Read & committed to Col Pope Col Tyler & Capt Bullock.

Natick Agreeably to the order of the Day the House took into consideration the Petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Natick, and after debate accepted the Report of a Committee thereon. viz.

That the prayer of said Petition be granted and orderd.

That Mr Brown of Framingham Capt Mitchel & Col Prescott be a Committee to bring in a Bill accordingly

Exports A Bill intituled "An Act for repealing

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Exports. two acts made in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy nine intituled, "An Act to prevent sundry articles being exported from this to the neighbouring States. The other intituled, An Act in addition to an Act intituled, An Act to prevent sundry articles being exported from this to the neighbouring States. So far as prohibits the importation of any articles to either of the United States of America by Land."

Read a second time, and after debate the question was put whether a time should be assign,d for a third reading of the same & it pass,d in ye affirmative by a majority of 79 Votes out of 111 the number of members present.

The House then assigned 11 oClock to morrow morning for that purpose.

Joseph Levitre Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of Joseph Lebitre a Canadian representing that in ye Year 1775 he was in the Service of the United States, and now stands in need of assistance & praying he may be supplied with Rations at Cohos.

Read & thereupon, Orderd, That Mr Walley Col Little & Col Prescott with such as ye Hon Board shall join be a Committee to consider ye same & report.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Boston An application of the Selectmen of Boston relative to repairing the State Hospital at Rainsford Island. Read & committed to Doct Barnard Col. McIntosh & Capt Cushing.

Thursday June 8. 1780.

Thomas Cogswell.

A memorial of Thomas Cogswell representing that notwithstanding a Resolve of Court of ye 26th Nov. 1779 by which he was appointed Lieut Col of ye 15th Massa: Regiment, the Hon^l Council have appointed Maj^r William Hull to the same office & praying the consideration of ye Court

Read & committed to Col. Freeman Mr Lowell & Col Gerrish.

Freetown Orderd That Mr Turner of Pembroke be of ye Committee on the Petition from Freetown in ye room of Mr Starkweather excused

Sent up for Concurrence.

Rateable Property

A Bill intituled "An Act in addition to an act intituled An Act for enquiring into the rateable property of this state made this present year."

Read a second time & after debate thereon the question was put, whether the same should be read in Paragraphs & it passed in ye negative.

The question was then put whether a time should be assigned for a third reading of ye same & it passed in ye negative.

31 Thursday June 8. 1780.

John Spring & others.

Edward Cutt Esq^r bro^t. down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of John Spring & others. viz. "That the further consideration & determination on the same be postponed to the End of the present War."

In Council June 8, 1780 Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred,

Afternoon.

Ja^s. Thompson. Agreeably to the Report of ye Committee on the Petition of James Thompson. Voted. That he have Leave to withdraw ye same.

Jo^s Eayers A Petition of Joseph Eayers Major of a Division of Artificers at Springfield
Read & committed to Mr Walley, Capt Wales & Mr Burbank.

Tho^s Melvin. A Petition of Thomas Melvin agent of the Officers of Col Crafts late Regiment.
Read & committed to Mr Crane, Gen^l Farley & Mr Stow.

Tho^s Nottage. A Petition of Thomas Nottage praying for liberty to go to Bermuda.
Read & committed to Col. Aspenwall Mr Damon & Capt Dench.

Thursday June 8. 1780.

Josiah Porter A Petition of Josiah Porter of Yarmouth in Nova Scotia praying for a permit to carry
sundry Effects there
Read &

B Chadbourn & others.

A Petition of Benjamin Chadbourn Esqr & others - Representatives of the Towns of
Kittery, York, Wells & Berwick praying that the men doing Duty in the Eastern parts of the
State may be upon ye same Establishment with those who are orderd to be raised by a
Resolve which passed the present Sessions.

Read & committed to Mr Ellis Gen^l Farley & Capt Barnes.

Hampshire & Berkshire

A Bill intituled "An Act for raising by Lottery the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
for the purpose of repairing the Roads in the Green Woods so called in the Counties of
Hampshire & Berkshire.

Read a third time & passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

32 Thursday June 8. 1780

Rob^t. Wheaton.

The Committee on the Petition of Robert Wheaton reported a Resolve. for serving David Allen & others with a Copy thereof.

Read & pass,d.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Sam^l Whittemore & oth.

The Committee to whom the Plan of a Township of Land granted to Samuel Whittemore & others was committed reported a Resolve for confirming the same. Read & debated & the question being put whether the same would be accepted, it pass,d in the negative 29 members only voting in favour of it out of 66 the number present.

Whereupon, Orderd.

That Col Gerrish Mr Crane & Col Little be a Committee to consider the same & report the number of acres contained within the bounds thereof and also the quantity allowed for Bogs & Mountains.

Depreciation Bill.

The House assigned 10 oClock to morrow morning for the consideration of the Depreciation Bill.

Tho^s Child & an.

The Petition of Thomas Child & Susanna Sheaff was committed to Mr Walley Mr Singletary & Mr Nichols.

Thursday June 8. 1780

- Barre. The Precept to the Town of Barre for the choice of a Representative was returned with a Certificate from the Selectmen of that Town purporting that they did not receive the same until the 29th May last and by that means were unqualified to return Representatives & praying that they may be furnished with another. Whereupon, Orderd. That a Precept be issued to that Town accordingly.
- Precepts It was moved that Precepts be sent to every other Town who had not returned a Representative that they might choose one if they saw fit and ye question being put it passed in ye negative.
- Marblehead A Petition of the Selectmen of Marblehead representing that the whole of their account for Blankets procured by order of the General Court & at the request of the House of Representatives has not been allowed & praying that payment may be made them. Read & committed to the Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Yarmouth who were directed to consider the matter at large.
- Cloathing And also to consider if any more equitable mode can be adopted for procuring Cloathing than that heretofore used & that Col Freeman & Maj^r Goodman be added to the Committee.

33 Thursday June 8. 1780

Superintendents of Counties.

Ordered that Col Pope Capt Bancroft & Capt Cowdin be a Committee to consider what sum of money is proper to be advanced to the Superintendents of ye several Counties

Cloathing Ordered that Mr. Ellis distribute the Resolve of Cloathing for the County of Suffolk. Mr. Kellock the agent for that County being absent.

The House then adj^d., to 9 oClock to morrow morning.

Friday June 9th 1780.

Naval Office. A Bill intituled "An Act for repealing a Law of this state made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy five intituled an act for establishing a Naval Office and for ascertaining the Fees, and also for substituting an other in the room thereof.

Read a first time & ordered to be read again at 10 oClock to morrow morning.

Friday June 9. 1780

Members. Major Joseph Bowman was returned a member from from the Town of New Braintree, and Mr Amos Mansfield from the Town of Lee.

Superintendents of Counties.

The Committee appointed to consider what sum was proper to be advanced to the Superintendents of the several Counties, reported a Resolve for supplying each of them with a sum not exceeding Six Hundred Pounds.

Read and passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Steph. Atwood The Committee on the Petition of Stephen Atwood reported a Resolve permitting him to go to Liverpool in Nova Scotia & return with his Effects to this state.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Freetown. Eleazer Brooks Esq^r bro^t. down a Report of ye Committee of both Houses on the Petition of the former Selectmen & Committee of Freetown

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Freetown. being by way of a Resolve declaring the proceedings of the meeting therein mentioned illegal & for calling a new meeting for the choice of Town Officers in said Town.

In Council June 9th 1780.

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred with an amendment.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Going out of the States.

Orderd. That Mr. Lowell and Mr. Pickering with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done to prevent Persons going from this State without leave from the authority thereof and what regulations are proper to be adopted relative to giving Permits for that purpose.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Supplies for the army.

A message was sent to the Hon Board to desire them to send down ye Resolve empowering the Treasurer to give Certificates for the purchase of supplies for the Army

Whereupon Joseph Simpson Esq^r brought the same down accordingly.

Ordered. That it be recommitted.

Friday June 9. 1780

Hannah Thomas.

Stephen Choate Esq^r brought down the Petition of Hannah Thomas with the following vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council June 9th 1780 Read & Ordered. That Samuel Niles Esq^r with such as the Hon^{be}. House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition with the Papers accompanying the same, hear the Parties and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read & concurred & Mr Davis of Boston & Mr Cranch are joined.

Depreciation Bill.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day. The House proceeded to the consideration of the Bill for establishing a Scale of Depreciation.

Voted by a majority of 64 members out of 120 that the Scale begin at ye 1st Oct^r. 1766.

The whole Paragraph determining the Depreciation to begin at that time passed by a majority of 69 members out of 121.

The Scale of Depreciation as far as April 1780, when when it was fixed at 40 for one passed by a majority

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Depreciation Bill.

of sixty eight members out of one hundred & eighteen. The House then assigned 5 oClock in ye afternoon for the further consideration of the Bill.

Afternoon

R Sears, Chatham.

A Petition of Richard Sears in behalf of the Town of Chatham praying that a Fine laid on that Town may be remitted.

Read & committed to Mr Brown Mr Perry of Medfield & Col Freeman.

Chelsea.

A similar Petition of the Town of Chelsea. Read & committed to the same Committee

Jno. Cushing

A Petition of John Cushing Esq^f of Boxford praying for liberty to sell his personal Estate at Public auction.

Read and committed to Mr Fessenden Capt Wales & Mr Cranch.

Eph. Doolittle. A Petition of Ephraim Doolittle in behalf of a number of Continental Soldiers praying that the Town Bounty paid to them may not be considered in the settlement with them.

Read & committed to Capt Varnum Mr Burbank & Mr Stow.

Friday June 9. 1780

Continental Army.

Mr. Everett by order of the House bro^t. in a Resolve for abating ten men from the number set to that Town by mistake in the Resolve for raising men to reinforce the Continental Army & one from the number set to the Town of Dunstable
Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Exports.

A Bill intituled "An Act for repealing two acts made in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy nine. One intituled an act to prevent sundry articles being exported from this to the neighbouring States. The other intituled an act in addition to an act intituled An Act to prevent sundry articles being exported from this to the neighbouring States so far as said acts prohibit the exportation of any articles to either of the United States of America by Land".

Read a third time & passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Member

Mr. James Ayrault[?] was returned a member from the Town of Sandiffield & Mr Crane was appointed to attend him to ye Committee of Council authorized to administer the oath of allegiance.

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County Treasurers accounts.

The Committee on County Treasurers account reported a Resolve on the account of the Treasurer of the County of York.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Member. Doct. Aaron John Miller was returned a member from the Town of Ludlow & Mr. Fessenden was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the oath of allegiance.

Absence. Voted. That Capt Curtis have leave of absence.
Orderd. That Capt Wales be of ye Committee on ye Letter of Mr Ruggles in his room.

Royalston & Winchendon.

A Bill for setting off the Inhabitants living on a strip of Land in Royalston called Royalston Leg. to the Town of Winchendon.

Read a second time & Orderd to be read again at 10 oClock to morrow morning.

Friday June 9. 1780

Depreciation Bill.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House resumed the consideration of the Depreciation Bill

Voted by a majority of 56 members out of 109 that a Clause be bro^t. in to suspend for six months the executions of Judgments that may be given on any actions brought in consequence of this Bill.

Orderd, That ye Bill be recommitted for that purpose.

The House then assigned Eleven o'Clock to morrow morning for the third reading of the Bill.

Jn. Cushing. The Committee on the Petition of John Cushing Esq^r. reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then adj^d. to 9, oClock to morrow morning.

Saturday June 10th 1780.

- Members. Capt Stephen Davis was returned a member from the Town of Williamston & John Fry Esq^r from the Town of Royalston & Capt Dix was appointed to attend them to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the oath of allegiance.
- Tho^s. Nottage. The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Nottage reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.
Read & passed
Sent up for Concurrence.
- Cloathing The House assigned Tuesday next at 10 o Clock in the forenoon for the appointment of an agent for collecting Cloathing in the County of York in the room of Col Cutt who declines serving.
- Inhbt. of York. A Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the County of York, who hold a Tract of Land under Major Nicholas Shapleigh, praying that they may be incorporated into a Town.
Read & committed to Col Chadbourne Mr. Ellis & Maj^r. Page.
- Rufus Taylor. The Committee on the Petition of Rufus Taylor reported a Resolve directing the Treasurer to pay him one hundred dollars agreeable to a Resolve of Court passed May 1778.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Saturday June 10th. 1780

Douglass. A Petition of the Selectmen of Douglass in behalf of said Town praying that a fine laid on said Town may be remitted.

Read & committed to Mr Davis of Dudley Col Wood & Maj May.

Tim. Danforth & another.

The Committee on the Petition of Timothy Danforth and Solomon Pollard reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Nath^l. Sumner & others.

A Bill intituled, "An Act to set off Nathaniel Sumner & others from the Town of Stoughton and to annex them to the Town of Dedham."

Read a first time and orderd to be read again on Monday next at 4. oClock in the afternoon.

Wm. Crosman.

The Committee on the Petition of William Crosman reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Royalston & Winchendon

A Bill intituled "An Act for setting of a part of Royalston called Royalston Leg, and annexing the same to the Town of Winchendon"

Read a third time & passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tim. Folgier. A Petition of Timothy Folgier praying that the consideration of the memorial of a number of the Inhabitants of Nantucket may be resumed.

Read & committed to Capt Howes, Mr Sears & Mr Phelps.

Naval Office. A Bill intituled "An Act for repealing a Law of this State made & passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy six intituled An Act for establishing a Naval Office and for ascertaining the fees and also for substituting another in the room thereof.

Read a second time & the House assigned Tuesday next at 11 oClock in the forenoon for the third reading of it, & Orderd. That Mr. Rowes Col Orne Mr Pickering, General Warren Mr Davis of Boston & Col Pope be a Committee to revise the same in the mean time.

Abel Whitney. A Petition of Abel Whitney.

Read & committed to the Committee on Pensioners.

Thatchers Island.

Orderd that Col Coffin Gen^l Farley & Col Little be a Committee to consider what measures are proper to be taken respecting Thatchers Island.

Douglass. Agreeably to a Report of the Committee on the Petitions of the Selectmen of Douglass. Voted that they have leave to withdraw ye same.

Saturday June 10. 1780

Mary Foster. A Petition of Mary Foster, praying for leave to go to her Husband at New York.
Read & committed to Mr Wright Mr Sexton & Mr Parker

Washington. The House passed a Resolve for abating one third part of the Taxes set upon the
Town of Washington.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Muster Master of Essex.

The House assigned Tuesday next at 3 oClock in the afternoon for the choice of Muster
Master for the County of Essex in the room of John Cushing Esq^r who is about removing
to the County of Cumberland.

Comm. on accounts.

Orderd. That Gen^l Warren Mr. Starkweather & Col Bagley be a Committee to make
enquiry for some suitable Room for the use of the Committee on accounts other than
that they now occupy.

Accounts. Joseph Simpson Esq^r bro^t. down a Resolve for crediting the Committee for concurring and
paying accounts with the sum of £ 121.3[?] – on the settlement of their accounts.
Pass,d in Council & Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Depreciation Bill.

A Bill intituled "An Act for carrying into execution a Resolve of Congress of the 20th of March last & for repealing certain Clauses of an act made in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & seventy six intituled An Act to prevent the forging and altering Bills of Public Credit and for preventing the Depreciation thereof and for making the Bills of Credit of the United Colonies and the Bills of this Government a Tender in all Payments and for establishing a Rule of Depreciation.

Read a third time, & passed to be engrossed Fifty one members out of one hundred & one voting in favour of it.

The question being put again at the request of some members it appeared that fifty four members were in favour of ye Bill out of one hundred & five the number of ye House present who were returned.

Sent up for Concurrence by Mr Lowell Gen^l Warren Mr Parker Mr Fessenden and Mr Brown of Framingham.

Eph. Doolittle. Agreeably to the Report of ye Committee on the Petition of Col Ephraim Doolittle in behalf of a number of Continental Soldiers. Voted. That he have leave to withdraw ye same.

Saturday June 10. 1780

Hannah Thomas.

Eleazer Brooks Esq^r bro^t. down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Hannah Thomas being by way of Resolve for reverssing the Judgment therein mentioned & ordering a new Tryal of the Cases therein described

Passed in Council & sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Afternoon.

Member. John Kirkland Esqr was returned a member from the Town of Norwich & Capt Hunt was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of allegiance.

Joh. Cathcart A Petition of John Cathcart late Commander of the Brigantine Tyrannade praying that he may be informed whether his account for losses sustained at Penobscot is to be allowed him or not.

Read & committed to Col Prescott & Col Chadbourn who were directed to consider the matter at large.

40 Saturday June 10. 1780

Gawen Brown A Petition of Gawen Brown.

Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the sale of Lands

Chatham. The Committee on the Petition of Richard Sears in behalf of the Town of Chatham reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Sam^l. Holton Benjamin Austin Esqr bro^t. down a Letter from the Hon^l Sam^l. Holton Esq^r dated Philadelphia May 30. 1780.

Read & Sent up.

Gen^l. Washington.

Benjamin Austin Esqr bro^t. down a Letters from his Excellency Gen^l. Washington dated Head Quarters, Morris Town May 31st 1780 with a Proclamation published by him in consequence of an Act of this state respecting Desertion.

Read & thereupon. Orderd. That the Secretary cause the said Proclamation be published in ye several News Papers.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Saturday June 10. 1780

Board of Admiralty.

Benjamin Austin Esq^r bro^t. down a Letter from the Board of Admiralty at Philadelphia dated may 30th. 1780.

Council Treasury.

The Committee on the Message from the Major Part of the Council reported a Resolve calling upon all Persons in the Counties of Suffolk Essex Middlesex Plymouth Worcester & Bristol to pay forthwith in the hands of the Persons there in named such sums as will be their Proportion of the Tax orderd to be paid into the Treasury by ye 15. July next for the purposes in said Resolve expressed.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Orderd, that Doct Barnard Mr Russel & Mr Foster be in Committee to cause the above Resolve when concurred to be Printed & dispersed.

The House then adj^d. to Monday morning next at 9 o'Clock.

41 Monday June 12. 1780.

Gen. Heath. A Letter from Gen^l Heath requesting the advance of a sum of money.
Read & committed to Capt Hunt Col Dawes & Mr Phelps.

Boston. The Committee on the application of the Selectmen of Boston respecting the Hospital on
Rainsford Island reported a Resolve for repair the same
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Tax. A Bill intituled "An Act for apportioning and assessing a Tax of Seventy two thousand
Pounds upon the several Towns & other Places within this state herein after named for
the purpose of establishing Funds to secure the redemption of the Bills orderd to be
omitted by an act of the General assembly passed the twenty fourth day of April in the
year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty and also for paying anually in
specie the Interest arising on Notes which have been issued upon the Credit of the
Province Colony or now State of Massachusetts Bay promising to be paid in Gold and
Silver."

Read a first time & orderd to be read again at 10 o Clock to morrow morning.

Monday June 12. 1780.

Settlement with the army.

Orderd that Mr Davis of Boston Col Thatcher & Maj Osgood be a Committee to consider what measures are proper to be taken to expedite the Settlement with ye army.

Navy Board. A Memorial of the Navy Board for the Eastern Department requesting the aid of this Court in procuring Men for the Frigate Dean.

Read & thereupon, Orderd, that Mr Partridge Mr Nichols & Mr Lowell with such as the Hon. Board shall join be a Committee to consider ye same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Gen. Heath. The Committee on the Letter of Gen^l Heath reported a Resolve for advancing him the sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Admiralty Board at Phil.

Orderd. That the Letter from the Admiralty Board at Philadelphia be committed to the Committee on the Navy Board.

Sent up for Concurrence.

42 Monday June 12. 1780

Jo^s. Greene. A Petition of Joseph Greene in behalf of Mrs Martha Taylor at New York praying for reasons offerd that she may be permitted to return to this State.

Read & committed to Col Woodbridge Capt Barnes & Col Easton.

Solo. Wright & others.

A Petition of Solomon Wright & others.

Read & committed to Capt Stone Col Hale & Col Gerrish.

Pay Rolls. Orderd. That Mr. Perry of Medfield Doct Miller & Mr Hastings be a Committee to prepare & make up a Roll.

Guns. The Committee appointed to consider what was proper to be done respecting Soldiers guns which have been stopped. Reported.

Read & committed to Capt Cowden Capt Mitchel & Capt Bullock.

Partridgefield.

A Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Partridgefield.

Read & committed to Mr Sergeant Mr Hubbard & Mr Lombard.

Monday June 12. 1780

Berkshire. Orderd that Col Easton Mr Hastings & Mr Ward be a Committee to consider the situation of a number of the Inhabitants of Berkshire who live near ye Town of Washington & report what is proper to be done respecting them.

Marblehead & Yarmouth.

Orderd That Mr Fessenden & Maj^r Dimuck be added to ye Committee on the Petitions of the Towns of Marblehead & Yarmouth

New Money. Orderd, That Mr Pickering Maj^r Goodman & Mr Crane be a Committee to consider what further is proper to be done respecting the new money expected from Congress to prepare it for Circulation

Nantucket. The Committee on ye Petition of a number of ye Inhabitants of Nantucket praying that Timothy Folgier Esq^r may be permitted to go to New York & bring effects into this state reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

43 Monday June 12. 1780

Public Powder. Orderd. That Maj^r Davis Mr Rowe & Col White be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done respecting a quality of Public Powder which has been brought from Marthas Vineyard to in ye County of Barnstable.

Afternoon.

Eb Mattoon Jr. A Petition of Ebenezer Mattoon Jr in behalf of Moses Dickinson & others of Amherst praying that an action commenced against David Blodget by Simeon Strong Esqr for a Blanket may be staid.

Read & committed to Maj^r Goodman Mr Fessenden & Mr Sargent.

Member. Capt Reuben Hinman was returned a member from the Town of Adams & Mr Brown of Framingham was appointed to attend him to ye Committee of Council authorized to administer ye Oath of Allegiance.

Col. Le Maire. Aaron Wood Esqr bro^t. down an application from Mons Le Maire with the following Vote of Council thereon viz. In Council June 12. 1780. Read & Orderd That Thomas Cushing Esq with such as ye Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Letter & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Monday June 12. 1780

Read & Concurred & Gen^l Farley & Mr Crane are joined

Mary Foster The Committee on the petition of Mary Foster reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jno. Ignan. A Petition of John Ignan of York representing that being wounded in the late Expedition to Penobscot he is now unable to labour & praying Relief.

Read & committed to Maj^r Page Mr Singletary & Mr Webster.

Stopping Outward bound vessels

Orderd That a message be sent to ye Hon^l Council requesting them to assure an Order to the Castle for stopping all Vessels that may be bound out of the Harbour until their further order.

Treasury. Benjamin Austin Esqr brought down a Resolve which passed ye House on Saturday last for drawing Money into the Treasury with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council June 12. 1780. Read & concurred as taken into a new draught.

Sent down for Concurrence.

44 Monday June 12. 1780

Guards. Orderd That Capt Wales Col Dawes & Mr Fessenden be a Committee to bring in a Resolve for Permitting those men who serve as Guards in this State to enlist to serve in ye Continental Army.

Treasury. Orderd, That Gen^l Warren Mr Rowe and Mr Partridge be a Committee to confer with such Committee as ye Hon Board shall appoint on ye subject matter of the Resolve which passed ye House on Saturday last for immediately calling money into ye Treasury & the new draught of ye same which passed ye Hon Board this day.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Ludlow. A Petition of the Selectmen of Ludlow praying that that Town may be impowerd to choose a Collector of Taxes.

Read & committed to Capt Hunt. Capt Adams & Col Grow.

Muster Master Capt Wales by order of ye House brought in a Resolve appointing Stephen Badlam a Muster Master in ye County of Suffolk.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Monday June 12. 1780.

Proprietors & c in York.

A Petition of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land in ye County of York late belonging to Francis Small of Ossipee Trader, praying ye aid of the Court in ascertaining the bounds of ye same.

Read & committed to Col Little Mr Sexton and Col Grow.

Nath. Sumner & Others.

A Bill intituled "An Act to set off Nath^l Sumner & others from the Town of Stoughton & to annex them to the Town of Dedham.

Read a second time and orderd to be read again at 4 oClock to morrow afternoon.

Settling with the army.

The Committee appointed to consider what was proper to be done to expedite the settlement with the Army reported a Resolve for adding the Committee for stating & adjusting the accounts of this state to the Committee for settling ye Army.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

45 Monday June 12. 1780.

Jos Green The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Green in behalf of Mrs Taylor reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Adj^d to 9 oClock to morrow morning.

Tuesday June 13. 1780

Mary Condy A Petition of Mary Condy praying for leave to go to New York.

Read & committed to Col Dawes Maj Washburn & Mr Sergeant.

Stoughtonham A Petition of the Town of Stoughtonham praying the remittance of a Fine.

Read & committed to Capt Ellis Mr Russel & Mr Lock, who were directed to consider the matter at large.

Wm Simonds. The Petition of William Simonds was received & Committee to Col Dawes Mr Webster & Col Coffin.

Adams. A Petition of a number of ye Inhabitants of the Town of Adams praying that the Act for incorporating the Tract of Land called New Providence with the Town of Adams may be repealed.

Read & Committed to Gen^l Warren Maj^r Goodman & Mr Hastings.

Tuesday June 13. 1780.

Adams. A Petition of a number of other Inhabitants of said Adams praying the Court not to recede from their doings on the subject.

Read & committed to ye same Committee.

Jno. Low & oth.

A Petition of John Low & others of Glouster Heirs to a part of ye Estate of the Revⁿ. Joshua Gee late of Boston deceas,d.

Read & committed to the Committee on ye sale of Lands.

Treasury. The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Hon^l Board on ye subject matter of the Resolves for calling money into the Treasury, reported that the House should adhere to their own vote with an additional Clause allowing 2½ percent on such sums as shall be paid in before the 1st July next

The House disaproved of the amendment but voted to adhere to their own Resolve as it first passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Admiralty Board.

Aaron Wood Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Letter from ye Admiralty Board at Philadelphia & ye Continental

46 Tuesday June 13. 1780

Ad. Board of Phila.

Naval Board at Boston being by way of Resolve to prevent vessels failing from any of ye Harbours in this State until the further order of ye Court.

In Council June 13. 1780.

Read & not accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Tax

A Bill intituled "An Act for apportioning and assessing a Tax of Seventy two thousand Pounds upon the several Towns & other Places within this state herein, after named for the purpose of establishing Funds to secure the redemption of the Bills orderd to be emitted by an Act of the General Assembly passed the 24th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty and also for paying annually in specie the interest arising on notes which have been issued upon the Credit of the Province Colony or now State of Massachusetts Bay promising to be paid in Gold & Silver.

Read a second time & considered and ye House assigned 3 oClock in ye afternoon for the further consideration thereof.

Tuesday June 13. 1780.

Jos. Traversee. Eleazer Brooks Esqr. brought down a Petition of Joseph Traversee a Canadian Gentleman Captain in the Continental Service in the Eastern Department with ye following vote of Council thereon, viz.

In Council June 13. 1780.

Read & orderd That Aaron Wood Esqr. with such as ye Hon House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition with the Papers accompanying the same & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred & Maj^r Davis & Maj^r Ely are joined

Sam^l. Adams. Orderd That Mr Davis bring in a Resolve for advancing a sum of money to the Hon^{be}. Sam^l Adams Esqr a Delegate of this State to Congress, who orderd a Resolve for paying him the Sum of One thousand & fifty Pounds.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

47 Tuesday June 13. 1780

Afternoon

Guards. The Committee appointed for the purpose reported a Resolve giving liberty to such Soldiers as are now doing Duty as Guards to enlist for the Town to which they respectively belong to reinforce the Continental Army.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jas Prescott & an.

A Petition of James Prescott & Sam^l Allyne Otis Esqr in behalf of the Proprietors of a Township granted A. D. 1771 to John Gorham Esqr & others praying the aids of Court in compelling the delinquent Propr^s. of said Township to do their proportion of ye Settlement thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Capt Tho^s. Newcomb.

Joseph Simpson Esqr brought down a Letter from Capt Thomas Newcomb at Hull.

Read & thereupon.

Orderd that Maj^r Goodman & Capt Cowdin with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tuesday June 13. 1780.

Marblehead. The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Marblehead & Yarmouth reported a Resolve directing them to lay their accounts before their respective Towns & empowering the assessors to asses the amount on the Inhabitants thereof in case they refuse to allow ye same.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tax. The House resumed the consideration of the Tax Bill and assigned 10 oClock to morrow morning for a third reading of the same.

Wm. Greenwood.

Stephen Choate Esqr bro^t. down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of William Greenwood being by way of Resolve directing the Persons who have the Vessel there in mentioned in their Custody to deliver her to the said Greenwood

In Council June 13. 1780

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Tax. Orderd that Col Orne Mr Smith Mr Davis Maj^r Osgood & Capt Barnes be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done respecting the delivery of such articles as may be received in lieu of hard money towards the Tax of £ 72.000.

48 Tuesday June 13. 1780

Tax. Orderd that Mr Hastings Capt Mattoon & Mr Drew be a Committee to enquire into the Tax set on the Town of Lanesborough & report what is proper to be done respecting the same.

Tax. Also to bring in a Clause to be inserted in the Tax Bill empowering assesion to take advantage of the change of Property which may take place between the 18th May and the time they make their assesments.

Stoughtonham.

Joseph Simpson Esq^r bro^t. down the Petition of the Town of Stoughtonham with the following vote of Council thereon. viz.

In Council June 13. 1780.

Read & orderd, that Samuel Niles Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition with the Papers accompanying the same to hear the Parties who are present & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Col Coffin & Gen^l Farley are joined.

Tuesday June 13. 1780

Dean Frigate. Orderd that Col Baldwin Mr Nichols and Mr Walley with such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall join be a Committee to consider what measures are proper to be taken to procure men for the Dean Frigate - & report

Sent up for Concurrence.

Sale of Lands. Orderd that Maj' Perly be of the Committee to consider Petitions for the sale of Lands in the room of Mr Fairbank excused.

Muster Master.

The House put off ye choice of a Muster Master for the County of Plymouth to 9 oClock to morrow morning.

Wm Clement. A Petition of William Clement late a Prisoner in Canada praying allowance for his services & sufferings.

Read & committed to Capt Stone Col Bagley & Mr. Crane.

Ludlow. The Committee on ye Petition of ye Selectmen of Ludlow reported a Resolve granting ye Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

49 Tuesday June 13. 1780.

Springfield. Ordered that Mr. Turner of Scituate be of ye Committee on ye Petition from Springfield in ye room of Mr. Kollock who is absent.

Eb Mattoon. The Committee on ye Petition of Ebenezer Mattoon reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Beef for the army.

Orderd. That Maj^r Goodman Mr. Nichols & Col Hutchinson be a Committee to examine the doings of ye Gen^l Court relative to purchasing Beef for the army & report what is further necessary to be done

Wm. Peabody. The Committee on ye Petition of William Peabody reported a Resolve directing him to serve Francis Peabody with a Copy thereof.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then adj^d. to 9 oClock to morrow morning.

Wednesday June 14. 1780

Maj. Melvin Orderd That Col Hale & Col Grow be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Maj Melvin in ye room of Col Little & Col Toby who are absent.

Muster MasterThe House by ballot made choice of Col. Nath^l Wade as Muster Master in ye County of Essex in ye room of Mr Cushing who is excused from that Service.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Agent for Cloathing.

The House of ballot made choice of Mr Joseph Sewall as an agent to receive Cloathing in the County of Essex in the room of ye Hon. Edward Cutt Esqr who is excused from that Service.
Sent up for Concurrence.

John Low & others.

The Committee on the Petition of John Low & others reported a Resolve for postponing the further Sale of the Real Estate of Joshua Gee deceased & for serving Sarah Gee with a Copy of said Petition.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

50 Wednesday June 14. 1780

Raising Men Orderd. That Maj^r Hosmer Col Hutchinson & Col Thatcher be a Committee to take into consideration the Resolve for raising men which passed the present session, & report what is further necessary to be done.

Hancock Orderd That the Petition from the Town of Hancock be committed to the Committee appointed to enquire into ye Tax set on ye Town of Lanesborough.

Tax. A Bill intituled "An Act for apportioning and assessing a Tax of Seventy two Thousand Pounds upon the several Towns & other Places within this State herein after mentioned for the purpose of establishing Funds to secure the redemption of the Bill orderd to be emitted by an Act of the General Assembly passed the 24th day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & Eighty and also for paying anually in specie the Interest arising on notes which have been issued upon the Credit of the Province Colony or now State of Massachusetts Bay promising to be paid in Gold & Silver

Wednesday June 14. 1780

Tax. Read a third time & passed to be engrossed sent up for Concurrence by Gen^l Preble Capt Wales Mr Henshaw. Mr Phelps & Capt. Mattoon.

Comm. of Congress Gen^l Washington

Benjamin Austin Esqr bro^t down a Letter from the Committee of Congress at Morrison dated June 2. 1780 with one from his Excellency Gen^l Washington of ye same date.

Read & thereupon Orderd That Mr Henshaw Col Tyng Maj Washburn Capt Wales & Capt Hunt with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider ye same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wm. Greenwood.

Aaron Wood Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of William Greenwood praying for liberty to return to his Family in Nova Scotia with a Resolve thereon granting the Prayer thereof. Passed in Council & sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

51 Wednesday June 14. 1780

Eb. Mattoon. Amherst.

Mr Mattoon was sent with a message to the Hon^{bl} Board to desire them to inform the House whether they had passed upon the Resolve on a Petition in favour of the Selectmen of Amherst whereupon. Timothy Danielson Esqr came down & informed the House that the Board had unanimously non concurred ye same.

Eb. Mattoon. Orderd That Maj^r Goodman & Maj^r Washburn be a Committee to confer with such Committee as the Hon Board shall appoint on the subject matter of the Resolve passed by ye House on ye Petition of Eben^r Mattoon in behalf of ye Selectmen of Amherst.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Embargo. Voted That a General Embargo take place & that Mr Davis of Boston Maj^r Osgood and Mr Walley bring in a Resolve for that purpose.

Thos Cogswell A Memorial of Thomas Cogswell praying that he may be discharged of a sum of money which he received for the purpose of enlisting Men and that his account of the Cloathing which he received of ye Board of War for the second Massachusetts Brigade may be adjusted.

Read & committed to Col Baldwin. Col Hutchinson & Col Woodbridge who were directed to consider the matter as it respects Cloathing at large.

Wednesday June 14. 1780

Col Bowers. A number of Depositions respecting Col Bowers were laid upon the Table. Orderd that they be committed to Col Prescott. Mr Drew. Mr Crane. Col Chadbourn & Col Tyng.

Bills of Credit A Bill intituled "An Act appointing Commissioners on the part of this State to compleat the Bills of Credit which may be emitted on the Credit of this State in consequence of a Resolution of Congress of the 18th of March last and the Laws of this State for carrying the same into execution and making other provision relative thereto.
Read a first time & orderd to be read again at 10 oClock tomorrow morning.

Afternoon.

Continental Army Treas^r.

The House passed a Resolve directing the Treasurer to employ one or more Persons in addition to those already employed to assist in striking off the Notes to be given for the Balance due to those States of ye Continental Army.

Sent up for Concurrence.

52 Wednesday June 14. 1780

Bill Enacted. An engrosed Bill intituled "An Act for raising by Lottery the Sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purpose of repairing the Roads in the Green Woods so called in the Counties of Hampshire and Berkshire.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Embargo. The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve for laying a General Embargo reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jo^s. Richards & others

Samuel Niles Esqr brought down the following Note of Council with ye Papers to which it relates viz.

In Council June 14. 1780. Read & Orderd. That Jabez Fisher Esqr with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration the Petition of Joseph Richards & others with the answer thereto, hear the Parties and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Col Thatcher and Mr Webster are joined.

Wednesday June 14. 1780

Comm. of Congress. Gen^l Washington.

Orderd That Mr Phillips & Maj Goodman be of the Committee on the Letters from the Committee of Congress & Gen^l Washington in the room of Col Tyng excused & Maj Washburn who is absent.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Moses Church. Abraham Fuller Esq^r brought down a Letter sign,d Moses Church A.C.I. dated Springfield June 12. 1780.

Read & thereupon - Orderd

That Mr Partridge bring in a Resolve directing Joseph Baker Esqr to attend this Court. Who reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wm. Simonds. The Committee on the Petition of William Simonds reported a Resolve determining what allowance he should have for his service.

Read & pass.d.

Sent up for Concurrence.

53 Wednesday June 14. 1780

Land Embargo Act.

Abraham Fuller Esqr bro^t down the Bill for repealing the Land Embargo Acts with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council June 14. 1780 This Bill having had two several readings passed to be engrossed as taken into a new draught.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Expiring Laws. Aaron Wood Esqr bro^t down a Bill intituled "An Act for reviving and continuing sundry Laws that are expired and near expiring" with the following Votes of Council thereon, viz.

In Council June 9. 1780. Read the first time.

In Council June 14. 1780. Read the second time & passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read a first time & orderd to be read again at 11 oClock to morrow morning.

Jno. M Gray. A Petition of John M Gray Read & committed to Mr Crane Mr Rowe & Mr Kirkland.

Wednesday June 14. 1780.

Raising Men. The Committee appointed to revise the Resolve for raising Men which passed the present Session reported a Resolve for excusing the Men from supplying themselves with Fire arms & accoutrements.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House adj^d. to 9 o'Clock to morrow morning.

Thursday June 15. 1780

Col Bowers. Orderd That Col Gerrish & Gen^l Farley be of ye Committee on the Depositions respecting Col Bowers in ye room of Mr Drew & Col Tyng who are absent.

Pay Roll. Orderd That Maj^r Page Capt Brooks & Mr Brown of Framingham be a Committee to consider to what time & at what Rate the Pay Roll shall be made up.

Jos Richards & others.

Josiah Simpson Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Joseph Richards & others of Walpole. viz.

54 Thursday June 15. 1780

Jos Richards & others.

“That the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted that the Petioners with their Estates be annexed to the third Parish in the Town of Dedham there to do Duty and receive Priviledges and that they have leave to bring in a Bill for that purpose.”

In Council June 15, 1780.

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Stoughtonham

Joseph Simpson Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition from Stoughtonham, viz.

That the prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Petitioners be and they hereby are allowed to bring in a Bill for annexing the Land Petitioned for to the Town of Stoughtonham agreeable to the Line proposed in the Petition.

In Council June 15. 1780 Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Thursday June 15. 1780

Obadiah Woodbury.

A Petition of Obadiah Woodbury who was a Soldier in Col Hutchinsons Regiment A.D. 1776 representing that he has been reduced to an ill State of Health & praying an allowance for his support & for Wages due to him.

Read & committed to Col Coffin Mr Brown of Framingham & Maj^r Bullard

Marblehead A Remonstrance of the Town of Marblehead against the Resolve of the General Court of the 2nd May last declaring certain doings of said Town to be illegal Read & committed to Capt Hunt Col McIntosh & Mr Rowe.

Expiring Laws. A Bill intituled "An Act for reviving & continuing sundry Laws that are expired and near expiring.

Read a second time & orderd to be read again at 10 oClock to morrow morning.

Elijah Hough. A Petition of Elijah Hough of Southwick praying for an allowance for his service in going to Petsfield to enquire into the conduct of Col Elijah Williams & others A.D. 1778.

Read & committed to Mr Burbank Mr Phelps & Mr Sexton.

55 Thursday June 15. 1780

Jonas Dix. Waltham.

A Petition of Jonas Dix in behalf of the Town of Waltham praying that the Inhabitants of that Town may be impowered to choose a Constable in the room of Isaac Sterns who has broken his High.

Read & ye prayer thereof granted & thereupon. Voted That the Petitioner have leave to bring in a Resolve for that purpose. Who reported a Resolve accordingly

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

Ja^s Wagg & oth.

A Petition of James Wagg in behalf of himself and others settler on a Tract of Land late belonging to Samuel Waterhouse an absentee lying above Royalsburg in ye County of Cumberland representing that they are Taxed by assessors of said Royalsburg & praying Relief.

Read & committed to Capt Bancroft Maj^r Rice & Capt Green.

Thos Newcomb.

Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the representation of Capt Lieut Thomas Newcomb being by way of Resolve impowering him to inlist one Sergeant & thirteen Matrosses to keep Guard at Hull.

Read & not accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Thursday June 15. 1780.

Geo Sumner & others

A Bill intituled "An Act to set George Sumner and Ebenezer Sumner & Lands of Nathaniel Sumner Esqr from the Town of Stoughton and to annex them to the Tour of Dedham.

Read a third time & passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Hull

Mr Davis by order of the House brought in a Resolve requesting the Hon^l Council to order Capt Amos Lincoln to detach a number of Men from the Company under his Command to do duty at Hull, who reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Military Officers

Joseph Simpson Esqr bro^t down a Bill intituled "An Act for prolonging the Time for a administering the Oath of affirmation of Fidelity & Allegiance to Commissioned Military Officers" with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council June 15. 1780 This Bill having had two several readings passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read in ye House a first time & orderd to be read again at 11 oClock to morrow morning.

56 Thursday June 15. 1780.

Treasury. Orderd. That Maj^r Hosmer cause a suitable number of the Resolves for calling Money into the Treasury & also of the form of ye Receipts therein prescribed to be printed & dispersed.

Afternoon.

County Treasurers.

The Committee on County Treasurers accounts reported on the account of the Treasurer of Suffolk.

Read & accepted

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wm. Baker. A Petition of William Baker Messenger of the General Court praying an allowance for his Service the present Quarter.

Read & committed to Maj^r Hosmer Mr Henshaw and Mr Phelps.

Jno. M Gray. The Committee on the Petition of John M Gray reported a Resolve permitting him to return to Nova Scotia with his Vessel & Effects.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Thursday June 15. 1780

Wm. Baker. The Committee on the Petition of William Baker reported a Resolve for paying him Twelve hundred Pounds in full for one quarter of a years Service as Messenger of the General Court commencing ye 20th May last.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Member. Samuel Wilder Esqr was returned a Member from the Town of Ashburnham & Mr Stow was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of allegiance.

Adams. The Committee on the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Adams reported that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition. The report was not accepted.

Orderd. That the Petition be upon ye Files of ye House.

Josiah Porter. Orderd. That Mr Stodder & Mr Sedgewick be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Mr Porter in ye room of Col Hale & Mr Varnum who are absent.

The House then adjourned to 9 oClock to morrow morning.

57 Friday June 16. 1780

Dighton. Mr Abiezer Phillips was returned a member from the Town of Dighton. & Mr Webster was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of allegiance.

Sam^l. Whittemore & others.

The Committee to whom was committed the Plan of a Township of Land granted to Samuel Whttemore & others February 8th 1774 reported a Resolve for confirming the same.

Read & passed by a majority of 25 Members out of 45.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Accounts. Joseph Simpson Esqr bro^t down a Resolve for discharging the Committee for paying accounts of the Sum of One Hundred and forty thousand Pounds.

Passed in Council & sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Thos Child & an

Orderd. That Capt Cowden be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Tho^s. Child & Susana Sheaff in ye room Col Aspinwall who is absent.

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The Committee to whom the Depositions respecting Col Bowers were committed.
Reported.
Read & Orderd to lie.

Lydia Dogells. A Petition of Lydia Dogells of Barnstable Wife of Michael Dogells an inlisted Soldier & Abigail Fuller Wife of Nathan Fuller.
Read & committed to Mr Nichols Mr Singletary & Col Hutchinson

Address to State

The Committee on the message from the Hon^l Council reported a Draught of an address to the Inhabitants of this State.
Read & accepted
Resolved that the President of the Council be requested to sign the same in the name & behalf of the General Assembly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Commissaries of Purchases.

The same Committee reported a Resolve empowering the Treasurer to issue Certificates of the form thereon presented to the purchasing Commissaries or other Purchaser of Supplies for the Army in discharge of Warrants in their favour for that purpose.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

58 Friday June 16. 1780.

Address to People.

Orderd That Maj^r Hosmer cause the address to ye People to be printed & dispersed.

Afternoon.

Steph. Smith & Others.

The Committee on the Petition of Stephen Smith & others representing that they enlisted into the Service for three years but are returned as engaged during the War reported a Resolve desiring the Secretary to write to Col Greaton & request him to enquire into ye matter & report a State of Facts.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jas. Prescot & another.

The Committee on the Petition of James Prescot and Samuel Allyne Otis Esq^{rs} entered 13 current reported a Resolve directing them to notify the delinquent Proprietors of the Township therein mentioned to show cause if any they have why part of their Lands should not be Sold in order to bring forward the settlement of said Township.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wilbraham. Col John Bliss was returned a Member from the Town of Wilbraham & Mr Crane was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of allegiance.

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Jno. Cathcart The Committee on the Petition of Capt John Cathcart ent^d. 10th current, reported. That the Petitioner cannot have any just claim on this State for Damages he sustained in the Losses mentioned in his Petition.

Read & accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Boothbay. A Memorial of the Selectmen of Boothbay praying the interposition of the Court to enable them to asses the Taxes laid on that Town.

Read & committed to Col Hutchinson Mr Ward & Mr Stow

Borrowing Money.

The Committee on the message reported a Resolve for appointing a Committee to borrow a Sum of Money for the Public use & to mortgage absentees Estates as security for the payment thereof.

Read & considerd and the House assign'd 10 oClock to morrow morning for the appointment of the Committee.

Military Officers.

A Bill intituled "An Act for prolonging the time for administering the Oath or affirmation of Fidelity and allegiance to Commissioned Military Officers.

Read a second & third time & passed a concurrence to be engrossed

Sent up for Concurrence.

59 Friday June 16. 1780.

David Power. A Petition of David Power a Pensioner representing that he is in distressed Circumstances
& praying Relief.

Read & committed to Mr Lombard Mr Mansfield & Capt Putnam.

Laws. A Bill intituled "An Act for reviving and continuing sundry Laws that are expired and near
expiring".

Read a third time & committed to Mr Partridge Mr Lowell & Mr Sedgwick.

Absence. Voted. That Gen^l Warren Mr. Fessenden & Col Prescott have leave of absence.

Gen Washington.

Benjamin Austin Esq^r brought down a report of the Committee of both Houses on the
Letters from his Excellency General Washington and the Committee of Congress at
Morristown of the 2nd Inst.

Depreciation Bills.

Joseph Simpson Esq^r brought down ye Depreciation Bill with a Vote of Council proposing
several amendments thereto.

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Boothbay. The Committee on the Memorial of the Selectmen of Boothbay reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Bills of Credit A Bill intituled "An Act appointing Commissioners on the part of this State to compleat the Bills of Credit which may be emitted on the Credit of this State in consequence of a Resolution of Congress of the Eighteenth day of March last and the Law of this State for carrying the same into Execution and making other Provision relative thereto.

Read a second & third time & passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Depreciation Bills.

Samuel Niles Esq^r brought down the Depreciation Bill with a Vote of Council proposing several amendments to the same.

The House then Adj^d. to 9 oClock to morrow morning.

60 Saturday June 17. 1780

Stoughton & Stoughtonham

A Bill intituled "An Act to set off a part of the Town of Stoughton and annexing it to the Town of Stoughtonham.

Read a first time & orderd to be read again on Tuesday next at 3 oClock in the afternoon.

Militia. The House assignd Monday next at 9 oClock in the forenoon for the choice of three Field Officers for the fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.

Eliz. English. A Petition of Elizabeth English, Widow of John English a Foreigner representing her distressed Circumstances & praying Relief.
Read & committed to Mr Dix Col Bliss & Mr Parker.

Geo Sumner & oth.

An engrossed Bill intituled "An Act to set off George Sumner and Ebenzer Sumner and Lands of Nathaniel Sumner Esqr from the Town of Stoughton and to annex them to the Town of Dedham.

Read & passed to be enacted.

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Exports.

An engrossed Bill intituled “an act for repealing two acts made in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. Also a resolve passed April 10th. One thousand seven hundred & eighty so far as said acts and resolve prohibit the exportation of any articles to either o the United States of America by Land.”

Read & passed to be enacted.

Royalston

An engross,d Bills intituled “an act for setting off a part of Royalston called Royalston Leg. and annexing the same to the Town of Winchendon”.

Read & passed to be enacted.

Thatchers Island

Eleazer Brooks Esqr brot down a report of ye Hon^l Stephen Choate Esq^r a Committee appointed to examine into the situation of the Light Houses on Thatchers Island with the following vote of council thereon. Viz.

In Council June 17. 1780. Read & thereupon Orderd. That Eleazer Brooks & Aaron Wood Esqr with such as the Hon^{le} House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Report of the Hon^l Stephen Choate Esqr and report what may be proper to done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concurred & Col Coffin Mr Crane & Capt Howes are join-d.

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Capt Jno. Watson.

Eleazer Brooks Esq^r bro^t down a Representation of Eleazer Brooks Esqr Brigadier of the County of Middlesex respecting the Conduct of Captain John Watson with ye following vote of Council thereon. Viz.

In Council June 17. 1780. Read & orderd That Abraham Fuller Esqr with such as the Hon House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this representation & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Maj^r Hosmer & General Titcomb are joined.

Natick.

A Bill intituled "an act for incorporating the Town called Natick in the County of Middlesex into a Town by the name of Elliot"

Read a first time & the House assigned the second Wednesday of the next Session for a second reading of ye same.

Raym. De Guiscard Boe.

Stephen Choate Esqr brought down a Petition of Mons Raymond de Guiscard Boe representing that he had served 18 months in ye Corps of Artillery as first Lieutenant & praying that he may now have a Captains Commission. With ye following vote of Council thereon. Viz.

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In Council June 17. 1780 Read and orderd. That Josiah Stone Esqr with such as the Hon House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Col Orne & Mr Roberts are joined.

Constitution.

The Hon^{le} James Bowdoin Esqr & others a Committee of the Convention for framing a Constitution of Government came into the House with a Resolution of that respectable Body declaring the Form of Government by them agreed upon to be the Constitution & Frame of Government established by & for the Inhabitants of this State. & fixing upon a time when the same shall take place together with a vote of ye Convention requesting the General Court to appoint some gentlemen of ye Clergy to Preach a Sermon at that time. viz. on ye last Wednesday in October next, and having read ye same delivered them to the Speaker.

Read & thereupon. Orderd.

That Mr Pickering Mr Gorham & Col Orne with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Gen Washington

The House took into consideration the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Letters from Gen^l Washington and the Committee of Congress at Morristown.

Mon^s Le Maire.

Josiah Stone Esq^r brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to take under their consideration the Letters of Mon^s Le Maire being by way of Resolve for Paying him the sum of six thousand pounds in consideration of his Time & Service in Superintending the making a Carriage for Cannon of a new construction and instructing our artificers in forming ye same.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Militia.

Abraham Fuller Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Representation of Brigadier Brooks being by way of Resolve directing the Selectmen of each of the Towns in the limits of the first Regiment of Militia in ye County of Middlesex to act in conjunction with the Commissioned Officers in said Towns to procure men agreeably to

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a Resolve of the 5th June Inst.

In Council June 17. 1780

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & non concurred & Resolved That Brigadier Gen' Brooks be & he is hereby directed to comply with the Duty required of him in ye resolve of ye 5 June above refered to.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Absence.

Voted. That Maj' Farmer have leave of absence.

Afternoon.

Jno. Crane.

A Petition of Col John Crane praying that a number of men who are desirous of engaging in the Six months Service may be permitted to enter into his Regiment.

Read & committed to General Titcomb Col Bliss & Maj Dimmuck.

Henry Bromfield

A Petition of Henry Bromfield praying that his son may be permitted to go to Great Britain for certain purposes therein mentioned & from thence to return to this State.

Read & committed to Mr Turner of Scituate Mr Goodell & Mr Austin.

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Jas. Wagg.

Agreeably to a report of the Committee on the Petition of James Wagg. Voted. That he have leave to withdraw the same.

Gen Washington

The House resumed the consideration of the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Letters from General Washington & the Committee of Congress at Morristown, and after debate thereon - Orderd That it be committed to Mr Phillips Mr Sedgwick Capt Hunt Mr Varnum & Mr Phelps.

Congress.

Eleazer Brooks Esqr brought down a Letter from the Hon Sam^l Huntingdon Esqr President of Congress inclosing two Resolutions of that Hon^{bl} Body - Read & thereupon Orderd.

That Gen^l Titcomb Col Bliss & Col Hale with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jno. Crane.

The Committee on the Petition of Col John Crane reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Henry Broomfield.

The Committee on the Petition of Henry Broomfield reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then adj'd to 5 o Clock tomorrow afternoon.

Sabath Day June 18. 1780.

Afternoon.

Gen. Washington.

The Committee to whom was committed the Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Letter from his Excellency General Washington and the Committee of Congress at Morristown reported a new Draught.

Read & accepted. Sent up for Concurrence - and the House assign.d 9 oClock tomorrow morning for the choice of the Committee to Superintend the purchase of Grain. and also for the choice of Purchasers of Horses therein proposed to be appointed.

The House then adj'd. to 9 o.Clock tomorrow morning.

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Monday June 19. 1780.

Members.

Col Caleb Hyde and Capt William Walker were returned members from the Town of Lenox.

Grain.

Agreeably to the Order of ye Day the House proceeded to the choice of a Committee to Superintend the purchasing of Grain. & the votes being collected it appeared that Maj^r Osgood Capt Hunt & Mr Oliver Phelps were unanimously chosen.

Horses.

The following Gentlemen were then appointed Purchasers of Horses. Viz.

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| For ye County of | Suffolk | Capt Samuel Robinson. |
| | Essex | Jacob Gerrish Esqr |
| | Middlesex | Mr William Waite |
| | Hampshire | Mr Moses Church |
| | Plymouth | Maj ^r Seth Cushing |
| | Bristol | Capt James Parry |
| | Worcester | Mr Phineas Newhall |
| | Berkshire | Mr John Adams. |

Militia.

The House by ballot made choice of Elisha May as Lieut Colonel & Stephen Richardson first Major of the 4th Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Monday June 19. 1780.

Board of War.

A memorial of the Board of War representing their want of money for certain purposes.

Read and committed to Mr. Davis of Boston Col Little & Col Bliss.

Mary Condy.

The Committee on the Petition of Mary Condy reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Bounty.

The House passed a Resolve determining that no Bounty shall be deducted from the Wages of such soldiers as may inlist agreeably to a Resolve of the 5th current special Contracts excepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Orderd That Mr Sedgwick Mr Kollock Mr Phelps Mr Walley & Mr Phillips of Dighton be a Committee to consider whether it is expedient to allow Towns the Bounties orderd to be reckoned to the Soldiers or to consider at large what is proper to be done respecting such Bounties.

Borrowing money.

The House by ballot made choice of the Hon^l James Prescot Esq^r Caleb Davis Esq^r Thomas Dawes Esqr Ebenezer Wales Esqr & Samuel Henshaw Esqr a Committee to borrow money for the Public use & to Mortgage absentees Estates as security for the Payment thereof the Resolve for this purpose was then compleated by an insertion of the names of said Committee.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Monday June 19. 1780.

Beef.

Orderd That Col Orne Mr Phelps & Maj^r Osgood with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to confer with Mr Baker Commissary for Purchasing Beef for ye Army.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tax Bill Enacted.

An Engrossed Bill intituled "an Act for apportioning and assessing a Tax of Seventy two thousand Pounds upon the several Towns & other Places within this State hereinafter named for the purpose of establishing Funds to secure the Redemption of the Bills Orderd to be emitted by an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty and also for paying annually in Specie the Interest arising on notes which have been issued upon the Credit of the Province Colony or now State of Massachusetts Bay promising to be paid in Gold & Silver.

Read & passed to be enacted.

Pensioners.

Josiah Stone Esq^r brought down a Representation of John Lucas Commissary of Pensioners in behalf of John McGoff who lost his left leg on board ye Brig Tyrannaid.

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Reviving Laws.

Orderd That Mr. Sargent & Capt Brown of Watertown be of the Committee on ye Bill for reviving & continuing Laws. in the room of Lowell & Mr. Partridge who are absent.

Afternoon.

Army Jno Langdon & others.

A memorial of Capt John Langdon & several others resigned Officers late in Col Henry Jacksons Regiment Praying that they may be intituled to the benefit of the late Act of Court for making good the wages of the Army

Read & committed to Mr Walley Mr Kollock and Col Orne.

Wm. Lithgow & others.

A Petition of William Lithgow & others in the County of Lincoln in behalf of James Cargill Esqr of New Castle in said County.

Read & committed to Gen^l Titcomb Gen Preble & Mr. Hathaway.

B Conant.

A Petition of Bartholomew Conant praying that he may be supplied with a Fire Arm in lieu of one he lost when in the Service.

Read & committed to Col Chadbourn Doct Hawes & Col White.

Depreciation Bill.

The House assigned 11 o Clock tomorrow morning for ye consideration of ye amendment proposed to ye Depreciation Bill.

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Council.

Orderd That Mr. Davis of Boston Gen^l Titcomb and Mr. Phillips of Andover be a Committee to consider what Powers are proper to vest the Hon^l Council with during the next Recess of the Gen^l Court.

Pay Roll.

Orderd That Capt Walker be of ye Committee to consider at what rate ye Pay Roll be made up in the room of Mr. Brown who is absent.

Military Officers.

An engrossed Bill intituled "an act for prolonging the time for administering the Oath or affirmation of Fidelity & allegiance to commissioned Military Officers"

Read & passed to be enacted.

Settlement with the Army.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Army on the subject of suplies made to the officers on account of Depreciation, reported a Resolve directing the Committee for settling with the Army to compleet the Settlement with them provided they can be furnished with accounts of the Cloathing with which they have been supplied by this State to ye 1. Jan. 1780.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wm. Goodrich.

A Petition of William Goodrich praying an allowance for sundry articles lost at the attack on Quebec.

Read & committed to Col Gerrish Maj^r Davis of Oxford & Mr. Singletary.

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Jos. Eyres.

The Committee on the Petition of Maj^r Joseph Eyres reported a Resolve giving directions to the Committee for settling with ye Army with respect to settling with the Officers & Privates in the Corps of Artificers under his command.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

B Conant.

Agreeably to a Report of ye Committee on ye Petition of Bartholomew Conant. Orderd. that it lie on ye File.

Inhbts of York.

Agreeably to a Report of the Committee on the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the County of York who hold a Tract of Land under Maj^r Nicholas Shapleigh.

Orderd that it bee upon ye Files of ye House.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill intituled an Act appointing Commissioners on the part of this State to compleat the Bills of Credit which may be emitted on the Credit of this State in consequence of a Resolution of Congress of the 18th day of March last and the Law of this State for carrying the same into Execution & making other provision relative thereto.

Read & passed to be enacted.

Hancock.

The Committee on the Petition of the Town of Hancock reported a Resolve for abating one third of the Taxes set on said Town since the last valuation took place.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Board of War.

The Committee on the memorial of the Board of War reported a Resolve for Paying them five hundred thousand pounds.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jno Langdon & oth.

Agreeably to a Report of the Committee on the Petition of Capt John Langdon & others. Orderd that the consideration be referd to the next Session then to be taken up at large.

Reviving Laws.

The Committee to whom the Bill for reviving and continuing Laws was committed. reported.

Read & considerd, & the House passed the Bill to be engrossed with an amendment

Sent up for Concurrence.

Col Allen.

Aaron Wood Esqr brought down a Letter from Col Allen dated Indian Eastern Department Passamaquody May 28. 1780. with two Letters from James Avery his Secretary at Machias of the 4th current.

Read & thereupon Orderd that Gen^l Titcomb Gen^l Preble & Col Little with such as ye Hon^{le} Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then adj^d to 9 oClock tomorrow morning.

Tuesday June 20. 1780

Mon^s Le Maire.

The House passed the Resolve which was reported by a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Mon^s Le Maire & brot down from the Hon^l Board on Friday last.

Sent up for Concurrence.

B Chadbourn.

The Committee on the Petition of Benjamin Chadbourn Esqr & others ent,^d 8th current reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jno Carpenter.

Thomas Durfee Esqr brot down a Petition of John Carpenter. Captain of the Guard in Springfield praying that for the future he may be put upon the Continental Establishment

Read & committed to Mr Lombard Mr Kirkland and Mr Wells.

Josh. Bently.

A Petition of Joshua Bentley.

Read and committed to ye same Committee.

Raising Men.

Orderd That Maj Brown Capt Barnes & Col McIntosh be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done relating to raising men in the Town of Cambridge and other Towns in similar circumstances.

Tuesday June 20. 1780

Eliz English.

The Committee on the Petition of Elizabeth English reported a Resolve directing the overseers of the Town of Needham to take care of her & her Family.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

J. Porter.

The Committee on the Petition of Josiah Porter reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Oba: Woodbury.

Orderd That Col Gerrish & Col Bliss be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Obadiah Woodbury in ye room of Mr Brown & Maj^r Bullard absent.

Nath. Brinley.

Samuel Baker Esqr bro^t down a memorial of the Committee of Safety & of ye Town of Framingham praying the direction of ye Court respecting the Estate of Nathaniel Brinley.

Depreciation Bill.

The House agreeably to the Order of the Day took into consideration the amendments proposed by ye Board to be made to ye Depreciation Bill.

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It was moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed to ye next session & after debate thereon the question was put & it passed in ye negative 16 only voting in favour of it out of 87 the number of members present.

Orderd. That the further consideration of said proposed amendments be put off to three oClock in ye afternoon.

Beef.

Joseph Simpson Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to confer with Mr Baker Commissary for purchasing Beef - .

Brig^r Gen^l Brooks.

Thomas Durfee Esqr bro^t down the Report of a Committee of both Houses on ye Representation of Brigadier General Brooks with ye following vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council June 20. 1780

Read & nonconcurr'd & orderd that the above Report be recommitted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurr'd.

Tuesday June 20. 1780

Jno Rice

Thomas Durfee Esqr bro^t down a letter sign,d John Rice Town Mayor dated Boston June 19th. 1780

Read & thereupon Orderd. That Mr Crane & Mr Greenough with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence.

Afternoon

Braintree.

A Petition of the Town of Braintree praying that they may be released from a part of the men required of them by a late Resolve of Court. on account of a number from that Town who are doing duty on Castle Island.

Read & committed to Capt Perry Capt Wales & Mr Sergeant.

Waggons.

The House passed a Resolve authorizing the Committee appointed to Superintend the purchasing of Grain to hire Waggons and to Superintend the purchasing & forwarding Beef.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tuesday June 20. 1780.

Raising men.

Samuel Niles Esqr brought a draught of a Resolve for raising 4726 men from the Militia of this State to reinforce the Continental Army for three months

Read & considered.

Voted by a majority of 53 members out of 77 that the men to be raised be apportioned by ye Assembly on ye Several Towns.

The Resolve was then orderd to be committed to Maj^r Hosmer Mr Kollock & Col Brown - who were directed to bring in a clause for making a Public Charge of ye encouragement that may be given by ye Towns for raising ye men assesed similar to what was in ye last Resolve for raising men.

Depreciation Bill.

The House resumed the consideration of ye amendments proposed by the Hon' Board to be made in the Depreciation Bill.

Marblehead.

The Committee on the Remonstrance of the Town of Marblehead reported a Resolve for repealing a Resolve which passed ye 2. May last declaring certain proceedings of said Town to be illegal.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Barnstable.

A Petition of the Town of Barnstable praying for the remittance of a Fine set on said Town.

Read & committed to ye Committee on ye Petition of ye Town of Braintree who were directed to consider ye circumstances of ye Town of Welfleet.

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Waggons.

Nathan Cushing Esq^r brought down the following Vote of Council. Viz.

In Council June 20. 1780. Orderd, That Walter Spooner Thomas Cushing & Timothy Danielson Esqr be a Committee on the part of the Board to confer with such Committee as the Hon^l House shall appoint upon the subject matter of a Resolve passed this day. directing the Committee appointed to Superintend the purchase & transportation of Forage & for other purposes &c to hire Waggons & report.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Mr Phillips Mr Davis & Mr Sedgwick are appointed on ye part of ye House for the purposes abovementioned.

The House then adj^d. to 9 o Clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday June 21. 1780.

O. Woodbury.

The Committee on the Petition of Obadiah Woodbury reported a Resolve for paying him the sum of five hundred & forty Pounds in full compensation for his Service.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wednesday June 21. 1780.

Pay Roll.

The Committee appointed the consider at what rate & to what time the Pay Roll should be made up, reported. Read & Considered & hereupon Orderd. That that the Pay Roll be made up including Friday next and voted by a majority of 44 out of 74 that the Pay of the members of the House be sixty dollars per day & Also voted that the Pay of the members of the Board be Seventy dollars per day and Orderd that Mr Graham bring in a Resolve for that purpose, who reported a Resolve accordingly.

Dr J. Warren

Stephen Choate Esqr bro^t down a Memorial of Doct John Warren Senior Surgeon of ye Military Hospital in ye Eastern Department.

Read & committed to Mr Kirkland Col Hale & Mr Wilder.

Jos Wales

A Message was sent to the Hon Board to desire them to send down ye Petition of Joseph Wales if they had not passed upon it. Whereupon Aaron Wood Esq^r bro^t ye same down accordingly. Orderd that it be committed to Mr Cranch Gen^l Titcomb & Mr Crane.

Pay Roll

Orderd That Col May & Doct Hawes be of the Committee to prepare a Pay Roll in the room of Mr Perry & Mr Hastings who are absent.

Beef.

Samuel Niles Esqr brought down the Resolve relating to the supply of Beef &c with ye following Vote of Council thereon viz. In Council June 21. 1780

Read & concurred as taken into a new Draught.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred

Wednesday June 21. 1780.

Depreciation Bill.

The House again took into consideration the amendments proposed by the Hon^l Board to be made to the Depreciation Bill & after debate sent it up to the Hon^l Board with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

Read and concurred in ye amendments at B D E and H and non-concurred in the amendments at A. C. G. I. K and L the House proposed the following amendments viz. at A dele October & insert January dele from G to O act P dele 108 and insert 105 at Q dele 109 and insert 107 at M dele 110 & insert 109.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Raym. Guis de Boe

Nathan Cushing Esqr bro^l down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Mon^s Raymond de Guiscard de Boe. being by way of Resolve empowering him to Enlist a Company of sixty men to serve during the present War.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jno. Avery.

A Petition of John Avery Deputy Secretary praying an additional Grant for his Services.

Read & committed to Col Dawes Capt Stone & Mr Rowe.

Braintree

Orderd that the Committee on the Petition of the Town of Braintree take into consideration the circumstances of the Town of Rochester as they may be laid before them by Col White the Member from that Town.

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Alex Shepard & oth.

A Petition of Alexander Shepard & others in behalf of ye Town of Newton. praying that said Town may be exempted from any charge of maintaining the Great Bridge over Charles River in the Town of Cambridge. Read & thereupon Orderd, That Col McIntosh Capt Brown of Watertown & Mr Crane with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up from Concurrence.

Naval Office Bill.

Orderd That Gen^l Preble Maj^r Osgood & Col Gerrish be of ye Committee on ye Naval Office Bill in the room of Mr Pickering Gen^l Warren & Col Pope who are absent.

Israel Washburn.

The Committee on ye Petition of Israel Washburn reported a Resolve for Paying him the sum of Three Hundred & Seventy Pounds 4/9 in consideration of his Sons Sufferings &c.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Depreciation Bill

Abraham Fuller Esqr came down & informed the House that the Board proposed a Conference with the House in this room at 4 oClock in the afternoon in the subject of ye Depreciation Bill.

Whereupon Orderd. That a message be sent to the Hon^l Board to inform them that the House agreed to their proposal.

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Afternoon

A. McNutt.

A Memorial of Alexander McNutt in behalf of his Brother & himself of Nova Scotia representing that they have been Robbed by a number of Persons from this State & praying ye consideration of the Court.

Read & committed to Col Dawes Mr Greenough & Mr Burbank.

Business.

Voted. That the remainder of the present session be employed in transacting Public Business to the exclusion of all Private matters whatever.

Commissaries.

Orderd That Col Bliss Col Hale Mr Nichols Mr Crane & Mr Phelps be a Committee to consider what measures are proper to be taken to prevent Abuses hitherto practised by Commissaries in making private advantages from the Public monies.

Jno. Avery

The Committee on the Petition of John Avery, Deputy Secretary, reported a Resolve for Paying him Five Thousand Pounds in full for his services to the first of July next.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wednesday June 21. 1780

Depreciation Bill.

Col Dawes was sent with a message to the Hon^l Board to inform them that ye House were ready agreeably to the Order of ye Day to attend the proposed Conference.

A Conference was held accordingly.

Laws.

Orderd that Col Baldwin Capt Stone & Col Little be a Committee to enquire if any measures have been taken to forward ye Laws of this State to the Government of New Jersey.

Settling with the Army

Mr. Davis of Boston by order of ye House brought in a Resolve giving directions to ye Committee for Settling with the Army with respect to the Settlement with the Officers thereof.

Congress

Josiah Stone Esq^r brought down a Letter from the President of ye Congress dated June 3^d 1780 inclosing an Act of Congress respecting supplies.

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Congress.

Also a Letter from the Committee of Congress at Morristown dated June 12. 1780. inclosing two Letters from his Excellency Gen^l Washington relative to the State of ye Army & the necessity of an immediate reinforcement & Supply.

Read & thereupon Orderd, that Mr Phillips Mr Davis & Col Orne with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same and report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Depreciation Bill.

Eleazer Brooks Esqr brought down the Depreciation Bill with the following vote of Council. Viz.

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Orderd That Thomas Cushing Robert Treat Paine & Timothy Danielson Esq^{rs} with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Bill & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Col Gerrish Mr Sedgwick Maj^r Osgood & Col Dawes are joined.

The House then adj^d. to 9 oClock tomorrow morning.

[The Journal of the Proceedings in the forenoon session of Thursday June 22^d to which time the House adjourned, as above is wanting. The next entries are of Thursday afternoon.]

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Afternoon

[Journal of the forenoon wanting.]

Absence.

Voted. That Mr. Philips of Dighton have leave of absence & that Capt Stone be of the Committee respecting Bounties in his room.

Alx McNutt.

The Committee on the memorial of Alexander McNutt reported a Resolve permitting him to Export Sundry articles to Nova Scotia.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Armed Vessels.

The same Committee reported a Resolve directing that when any Commissions shall be given out to Small Armed Vessels they give Bonds for the purpose of preventing Robberies above high water mark on the Inhabitants of Nova Scotia.

Read & Passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Committee

Orderd That Mr Starkweather Maj^r Hosmer and Col Coffin be a Committee to enquire if the Committee for stating accounts & the Committee for Settling with the Army can be accommodated at any other House than the Province House lately so called, where they now Sit.

J Bently.

The Committee on the Petition of Joshua Bently, Clerk of the Laboratory reported a Resolve for putting him on the same establishment as the Captain of the Fire Works there.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Barnstable.

The Committee on the Petition of the Town of Barnstable reported.
Read & the consideration thereof refered to the next Session.

Horses.

The House made choice of Major Edward Farmer to purchase Horses in the County of Middlesex in the room of Mr Waite who declines serving.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Jos Wales.

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Wales reported a Resolve intitling him to receive Adjutants Pay.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Jas Cargill.

The Committee on the Petition of James Cargill reported a Resolve for Staying until the third Wednesday of the next Session the Execution of the Judgment recovered against him by Ebenezer Whittier & John Langdon & for Serving them with a Copy of his Petition.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Militia.

Orderd That Mr Greenough Col Bliss and Col Bagley be a Committee to report an Establishment for the Officers who are to go with the Militia orderd to be raised by a Resolve which passed the House this Day.

The Committee appointed by the order last enterd reported a Clause to be inserted in the Resolve therein mentioned immediately preceding the Clause respecting the Pay of ye Privates.

Read & adopted & Orderd. That a message be sent to ye Hon. Board to propose that it be inserted accordingly.

Thos Melvil.

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Melvil reported a Resolve directing the Treasurer to date the notes which he may issue in discharge of the Sums due to such Persons as have supplied articles or performed Services for this State under the direction of the Board of War, at the period when such articles were supplied or Services performed.

Read & Passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Welfleet.

The Committee appointed to consider the circumstances of the Town of Welfleet reported a Resolve for remitting the Fine of £3000. laid upon that Town in the Tax Act passed the last Session.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Civil Officers.

The House assigned the Second Wednesday of of the next Session at 3 oClock in ye afternoon to take into consideration additional Grants to the Civil Officers of Government of ye Depreciation of the Currency.

The House then adj^d to 8 oClock tomorrow morning.

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Chelsea.

The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Chelsea reported, Whereupon the House passed a Resolve for abateing one half of the Fine set on said Town for a deficiency of raising men.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Desertions.

A Bill intituled "An Act for the punishment of such Persons as shall encourage Desertions from the Fleets & Armies of any Foreign Power who shall prosecute the War in America in conjunction with the United States of America and for recovering such Deserters as shall conceal themselves among the Inhabitants

Read three times & passed a Concurrence to be Engrossed.

Recess.

Voted. That when the Public Business shall be perfected the House will request a Recess by prorogation until Wednesday the 2^d. Day of August next.

S Adams

E Gerry,

Stephen Choate Esqr bro^t down a Letter from the Hon^l Samuel Adams & Elbridge Gerry Esqrs.

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Congress.

inclosing a Copy of a Letter from them to Brig^{er} Gen^l Fellows & another from his Excellency Gen^l Washington to Gov^t. Trumbull informing him of ye arrival of a Fleet at New York supposed to be Gov Clinton with Stores from Charlestown.

Read & thereupon Orderd.

That Mr Phillips of Andover. Col Orne & Mr Gorham with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider ye same & report thereon & said Committee are directed to consider the expediency of Vesting a Committee of the Gen Court in ye present alarming situation of our Public affairs with ye whole Power of Government for a limited time.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Public Fast.

Considering the present alarming circumstances in which the people of this Land are at present involved.

Orderd. That Mr Sargent Mr Parker & Mr Stow be a Committee to bring in a Resolve requesting the Hon^l Council to issue a Proclamation for a Day of Public Humiliation Fasting and Prayer.

Thomas Durfee Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of Congress at Morristown of ye 12. current & the Copy of two Letters of Gen^l Washington to them accompanying the same, being by way of Resolve prefaced with an address to the People, for raising a number of men equal to one fourth part of the number allotted to several Towns by a Resolve of ye 5. Instant.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday June 23. 1780.

Gen. Wadsworth

Aaron Wood Esq brought down two Letters from Brigadier General Wadsworth at Thomastown one dated the 2^d the other the 8th June current with ye following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council June 23. 1780 Read and committed to the Committee appointed on Col Allens Letters dated 4th Inst.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Thatchers Island

Joseph Simpson Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to take into consideration the Report of the Hon^{bl} Stephen Choate Esq. relative to the Light Houses on Thatchers Islands being by way of Resolve empowering him to lease out said Islans & take charge of the articles thereon which are the Property of this State & also to call to account such Persons as have taken away any article therefrom.

In Council June 23. 1780.

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Small Stores for Army.

Orderd That Gen^l Titcomb Col Thorndike & Mr Davis be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done relative to supplying the Committee for procuring Small Stores for the army with money.

Friday June 23. 1780.

Arrest.

Col Dawes by order of the House brought in a Resolve determining that no Person who has inlisted or may inlist or who has been or may be drafted to reinforce the Continental Army the present Campaign shall be liable to be arrested for any Debt by him contracted during the Time for which he is so inlisted or drafted.

Read and passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Small Stores.

The Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done relative to Supplying the Committee for procuring Small Stores with money reported a Resolve for supplying them with the sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jn^o Carpenter

The Committee on the Petition of John Carpenter, Cap^t of ye Guard at Springfield reported a Resolve directing him to lay before the General Court an account of the time of his hiring the Guard and Expen^{ce} of the same.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

J. Traversee.

Col Gerrish agreeable to order brought in a Resolve directing the Board of War to furnish Capt Joseph Traversee with a suit of Cloaths. & for Paying him the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds to be charged to the United States.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday June 23. 1780.

Pay Roll.

An account of the Travel and attendance of the members of General Court from the last Wednesday in May 1780 to the present Day inclusive.

Read & approved & orderd to be certified by the Clerk.

Israel Barney.

An account of Israel Barney for his Time and Expence in collecting Evidence against Col Bowers.

Read & committed to Maj^r. May Capt Hunt & Mr Hathaway.

Public Fast.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve requesting the Council to issue a Proclamation for a Day of Public Fasting & Prayer reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read and passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Raising Men.

Joseph Simpson Esq. brought down ye Resolve for raising a number of men equal to one fourth of ye number required by a Resolve of the 5th June current with a Vote of Council proposing an amendment from A. to B.

Read & nonconcurrred & ye House adhere to there own Vote.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday June 23. 1780.

Sam Adams

Elb Gerry.

Eleazer Brooks Esqr bro^t down a Resolve approving the Conduct of the Hon^l Samuel Adams & Elbridge Gerry Esqrs in requesting Brigadier Fellows to hold the militia of his Brigade under Marching Orders to repair to Hudson River with a quantity of Provisions and directing said Fellows to comply with said Requisitions & to impress Horses & Waggons for the purpose of transporting the Stores & Baggage requisite for the Militia.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Dr. Appedaile.

Orderd That Mr Singletary General Preble & Mr Henshaw be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done with Doct Appedaile.

Grains.

The House passed a Resolve authorizing the Committee appointed to Superintend the purchase of Grain &c or the Major Part of them to issue Orders under their hands & Seal for impressing Provisions for the supply of the army.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Dr Appedaile

Orderd That Gen^l Preble & Mr Crane be of the Committee on the Papers respecting Doct Appedaile in the room of Gen^l Farley & Maj^r Goodman who are absent.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday June 23. 1780.

Bill Enacted

An Engrossed Bill intituled "An Act for the Punishment of such Persons as shall encourage Desertions from the Fleets & Armies of any foreign Power who shall prosecute the War in America in conjunction with the United States of America and for recovering such Deserters as shall conceal themselves among the Inhabitants.

Read & passed to be Enacted.

Dr Jn^o Warren

The Committee on the memorial of Doct John Warren reported a Resolve empowering him to provide necessary attendance for such Sick Prisoners as are under his Care.

Read and passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Raising Men.

Josiah Stone Esqr bro^t down the Resolve for raising a number of men equal to one fourth of ye number Called for by a Resolve of the 5th June current, with ye following Vote of Council thereon. viz.

In Council June 23. 1780.

Read & nonconcurrred and the Board adhere to there own Vote. and propose further amendments at C & D. Viz. at C insert, with the utmost Dispatch Possible, at D insert, unless sooner Discharged.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & thereupon Orderd.

That Capt Stone Mr Sedgwick & Col Orne be a Committee to confer with such Committee as ye Hon Board shall appoint on ye subject matter of said Resolve.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday June 23. 1780

Settling with the Army.

Mr. Davis by order of ye House bro^t in a Resolve for continuing Messieurs John Deming Peter Boyer and Stephen Gorham on the Committee for settling with the Army.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Horses.

The House passed a Resolve apportioning 1020 Horses, the number required by his Excellency Gen^l Washington on the Several Towns therein mentioned and directing the agents appointed to procure them to apply to the Selectmen of said Towns for their aid in this Service.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Gen. Wadsworth Col Allen.

Samuel Baker Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Letters of General Wadsworth & those of Col Allan viz.

“That the Same be referred to the Hon^l Council.”

In Council June 23. 1780.

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Constitution.

Joseph Simpson Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses to whom was committed the Resolution of the Convention for Framing a new Constitution of Government.

Friday June 23. 1780.

Election Sermon.

Reads & Orderd. That a message be sent to the Hon^l Board to inform them that the House propose at 8 oClock tomorrow morning to come to the choice of some Gentlemen of ye Clergy to Preach an Election Sermon on the last Wednesday in October next agreeably to the Request of said Convention. Whereupon.

Abraham Fuller Esq came down & informed the House that the Board agreed to their proposal.

Wm. Dawes.

Abraham Fuller Esq^r bro^t down a Letter of William Dawes with the following vote of Council thereon Viz.

Doct Appedaile.

In Council June 23. 1780.

Read & committed to the Committee on the Papers respecting Doct Appedaile. with a Petition of said Appedaile accompanying the same.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Raising Men.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Hon^l Board on ye subject of the Resolve for raising a number of men equal to one fourth of the number Orderd by a Resolve of ye 5. June current,, reported as their opinion that it was best to concur with the amendments proposed by ye Hon^l Board. The Report was accepted & the House concurred with ye same accordingly & proposed others which were.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday June 23. 1780

Thos. Melvil.

Josiah Stone Esq^r bro^t down the Resolve which was reported by the Committee on the memorial of Thomas Melvil with the following Vote of Council thereon Viz.

In Council June 23. 1780.

Read & concurred as taken into a new Draught.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & nonconcurred and the House adhere to there own Vote.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then adj^d to 9 oClock tomorrow morning.

Saturday June 24, 1780

Election Sermon

Mr. Walley was sent with a message to the Hon^l Board to inform them that the House was ready agreeably to the Order of the Day to proceed to the choice of some Person to Preach an Election Sermon on the last Wednesday in October next.

Whereupon.

Samuel Niles Esq came down and informed the House that the Board were ready likewise.

Col Coffin Mr Cranch & Mr Varnum were then appointed a Committee to collect the Votes of the House who having carried up the same. Reported That.

The Rev^d. Samuel Cooper was Chosen.

Saturday June 24. 1780

Business.

Voted. That all Private Papers which have not acted upon the present Session be referd over & have day in the next Session.

Election Sermon.

Orderd. That Col Dawes & Maj^r Osgood with such as the Hon^l. Board shall join be a Committee to inform the Rev Doct Cooper that the two Houses have made choice of him to Preach a sermon on the last Wednesday in October next being the first day of General Election under the new Constitution.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Member.

Mr Silvanus Snow was returned a member for the Town of Truro & Mr Kirkland was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the Oath of Allegiance.

Josiah Stone Esqr brought down the following Vote of Council therein. Viz.
Council Chamber Boston June 24. 1780.

Guards.

Orderd That Timothy Danielson Esqr with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to consider of and Report an Establishment for all the Guards taken from the Militia doing or that may hereafter do duty in this State.

Sent down for Concurrence

Read & concurred & General Titcomb & Mr Crane are joined.

Depreciation

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t down the Depreciation Bill with a Vote of Council concurring with some of the amendments proposed by the House & proposing others
Read & thereupon. Voted. That the consideration thereof be referd to the next sitting of the General Assembly.

Supply the Army.

The House passed a Resolve empowering the Committee appointed to supply the Army to displace Purchasers of Beef or Forage and appoint others in their stead.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Fast General Election under Construction.

Mr. Sergeant by order of the House brought in a Resolve empowering & requesting the Hon^l Council to order that provision be made for a suitable Entertainment for the whole General assembly on the last Wednesday in October next being the first day of General Election under the new Constitution.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Guards.

Thomas Durfee Esq brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses this day appointed to consider an Establishment for the Guards doing or that may do Duty in this State.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Saturday June 24. 1780

David Wheeler.

Thomas Durfee Esq brought down a Resolve requesting the Council to grant a Captains Commission to David Wheeler agreeably to a Resolve passed Jan^y13. 1776. Passed in Council & Sent down for Concurrence.
Read & Concurred.

Council.

The Committee appointed to consider what Powers were proper to vest the Hon^l Council with during the next Recess. having Reported. The House considered the same & passed it.

It was then
Sent up for Concurrence.

Collecting Monies

Mr. Philips by order of the House brought in a Resolve for extending to the Counties of Barnstable York & Berkshire the Resolve which passed the 15th Inst for collecting monies for the use of Government.

Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Depreciation Bill.

Timothy Danielson Esq^r came down to desire the House woud inform the Hon^l Board whether they had passed upon the Depreciation Bill.

Whereupon.

Samuel Austin Esq was sent with a message to the Board to inform them that ye House had referd the further consideration thereof to the next sitting of ye General Assembly

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Tax.

The House passed a Resolve appointing Commissioners in the Counties of Cumberland Lincoln Dukes County & Nantucket to collect money in advance of the Second Moiety of the Tax orderd to be Paid into the Treasury on the 15. September next.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Recess.

Orderd That Mr Gorham Gen^l Preble Mr Sedgwick Mr Rowe & Capt Wales be a Committee to inform the Hon Major Part of the Council that the House were ready for a Recess and requested that the General Assembly might be prorogued to Wednesday to second day of August next.

Who reported That they had deliverd the message.

Message of Council.

Mr. Avery Deputy Secretary came into the House with the following message from the Honorable Major Part of the Council. viz.

State of Massachusetts Bay
Council Chamber June 24. 1780.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

Saturday June 24. 1780

The Council have been informed by your message of this Day that you have put over the further consideration of a Bill to repeal the several Clauses of Acts made by the Legislature of this State making the Continental Bills now in circulation a Tender in all Payments and for settling a Scale of Depreciation with respect to said Currency to the next sitting of the General Court: which measure we are constrained to say is likely to be attended with very disagreeable Consequences.

The Law enacted in the last Session of the General Court expressly points you to the settling such Rule of Depreciation, the fluctuating State of the said Currency. which renders it. at a time when money is the most needed to fill up your Continental Battalions, of uncertain value, and the universal expectation of the good People of this State, point you to the same great Object, for which weighty reasons, and many other that might be mentioned, the major Part of the Council conceive it their Duty not to give a Recess to the General Assembly till they have earnestly called upon you to reconsider your Vote, and resume the consideration of the said Bill and we doubt not the Council will aid you and concur in a measure so necessary to doing Justice and the future Peace and Happiness of this State.

In the name of the major part of the Council.

James Bowdoin. President.

Depreciation Bill.

The foregoing message being read it was moved that the House should reconsider their vote for referring the consideration of the Bill therein mentioned to the next Session & after debate thereon the question was put & it passed in the negative 21 members only voting in favour of it out of 58 the number present.

Answer to Council.

The House then Orderd That Mr Sergeant Mr Kollock & Mr Chamberlain be a Committee to consider & report an answer to the message.

Afternoon

Horses

Orderd That the Secretary cause a sufficient number of the Resolve for procuring Horses to be printed for the selectmen of the Towns therein mentioned & the agents appointed to procure said Horses.

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Treasurer.

It being represented to the House that the Treasurer was gone out of Town & likely to be absent several days. Orderd That Capt Barnes Col Dawes & Col Bliss be a Committee to enquire into the matter & report what is proper to be done.

Answer to Council.

The Committee appointed to report an answer to the message of the Hon Major Part of the Council reported.

Read & recommitted & Orderd.

That Mr Sedgwick Mr Greenough be added to the Committee.

Gen^l Wadsworth
Prisoners.

Eleazer Brooks Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on Brig. General Wadsworth Letter of 12. May last & ye Petition of Mr Reed accompanying the same being by way of Resolve empowering him to agree to an Exchange of the Prisoners therein mentioned

Passed in Council &

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

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Answer to Council.

The Committee appointed to consider & report an answer to the message of the Hon^l Major Part of the Council, reported the following viz.

May it please your Honours

The House having taken into their serious consideration your Honours message of this day on the subject matter of the Depreciation Bill.

The House are exceedingly sorry that the diversity of sentiment in both, hindered its being perfected to this late Hour of the Session. Important amendments still remaining undetermined which it would take much time to digest and pass upon. The raising men and furnishing Supplies for the army demanding the immediate presence of the members of the House with their Constituents have induced them not to reconsider their vote of postponing the further consideration of the Bill aforesaid to the next Session of the General Court and therefore request your Honours to give a Recess to the Court as requested by the message of the House of this Day.

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Read & accepted.

Orderd,

That Mr Davis of Boston Gen^l Titcomb Mr Sergeant Mr Greenough & Mr Kollock
be a Committee to deliver the same to the Hon^l Major Part of the Council. Who.

Reported, That they had attended the service assignd them.

Recess.

Mr. Avery Deputy Secretary then came into the House & said

Mr. Speaker

I am directed by the major Part of ye Council to inform this Hon^{bl} House that
they have consented to the enacting the following Bills

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And it is their Honours Pleasure that this Great & General Court should be prorogued to the first Wednesday in August next then to meet at the Court House in Boston at ten oClock in ye forenoon.

And it is prorogued Accordingly.

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Meeting.

A Quorum of the House having met, Orderd That the Hon^{bl} Mr Pickering the Hon Col Arne Mr Davis Mr Lowell & Mr Rowe be a Committee to wait upon the Honorable major Part of the Council and inform them thereof.

Message from Council.

Mr Secretary Avery came into the House with the following message, which he read & delivered to the Speaker.

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Gentlemen of the House of Representatives
We sincerely congratulate you &c

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Read by the Speaker with part of the Letters accompanying the same and referd to three oClock afternoon

Mr. Secretary Avery came into the House & laid upon the table the Papers referd to in the message.

Accounts & Pay Rolls.

Eleazer Brooks Esqr brought down Sundry Accounts & pay Rolls:

Jno. Popkins.

Also a Petition of John Popkin setting forth that he is directed by Gen^l Knox to procure Shot & Shells for Public use & praying that the State Furnaces

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Jn^o Popkin.

may be set to work for that purpose with the following Vote of Council thereon.

In Council Sept 7. 1780.

Read & Ordered,

That John Pitts Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take this Petition into consideration & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred and Col Dawes & Gen^l Titcomb are joined.

Jas Avery.

Also a Petition of James Avery praying to have several Accounts & Pay Rolls Settled, with the following Vote of Council thereon, viz,

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Read & thereupon Ordered

That the Petition of James Avery Agent for Col. John Allen Superintendant to the Indians in the Eastern parts of this State, together with the several Accounts of said Department accompanying the same be & hereby are committed to the Committee appointed by the General Court for methodizing and Settling Accounts of this State for examination and adjustment.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

After-noon.

Message of Council.

The message with the Papers therein referd to were taken up & read and thereupon, Ordered,

That the Hon^l Col Orne the Hon^l Mr Pickering

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Message.

Mr Lowell Mr Phillips of Andover and Col Gerrish with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to take said message & Papers into consideration & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Bridgewater.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the West Precinct in Bridgewater, Praying to have the Doings of a Precinct meeting Established.

Read & committed to Col Leonard Col Thatcher & Mr Fairbank.

And. Henshaw & an.

A Petition of Andrew Henshaw and a Petition of Oliver Peabody Clerks of the Superior Courts of Judicature &c praying for an allowance in addition to the Fees of Office.

Read & committed to Col Leonard Col Coffin & Mr Webster.

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F Gardner & Others.

A Petition of Freeman Gardner Peter Coffin & Samuel Hopkins of Cape Sables
Praying for Permission to transport some family necessaries to Cape Sables.

Read & committed to Col Glover Maj^r Washburn & Col Baldwin

Thos Cook.

A Petition of Thomas Cooke of Edgartown respecting the draining a Meadow &c.

Read & committed to Mr Parker Mr Kollock & Mr Cushing.

The House then adjourned to nine O'clock tomorrow morning.

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Sam^l Ruggles.

A Petition of Sam^l Ruggles Clothier for the Continental Troops of this State,
Praying for a further allowance of Pay for himself & for an assistant.

Read & committed to Mr Partridge Col Little Mr Ellis Mr Row & Dea. Davis.

Androscogin.

A Petition of a number of People on Androscogin River Praying that the Taxes
assessed on them by the Inhabitants of Winthrop may be abated.

Read & committed to Col Gerrish Maj^r Washburn, & Capt Barnes.

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Lot Whitmarsh & others.

A Petition of Lot Whitmarsh Israel Vining Joshua Paul Jun^r. & Levi Whitmarsh
Soldiers in Col Jacobs Regiment Praying to have their wages made good.
Read & committed to Col Gerrish Col Bagley & Col Little.

Militia.

Ordered

That Gen^l Titcomb Col Coffin & Capt Babcock be a Committee to make a proper
establishment for the militia who lately marched to Rhode Island.

Rehoboth.

Ordered. That Col Aspinwall Mr Starkweather & Mr Webster be a Committee to
enquire into the circumstances of a quantity of Powder in the Town of Rehoboth, and
see whether it the Property of the Continent or of this State.

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Jno. Chamberlain.

A Petition of John Chamberlain Praying to be put into quiet possession of some Land he bought of Joseph Scott.

Read & committed to the Hon^l Mr Partridge the Hon^l Gen^l Farley & Mr Chamberlain.

Jere. Moulton.

A Petition of the administrator on the Estate of Jeremiah Moulton late of York in the County of York.

Read & committed to Col Leonard Mr Lowell & Mr Little.

T. Uran & oth

A Petition of Thomas Uran for himself & Co a Corps of Artificers Praying that the Depreciation may be allowed them.

Read & committed to Mr Walley Mr Seargeant & Capt Dench.

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Settlement of Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr Partridge Mr Phillips of Andover & Mr Russell be a Committee to consider & Report some method by which a settlement with the Treasurer, the Board of War, Commissary General, & other Persons having Hard money & other Public Property in their hands, may immediately take place.

Depreciation Bill.

Ordered

That the Hon^l Mr Pickering Col Dawes & Mr Lowell, with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to prepare & report a Depreciation Bill.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Absentees Creditors.

Ordered That Mr Gorham Col Baldwin Mr Cushing Mr Rowe & Capt Brooks be a Committee to report a proper method for the payment of the Creditors to the Estates of the Absentees and also a way by which the State may avail itself of the Debts due to said Absentees.

Intestates Probate.

Ordered That the Hon^l Mr Pickering Mr Lowell and the Hon^l Mr Partridge be a Committee to consider what additions & alterations are necessary to be made in the Laws relative to the Distribution of the Estates of Intestates: and the business of the Judges of Probate &c in their offices.

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Rich. Codman & and.

A Petition of Richard Codman & a Petition of Barbara Ross, Praying for leave to go to Halifax.

Read & committed to Capt Wales Gen^l Titcomb & Capt Ward.

Josiah Blood.

Samuel Niles Esqr brought down a Petition of Josiah Blood Praying to have his Farm annexed to Concord. with the following Vote of Council thereon, viz.

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Read & thereupon Resolved.

That the Petitioner be and hereby is permitted to bring in a Bill for the purpose mentioned in this Petition.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

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Elisha Brewer.

A Petition of Capt Elisha Brewer praying for an order on the Board of War for Cloathing.

Read & committed to Mr Austin Maj^r Hosmer & Mr Dix.

Deserters.

Ordered. That Co^l Coffin Col Little & Capt Ward be a Committee to consider & report what further measures are necessary to be taken for apprehending Deserters.

Wm Lowden.

A Petition of William Lowden Master of the Board of Works in Springfield, praying for a further allowance of Pay & Rations.

Read & committed to Mr Walley Gen^l Farley & Capt Wales.

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Horses.

Ordered. That Maj^r Farmer Col Wood & Deaⁿ Stow be a Committee to point out a proper method for the Payment of the Horses. lately procured from several Towns in this State for the service of the Continent: and also to consider what shall be done with those Horses sent to Springfield & not accepted.

G. Dench.

A Petition of Gilbert Dench in behalf of the Inhabitants of Hopkinton, praying a further time to collect & pay their Taxes.

Read & committed to Col Baldwin Capt Varnum & Col Thatcher.

Continental Money.

Ordered. That the Hon^l Mr Pickering the Hon Mr Partridge & Mr Greenough be a Committee to consider of the necessity & expediency of assessing the remainder of this State quota of the Continental money.

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Thos Uran & others,

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Uran &c reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

Shapley.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of a certain Tract of Land, praying to be incorporated by the name of Shapley.

Read & ordered to lie on the Files of the House.

Afternoon.

Jⁿ F Williams.

A Petition of John Foster Williams Commander of the Ship Protector in behalf of himself - Officers & Company, respecting extra allowance for past & future Services.

Read & committed to Mr Gorham Col Little & Mr Davis.

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Jas Cargill.

Eleazer Brooks Esq^r brought down the Petition of James Cargill & the Papers respecting the same with the following Vote of Council thereon, viz.

In Council Sept^r 8. 1780.

Read & Ordered That Joseph Simpson with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration the Petition of James Cargill & the answer thereto to hear the Parties who are present and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr Crane & Mr Dix are joined.

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R Codman & an

The Committee on the Petition of Richard Codman & Barbara Ross reported a
Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jas Kelley.

Eleazer Brooks Esq^r brought down the Petition of James Kelley of Cape Povfua
[?] praying that a Boat taken from him by an American Privateer may be restored to
him, with the following Vote of Council thereon, viz.

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Resolved That the Petitioner James Kelly be & hereby is directed to serve the adverse party with a Copy of his Petition & this order that they may shew cause, if any they have, on Thursday the 14. Inst why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Hugh Orr.

A Petition of Hugh Orr praying that suitable provision for obtaining Fuel & Mettal for the use of the State Furnace may be made.

Read & committed to the Hon^a Mr Partridge Capt Perry & Mr Ellis.

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Continental Money

Ordered. That Mr Sargeant Mr Crane & Capt Brown be a Committee to bring in a Tax Act for assessing the remainder of this State quota of the Continental Money.

Jonas White

A Petition of Jonas White praying for an allowance for monies by him advanced in purchasing Beef for the Board of War.

Read & committed to Maj^r Hosmer Mr Greenough & Gen^l Farley.

J L. Austin.

The Hon^l Speaker communicated to the House Letters from Mr Jon. Loring Austin to the Committee of Foreign Affairs, the same were read & thereupon Ordered.

That Mr Row & Col Dawes with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to take said Letters into consideration & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday Sept. 8. 1780

Thos. Chase.

A Petition of Thomas Chase D. Q. M. G. praying for a loan of Money.

Read & committed to Mr Crane Capt Green & Capt Harnden.

Thos Cooke.

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Cooke reported verbally that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

The Report was Accepted.

The House then adjourned to Nine O'clock tomorrow morning.

Saturday Sept. 9. 1780

Message of Council.

The Hon^{le} Gen^l Brooks brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the message.

Read & committed to Col Baldwin Mr Davis & Col Pope.

J L. Austin.

Mr Davis was charged with a message to the Hon^l. Board to enquire whether they had passed upon the Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Letters from Jon^a Loring Austin.

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Abraham Fuller Esq^r brought down the Report of said Committee, for Concurrence.

Read & concurred with two amendments, viz. dela from a to c and at c add or any other master on board of whose Vessel he shall ship any Goods.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Gov. Trumbull

Eleazer Brooks Esq^r brought down a Letter from Gov^r. Trumbull, respecting an Embargo Act.

Jno Popkin.

Eleazer Brooks Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of John Popkin.

Harvard College, Am. Acad. of Arts &c.

Joseph Simpson Esqr brought down a Petition of a joint Committee of the Corporation of Harvard College and of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences representing that there will be an Eclipse of the Sun on the 27th of October next near Penobscot & praying that Mr Professor Williams with proper assistants may be provided with suitable accommodations to go and make observations thereon.

Saturday Sept. 9. 1780

Read & Ordered. That Col Dawes Mr Cranch & Col Baldwin with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to take said Petition into consideration & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Saturday Sept^r 9. 1780

Hugh Orr.

The Committee on the Petition of Hugh Orr reported a Resolve making provision agreeable to the prayer thereof.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then adjourned to Monday at Ten O'clock in the morning.

Monday Sept 11. 1780

Gov^r Trumbull.

The Letter of Gov^r Trumbull of the 7. current with the Proclamation inclosed.
Read & committed to the Committee on the message from the Hon Council

Henshaw & an.

Ordered That Brigadier Preble be of the Committee on the Petition of Mr
Henshaw & Mr Peabody Clerks of the Superior Court in the room of Col Leonard, absent.

Jos North.

A Petition of Joseph North in behalf of the Inhabitants of the County of Lincoln
praying that some measures may be taken for their Safety.
Read & committed to Brig^r Preble. Brig^r Frost & Col Grew.

Sam^l Haden.

A Petition of Samuel Haden of Hopkinton praying that Stephen Thayer may be
cited to appear before the Court & shew cause if any he has why he should not
acknowledge a certain Deed therein mentioned.
Read & committed to Mr Henshaw Capt Mitchel & Capt Dix.

Gen^l. Heath.

Joseph Simpson Esqr brought down a Letter from Gen^l. Heath dated New Port
Sept. 2. 1780 with several Papers accompanying the same.
Read & thereupon.
Ordered.

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Gen^l. Heath

That Mr Kollock & Col Pope with such as the Hon Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Jno. Popkins.

The House passed the Resolve which was reported by the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of John Popkin.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Collectors.

Ordered That Mr Gorham Mr Starkweather Col Dawes Mr Partridge & Mr Foster be a Committee to consider at what time the Treasurer shall issue his Executions against delinquent Collectors, and report a Resolve accordingly.

Interest.

Also to consider what Order is proper to be passed relative to the Interest arising on the new Currency.

D. Bradley

A Petition of David Bradley late a Lieut in Col Francis Regiment. praying an order may pass whereby he may have the Depreciation of his Wages made good.

Read & committed to Gen^l. Titcomb Col Little & Mr Whitney.

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Gilbt. Dench

The Committee on the Petition of Gilbert Dench of Hopkinton reported a Resolve giving a further time to the Collectors of that Town to pay in the first Moiety of ye last Tax.

Read & passed.

Sale of Lands.

Orderd That Col Bagley Mr Fairbanks and Capt Dench be a Committee to consider Petitions for the Sale of Lands.

Eph Ward.

A Petition of Rev Ephraim Ward of Brookline.

Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the Sale of Lands.

Israel Barney

The acct of Israel Barney read ye 23^d June last Read again & committed to Mr Hathaway Mr Starkweather & Col Thatcher.

Job Cushing

A Petition of Col Job Cushing.

Read & committed to the Committee on the message from the Hon^l Maj^r Part of the Council.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Carlisle & Concord.

A Bill intituled an act for annexing Josiah Blood with the whole of his Land lying in the District of Carlisle to the Town of Concord.

Read a first time & Orderd to be read again at 10 o'Clock tomorrow morning.

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Monday Sept 11. 1780

Saml Haden.

The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Haden reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

F Gardner.

The Committee on the Petition of Freeman Gardner and other of Cape Sables. reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

M. Kempton.

A Petition of Major Manasseh Kempton praying allowance for his Service in furnishing Guards at Dartmouth the year past.

Read & committed to Col Pope. Capt Barnes and Mr Beaman.

D. Braddish

A Petition of David Braddish in behalf of himself & Company. praying an allowance for their Service in securing a number of Masts. Yards & Bowsprits belonging to Capt Thomas Coulson an Enemy to this Country.

Read & committed to Mr Gorham Capt Mitchel & Mr Stodder.

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Jos. Barnard.

A Petition of Joseph Barnard of Falmouth praying an allowance for his Service in Riding Express to Boston in October last.

Read & committed to Col Grow Maj Page & Mr Foster.

Jno. Pitts.

Josiah Pitts Esq^r. brought down a Petition of John Pitts Esq^r praying that his attorney Joseph Homer may have Protection of this Court to bring into this State the proceeds of the Estate in Nova Scotia late belonging to his Father, the Hon^l John Pitts Esq^r –

with a Resolve thereon granting ye Prayer thereof.

Passed in Council &

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & committed to Col Glover Mr Davis & Mr Henshaw to be taken into a new Draught.

Lem^l. Cumings & Others.

The Committee on the Petition of Lemuel Cumings & others in behalf of the Inhabitants of a new Plantation called Lewiston in the County of Lincoln – reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Papers revived.

Voted. That all Papers which were before the House the last Session & not passed upon, be revived and have day in the present Session.

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Monday Sept. 11. 1780

Robt. Calef.

A Petition of Robert Calef of Boston, a minor praying that he may have liberty to go to Penobscot & bring his Sister from thence into this State.

Read & committed to Capt Wales Mr Davis & Mr Henshaw.

Dartmouth.

A Representation of the Selectmen of Dartmouth relative to putting Stock on Elizabeth Island.

Read & thereupon Orderd. That Mr Starkweather and Mr Lombard with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same, & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Shrewsbury.

The Petition of the Selectmen of Shrewsbury which was read the first of June last.

Read again & committed to Mr Cranch Maj^r Hosmer & Mr Kollock.

The House then adjourned to to 9 o'Clock tomorrow morning.

Tuesday Sept. 12. 1780

Thos Parker

The Petition of Thomas Parker in behalf of the Town of Newton, was read again & committed to Mr Greenleaf Mr Williston & Maj^r Farmer.

Geo Williams.

A Memorial of George Williams in behalf of the owners of the Ship Black Prince, & Jonathan Pule Jun^r in behalf of the owners of the Ship Hector, which were destroyed at Penobscot.

Read & thereupon Orderd.

That Col Dawes Col Orne & Col Gerrish with such as the Hon^l Board - shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

O. Peabody.

The Committee on the Petition of Oliver Peabody Esq^r one of the Clerks of the Superior Court.. reported a Resolve for Paying him the Sum of Thirty Pounds.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

And. Henshaw.

The same Committee reported a Resolve for paying Andrew Henshaw Esq^r another of the Clerks of said Superior Court the sum of Thirty Pounds.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Jno. Hathaway

A Petition of John Hathaway in the name of the Selectmen of Freetown.
Read & committed to the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Parker.

Limerick.

A Petition of the assessors of Limerick in the County of York praying Relief in regard to Taxes.

Read & committed to Mr Lombard Col Bagley & Mr Parker.

Mary Bourn

A Petition of Mary Bourn Widow of Melatiah Bourn Esq^r late of Boston deceased - praying that the Business of her Husbands Estate may be removed from the County of Barnstable to the County of Suffolk.

Read & committed to Mr Rowe Mr Gorham & Mr Foster.

Horses.

Ordered that Capt Washburne Capt Amy and Col Gerrish be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done with the Horses belonging to this State, which are unfit for Service.

Horses.

The Committee appointed to point out a proper way for Payment of the Horses procured from the several Towns in this State, Reported.

Read & committed to the Committee last appointed.

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Jos. Cargill

Ordered that Col Coffin & Mr Whitney be of the Committee on the Petition of Jas Cargill & answer thereto, in the room of Mr Dix & Mr Crane, absent.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Eph Ward.

The Committee on the Petition of Ephraim Ward reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Tim^o Small & others.

A Petition of Timothy Small and a number of others Heirs of Francis Small late of Ossipee. Trader. praying that so much of a Township of Land adjoining on said River which they have laid out, as belongs to this State may be granted to them.

Read & committed to Col Little Mr Sexton & Col Grow.

Carlisle & Concord

A Bill intituled "An Act for annexing Josiah Blood with the whole of his Land lying in the District of Carlisle to the Town of Concord.
Read a second & third Time & passed to be Engrossed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

R. Mayberry

A Petition of Richard Mayberry of Windham praying that his doings in the office of Assessor there AD 1773.

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R Mayberry.

may not be considered as invalid on account of his being a Collector of Taxes at the same Time.

Read & committed to Mr. Lombard Capt Cowdin & Col Grow.

A Petition of Caleb Graham.

Read & committed to ye same Committee.

Harvard College

Am. Acad &c

Joseph Simpson Esq^r. bro^t down a Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of the joint Committee of the Corporation of Harvard College & of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences being by way of Resolve directing the Board of War to fit out the State Galley for the purposes mentioned in said Petition.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Davis Smith.

Joseph Simpson Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of David Smith with the following vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council Sept. 12. 1780.

Read & Ordered, that Benjamin Austin Esq^r with such as the Hon^l. House shall appoint be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Capt Ward and Maj^r. Washburn are joined.

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Absentees Estates

Aaron Wood Esqr bro^t down a Resolve directing the Treasurer to cause all the monies borrowed on the Estates of Absentees to be converted into the new Bills Passed in Council &

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & considerd & Orderd That the further consideration thereof be refered to 4 °Clock in ye afternoon.

Geo Williams. & oth

Aaron Wood Esp^r bro^t down the Petition of George Williams & al with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council Sept 12. 1780.

Read & concurred and Benjamin Austin & Nathan Cushing Esq^{rs} are joined, and Ordered. That said Committee be and hereby are instructed to take up the matter at large. respecting the Losses of other vessels sustained in said Expedition.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

T Melvil & oth.

The Petition of Maj^r Thomas Melvil & others, read the 6. June last.

Read again, & committed to Mr Greenleaf Brig^e Preble & Col Aspinwall.

Message of Council.

Caleb Strong Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses to whom the Message from the Hon^l Maj^r part of ye Council was refer.d – so far as respects

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Message of Council

Convention of Committees

The proceedings of a Convention of Committees from the States of Connecticut Massachusetts Bay & New Hampshire.

Sol. Southwick

Samuel Niles Esqr bro^t down a Letter Sign:d Solomon Southwick D.C.G.I. dated Providence Sept 9. 1780.

In Council Sept 12. 1780. Read & Orderd. That Jeremiah Powell Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Letter & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Capt Ward & Capt Dench are joined.

Steph Longfellow.

John Pitts Esq^r brought down a Petition of Stephen Longfellow praying that his Son Samuel now in New York & named in the Exclusion Act may be permitted to return to this State, with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council Sept 12. 1780.

Read & Orderd That Samuel Niles Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take

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into consideration this Petition together with the Papers accompanying the same - & to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence

Read & concurred & Maj^r Goodman & Brig^r Preble are joined

Job Cushing.

Joseph Simpson Esq^r bro^t down a report of the Committee on the Petition of Col Job Cushing. viz. "That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition"

In Council Sept 12. 1780.

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Absentees Estates.

Orderd. That Mr Partridge Col Orne & Mr Kollock be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Committee appointed to take up money on the Credit of the absentees Estates, and to consider whether that Committee shall proceed any further in that Business.

E Eldridge

A Petition of Elisha Eldredge.

Read and committed to the Committee on the Petition of David Smith.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Isaac Spear & others.

Samuel Niles Esq^r brought down a Petition of Isaac Spear & others Children of Nathaniel French late of Braintree dec,^d, with the following vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council Sept 12. 1780.

Read & Orderd. That Samuel Niles Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join. be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition together with an agreement accompanying the same and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Fryeburgh.

A Remonstrance of the Selectmen of ye Town of Fryeburgh in behalf of said Town, praying Relief in regard to Taxes.

Read & committed to Mr Beaman Mr Foster and Capt Varnum.

Jos North.

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph North Esq^r in behalf of the County of Lincoln.

Reported.

Read & orderd. That 10 °Clock tomorrow morning be assigned for the consideration thereof.

Tuesday Sept 12. 1780

Afternoon.

Convention of Committees.

The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee to whom was referd the consideration of the Resolutions passed by the Convention of Committees which was held at Boston on the 3^d of August last.

Whereupon -

Orderd. 1st That Mr Foster Col Davis & Mr Fowler of Westfield be a Committee to bring in a Bill or Bills for the purposes mentioned in the 9th & 11th Resolutions.

Orderd. 2nd That that part of ye Report which respects the 12th & 13th Resolutions respecting ye Committees be committed to Mr Gorham Mr Pickering & Mr Phillips with such as the Hon^l Board shall join.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Also Orderd. That the latter part of said Report be committed to Mr Gorham Mr Davis of Boston and Mr Walley.

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Jos. Welch.

Aaron Wood Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of Joseph Welch of Cambridge with the following Vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council Sept 12. 1780

Read and Orderd that Benjamin White Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take this Petition into consideration & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred and Col Thatcher & Maj^r Goodman are joined.

Carlisle & Concord.

An engrossed Bill intituled "an act for annexing Josiah Blood with the whole of his Land lying in the District of Carlisle to the Town of Concord.

Read & passed to be enacted.

Tuesday Sept 12. 1780

Absentees Estates

The House took into consideration the Resolve for converting into New Bills all the monies borrowed on the Estates of Absentees & after debate thereon the question was put, whether the House would concur ye same & it passed in the negative.

Absentees Estates

Orderd, That Mr Davis Col Orne & Mr Walley be a Committee to bring in a Resolve directing the Treasurer to pay into the hands of the Committee of the Gen^l Court at Springfield the Gold & Silver borrowed on the Credit of the absentees Estates.

Who Reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

Rob^t Calef.

The Committee on the Petition of Robert Calef reported a Resolve permitting his Sister to return to this State.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then Adjourned to 9 °Clock tomorrow morning.

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Wednesday Sept 13. 1780

Militia.

The House assigned 9 °Clock tomorrow morning for the choice of a Second major of the 4th Regiment of militia in the County of Bristol.

Mary Bourn.

The Committee on the Petition of Mary Bourn reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Stoughtonham.

A Petition of the Town of Stoughtonham respecting Bounties paid to Soldiers.
Read & committed to Capt Washburn Mr Hathaway & Capt Ellis.

Raising Men.

The Committee to whom was committed a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the message from the Hon^l Council which was brought down ye 9th current
Reported.

Read & considerd & on motion.

Orderd.

Wednesday Sept. 12. 1780

That Mr Sedgwick Mr Turner & Mr Starkweather be a Committee to bring in a Resolve for exempting Militia Officers. Selectmen. Committees. Towns & Plantations. from the Fines incurrd for not raising men agreeably to the Resolves of the 5, and 23 June last provided they procure them by ye 20 Oct next who reported a Resolve accordingly.

Read & passed & Orderd

That the Report aforesaid be committed to ye Committee who bro^t in said Resolutions & Orderd. That they take ye same into a new Draught.

Gen^l Heath.

Aaron Wood Esq^r bro^t down a Letter from General Heath dated New Port Sept 9th. 1780.

Read & Sent up.

Henry B Ludlow.

Aaron Wood Esq^r brot down a Letter Sign.d Henry Bayley Ludlow dated Nantucket Sept 1780. Lately form Jamaica requesting permission to come to Boston with the following Vote of Council thereon. viz.

In Council Sept 13. 1780.

Read & thereupon Orderd That Aaron Wood Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Letter together with a Letter from Mr Fitch accompanying the same & to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence

Read & concurred & Capt Ward & Col Coffin are joined.

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Wednesday Sept 13. 1780

Oliver Chapin.

A Petition of Oliver Chapin of Milford praying that the Depreciation of his Wages & Bounty may be made up to him.

Read & committed to Col Baldwin Capt Varnum & Mr Perry.

Afternoon.

Members.

John Mason Esq^r from the Town of Barre and Clement Jordan Esq^r from the Town of Cape Elizabeth were returned by the Selectmen of said Towns respectively as members of this House and Mr Singletary was appointed to attend them to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the oath of Allegiance.

Collectors.

The Committee appointed to consider at what time the Treasurer should issue his Executions against Collectors reported.

Read & accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Wednesday Sept 13. 1780.

Eleazer Johnson.

A Petition of Eleazer Johnson representing that in Dec 1779 he intrusted the Board of War for a quantity of Cloth, for which he has not been fully paid – and praying Relief.

Read & committed to Maj' Davis of Oxford Mr Crane & Mr Perry of Medfield.

Depreciation Bill.

Orderd.

That Mr Sedgwick be of the Committee to bring in a Depreciation Bill, in the room of Mr Lowell who is absent.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Stoughton & Stoughtonham.

A Bill intituled “An Act to set off a part of the Town of Stoughton and annexing it to the Town of Stoughtonham.

Read a first time and orderd to be read again at 10 °Clock tomorrow morning.

Margaret Power.

A Petition of Margaret Power praying that her Husband David Power may be paid Eleven Silver Dollars which he is intituled to as a Pensioner.

Read & committed to Col Dawes Capt Wales & Capt Ward.

J F Williams.

The Committee on the Petition of John Foster Williams Esqr reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Wednesday Sept 13. 1780

Oliver Gay.

A Petition of Oliver Gay of Needham praying an allowance of Doct Wuhes Account for medicine & attendance administered to him when he was sick at Warwick in Rhode Island last Fall being then in Public Service.

Read & committed to Mr Damon Dr Long & Doct Metcalf.

Taxes.

Orderd That Mr Lock Mr Sedgwick & Mr Henshaw be a Committee to take into consideration the circumstances of such Districts & Plantations as have been omitted in the Tax Acts, and report what sums ought to be set on them & what relief should be given to Towns which have been overtaxed on account of such Districts &c.

Jas Cargill.

Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of James Cargill.

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Sarah Johonnot

Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of Sarah Johonnot – praying for liberty to go & return from Halifax – with the following vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council Sept 13. 1780.

Read & Orderd. That Aaron Wood Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Mr Sedgwick & Capt Mattoon are joined.

Greenwich Election.

A Certificate of Thomas Powers Town Clerk of Greenwich, purporting that at a Legal Meeting held in that Town on the 4th Sept current Mr Nehemiah Stebbins was chosen to represent said Town at the present General Court.

Read & after debate thereon the question was

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put whether Mr. Stebbins should be admitted to a seat in the House in consequence thereof. it passed in the negative.

On motion, Ordered, That a Precept be issued to the Town of Greenwich for the choice of some Person to Represent them in this House.

Geo Williams & an.

Caleb Strong Esq^r bro^t down a Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of George Williams & Jonathan Peel, in behalf of the Owners of the Ships Hector, and Black Prince.

Congress.

Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a number of Letters from Samuel Huntingdon Esq^r President of of Congress with Several Resolutions of Congress inclosed. -

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Read & thereupon Orderd, That Mr Partridge Col Little & Capt Ward with such as ye Hon Board shall join be a Committee to take the same into consideration & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Supplies for the Army.

Orderd. That Mr Phillips Mr Greenleaf and Mr Davis be a Committee to consider what steps are proper to be taken respecting the Committee appointed the last Session to reside at Springfield & procure Supplies for ye army.

The House then adj^d. to 9 °Clock tomorrow morning.

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Militia

The House by ballot made choice of Silas Cobb as Second Major of the fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Stoughtonham

The Committee on the Petition of the Town of Stoughtonham, reported, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

The Report was accepted.

Gorham.

A Petition of the Selectmen of Gorham in behalf of said Town, praying for a Suply of Fire Arms.

Read & committed to Gen^l Preble & Col Dawes & Mr. Singletary.

T Sedgwick & oth.

A Memorial of Theodore Sedgwick Jahleel Woodbridge & John Sibley who with others were appointed by an Act which passed the last Session managers of a Lottery for raising a Sum of money for repairing the Road thro the Green Woods declining for reasons offered to accept that Trust.

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Moses Hopkins

Also a Petition of Moses Hopkins and others praying that the Act aforesaid may be repealed & provision made for repairing the Road leading from Westfield thro Blanford to Great Barrington.

Read & committed to Mr Kollock Mr Foster & Capt Perry of Easton.

Jesse Kellog.

A Petition of Jesse Kellog of Sheffield.

Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the Sale of Lands.

Micah Hoskins

A Petition of Micah Hoskins of Sheffield praying the interference of Court to confirm to him certain Tract of Land which A.D. 1776 he purchased of Elias Willard.

Read & committed to Col Coffin Mr Sedgwick and Mr Williston.

Belcher Noyes.

A Memorial of Belcher Noyes of Boston in behalf of himself & the Non Resident President of the undivided Lands in Brunswick, representing that their

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B Noyes.

Lands have been sold by the Constable of said Town to Sam^l Thompson. that he has tenderd the ye Thompson the amount of ye Taxes and Charges with the Interest thereof but he refused to take the same, & praying the consideration of the Court & that some measures may be taken to prevent wrong being done to Non-resident Proprietors.

Read & thereupon Orderd. That Gen^l Warren Col Dawes & Mr Greenleaf with such as the Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jos Welch.

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Joseph Welch, being by way of Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed in Council. &

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

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Geo Williams & an.

The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee on the Petition of George Williams & Jonathan Peele & after debate thereon

Orderd That it lie on ye table for the present. - and

Orderd That Mr Greenleaf Mr Walley and Col Baldwin be a Committee to confer with the Petitioners.

Treasurer of Plymouth.

Orderd. That Maj^r Davis Maj^r Page and Capt Cushing be a Committee to examine the Accts of the Treasurer of the County of Plymouth.

Absentees Estates.

Mr Davis was sent with a message to the Hon^l Board to desire them to send down the Resolve which passed the House on Tuesday last directing the Treasurer to pay into the hands of the Committee at Springfield the Gold & Silver borrowed on the Credit of the Absentees Estates if they had not passed upon ye Same.

It was sent down according & the House orderd. that it be sent back again together with the original Report of the Committee of both Houses, in consequence of which it passed with the following vote of Council thereon viz.

Read & concurred as taken into a new draught.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Jos North.

The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Joseph North & after debate thereon.

Orderd That it be committed to Brig^{dr} Preble Brig^r Frost & Col Coffin with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join who were directed to enquire into ye situation of the Eastern Country in what manner the Troops & Boats there are employed & to consider what Force is necessary to be employed for ye Protection thereof & how it should be procured.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Elb Gerry.

Stephen Choate Esq^r brought down a Letter from the Hon^l Elbridge Gerry Esq^r who lately returned to this State from Congress dated Boston 14. Sept 1780. with the following vote of Council thereon viz.

In Council Sept 14. 1780

Read & thereupon Orderd That Samuel Niles and Stephen Choate Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Letter together with the several Papers accompanying the same & to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concurred & Gen^l Warren Mr Gorham & Maj^r Goodman are joined.

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Marg. Powers.

The Committee on the Petition of Margaret Power reported a Resolve for paying her Three Pounds Six Shillings in ye New Emmission -
Sent up for Concurrence.

Jas Kelly.

Caleb Strong Esq^r bro^t down the Petition of James Kelly with the following Vote of Council thereon viz

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Read & Orderd.

That Joseph Simpson Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take this Petition into consideration and the answer thereto hear the Parties & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred and Col Bagley & Capt Curtis are joined.

S. Frederic

Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of S Frederic. Chaplain of the vessels of the King of France, representing that he is appointed as a Missioner to the Eastern Tribes of Savages & praying for Orders to set out on ye Business & for an Establishment for his Interpreter Gideon De Lesderniers

Read & committed to Maj Goodman Col Pope & Mr Dix.

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Jas Cargill

The House took into consideration the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of James Cargill and after debate thereon –
Orderd. That it be committed to Mr Kollock. Col Coffin. Maj^r Goodman Mr Crane & Mr Walley.

Afternoon.

B. Noyes.

Orderd. That Mr Fairbanks be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Belcher Noyes in ye room of Col Dawes excused.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Alex Pain

A Petition of Alexander Pain praying for liberty to carry certain articles to Nova Scotia.

Steph Hall.

Also a Petition of Stephen Hall praying for liberty to remove his Family & Effects from Nova Scotia to this State.
Both read and committed to the Committee on the Petition of David Smith.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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S Longfellow.

Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Stephen Longfellow being by way of Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Passed in Council.
& Sent down for Concurrence
Read & concurred.

Horses.

The Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done with the Horses belonging to this State which are unfit for Service reported.
Read and recommitted.

Oliver Chapin

The Committee on the Petition of Oliver Chapin reported. that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.
The Report was accepted by ye House.

Jas Avery.

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee to whom was refered the Petition of James Avery -

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Convention.

Joseph Simpson Esqr brot down a Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to take into consideration the 12th & 13th Resolutions of the Convention held at Boston ye 3^d August last.

Passed in Council

& Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & ye House assigned 10 °Clock tomorrow morning for ye consideration thereof.

H. B. Ludlow

Joseph Simpson Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Letter of Henry Bayley Ludlow being by way of Resolve permitting him to come to Boston.

Passed in Council

& Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Army

The Committee to whom was committed the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Message from the Hon^l Major Part of the Council relative to compleating the Battalions raised in this State. reported a new Draught.

Read & accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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And.

Orderd.

That Mr Singletary Col Hutchinson and Maj^r Bullard be a Committee to see that the same be Printed & Sent forward as soon as it has passed the Hon^l Board.

The House then adjourned to 9 °Clock tomorrow morning.

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Jos Patterson.

A Petition of Joseph Patterson representing that he was wounded in the Expedition & lost a Fire arm & is now in a painful situation & praying for Relief & for Wages due.

Read & committed to Col Bagley Capt Curtis & Doct Metcalf.

Anna Tufton & oth

A Petition of Anna Tufton & others -
and

G Wilder.

A Petition of Gardner Wilder of Lancaster.

Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for ye Sale of Lands.

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Timo Small & oth.

Orderd. That Mr Williston be of the Committee on the Petition of Timothy Small & others in the room of Mr Sexton. absent.

County Treasurer. of Worcester.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the County of Worcester. were committed to the Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of Plymouth.

Member

Mr Jonathan Judd Jr was returned a member from the Town of South Hampton and Mr Chamberlain was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer ye Oath of Allegiance.

Jno Jacobs.

A Petition of John Jacobs of Sutton, praying that he may be allowed the Bounty that was due to his apprentice Benjamin Putnam dec^d.

Read & committed to Mr Fairbanks Mr Davis of Dudley & Mr Herrington.

Dan^l Druce.

A Petition of Daniel Druce a Pensioner praying that a Grant may be made him for his Support.

Report & committed to Col Dawes. Capt Wales & Capt Ward.

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Mt Washington.

A Petition of the Selectmen of Mount Washington praying that a certain Clause in the act incorporating that Town may be repealed, and that the Land now in the occupation of Daniel Porter may be annexed thereto.

Read & committed to Mr Austin Mr Singletary & Col Davis of Charleston.

Jos Henderson

A Memorial of Joseph Henderson praying a Grant for his Services as Commissary of Prisoners.

Read & committed to Col Chadbourn Capt Mitchel & Capt Russel.

Stoughton to Stoughtonham.

A Bill intituled "An Act to set off a Part of the Town of Stoughton and annexing it to the Town of Stoughtonham"

Read a second time and orderd to be read again at 9 °Clock tomorrow morning.

David Smith.

Samuel Niles Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of David Smith viz That he have liberty to purchase Forty Bushels of Corn and other articles therein & proceed with the same to Nova Scotia.

In Council Sept 14. 1780. Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & committed to Capt Ward Col Mitchel & Gen^l Titcomb

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Friday Sept 15. 1780

Alex Baine.

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Alexander Baine. viz.

That he have liberty to purchase a Barrel of Sugar & other articles therein mentioned & proceed in his Vessel with the same to Nova Scotia.

In Council Sept 14. 1780

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & committed to Capt Wales Col Mitchel & Gen^l Titcomb.

Jas Kelly.

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of James Kelly and the answer of Jeremiah Cornell thereto. viz.

That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

In Council Sept 14. 1780

Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & committed to Mr Foster Mr Henshaw & Mr Sedgwick.

Friday Sept 15. 1780

Beef.

Samuel Niles Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Message from the Hon^l Major Part of the Council viz

That in order to afford an immediate supply of Provisions & other articles for the Army, the several Towns in this State, the Sea Ports excepted, be called upon to furnish two months supply of Beef and that the Sea Ports be called to supply in lieu of Beef, Rum & Salt in such Proportion as their Count on calculation shall find adequate thereto.

Convention.

The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to consider the 12th & 13th Resolutions of ye Convention held at Boston the 3^d August last - and after debate thereon.

Orderd That the Instructions to the Delegates of this State at Congress on the subject thereof be committed to Gen^l Warren Mr Lowell Mr Pickering Mr Sedgwick and Mr Phillips. & that said Committee consider what Instructions are proper to be given to said Delegates respecting the State of Vermont.

Friday Sept 15. 1780

Arthur Lee.

A Memorial of Arthur Lee Esq^r representing that he has received no allowance for his Services or Expences as agent for the Assembly of Mass Bay since March 19. 1775 and proposing that a grant of Land equivalent thereto might be made to him.

Read & committed to Gen^l Warren Col Little Mr Dix Col Orne & Mr Lowell.

Col Cargill

Ordered. That Col Hutchinson be of the Committee on ye Petition of Col Cargill in the room of Mr Kollock absent.

T Sedgwick & oth.

Ordered. That Capt Wales be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Theodore Sedgwick & others in ye room of Mr Kollock absent.

Afternoon.

Jn^o. Gardner & oth

A Petition of John Gardner & others of the first Precinct in Cambridge praying that they & their Estates may be exempted from Taxation by virtue of any Vote of the South Precinct.

Read & committed to Mr Crane Maj^r Hosmer & Mr Dix.

Board of War.

A memorial of the Board of War representing the Embarrasments they labour under for want of money.

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Read & committed to Maj Osgood Col Chadbourne and Col Baldwin.

Jno. Pitts.

The Committee to whom the Petition of John Pitts Esq^r was committed reported a new Draught.

Read & accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Sarah Johonnot.

Caleb Strong Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Sarah Johonnot being by way of Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Passed in Council & Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Supplies for the Army.

The Houses took into consideration the Report of the Committee of both Houses for procuring Supplies for the Army.

Orderd. The further consideration thereof be refered to 10 °Clock tomorrow morning.

Josiah Waters Jr.

A Petition of Josiah Waters Jr praying that Nathan Utley may be permitted to come from Nova Scotia with his Effects to this State.

Read and committed to Col Glover Mr Webster and Col Tyler.

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Friday Sept 15. 1780

Depreciation Bill.

Stephen Choate Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to prepare and report a Depreciation Bill.

Jno Holker.

A Petition of John Holker praying that the Powers of the Maritime Court of this State may be extended so as to enable the Judge thereof to carry into execution the Decree of the Court of Appeals appointed by Congress respecting certain Spanish Vessels & their Cargo mentioned in said Petition.

Read & committed to Mr Sedgwick Mr Foster & Mr Fowler of Westfield.

The House then adj^d to 9 °Clock tomorrow morning.

Saturday Sept 16. 1780

Josiah Wheeler.

A Petition of Josiah Wheeler a Master Carpenter who entered into ye Service A.D. 1775 praying that the Committee now settling with the Army may settle with him & his Company at ye same Rate as with others of ye same Rank in ye Army.

Read & committed to Mr Small Capt Barnes and Mr Williston.

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Thos Tolman.

A Petition of Lieut Thomas Tolman praying the consideration of the Court to several Papers accompanying the same.

Read and committed to Brig^r Frost Mr Crane & Mr Walley.

Christian Andrews.

A Petition of Christian Andrews wife of William Andrews a Lieut in Col Cranes Regiment & now in Captivity. representing her distressed Situation & praying that she may receive the Depreciation notes due to him and be otherwise relieved.

Read & committed to Col Dawes Mr Pool and Capt Fry.

D Thompson Jr

A Petition of David Thompson Jun^r a Pensioner praying for an addition to his Pension.

Read & committed to Mr Herrington Capt Ellis and Capt Brown of Watertown.

Jn^o Starbird

A Petition of John Starbird of Falmouth praying that some Person may be appointed to see that a certain Tract of Land which A.D. 1774 he made an agreement for with Francis Waldo an Absentee may be surveyed and conveyed to him.

Read & committed to Brig^r Preble Mr Dix & Maj Goodman.

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Saturday Sept 16. 1780

Jas Locke.

A Petition of James Locke in behalf of the Proprietors of Townsend, praying that a Tract of Land granted to them in lieu of Ten Thousand Acres which by ye running of the Line between New Hampshire & this State was taken into that State may be confirmed to them agreeably to a Plan accompanying said Petition.

Read & committed to Capt Barnes Mr Herrington and Mr Watson.

Depreciation Bill.

A Bill intituled "an act for carrying into Execution a Resolve of Congress of the 20th of March last and for repealing certain Clauses of an act made in the year of our Lord 1776 intituled An Act to prevent forging & altering Bills of Public Credit and for preventing the Depreciation thereof and for making the Bills of Credit of the United Colonies and the Bills of this Government a Tender in all Payments," and for establishing a Rule of Depreciation.

Read a first time and Orderd to be read again on Tuesday next at 10 °Clock in the forenoon.

Saturday Sept 16. 1780

Congress.

Samuel Niles Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses to whom the Letters from Congress & Resolutions accompanying the same were committed viz.

That agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 26th August last a Tax of £138.000 be levied on the Poles & Estates within this State to be paid into the Treasury of this State on or the last day of December next in the New Bills of the United States emitted pursuant to an act of Congress of the 18th of March last or in Specie and that the Certificates of the Quarter Master General & Commissary General or those who purchase under them be received in payment of said Tax, and that a Bill be brought in for the purposes aforesaid.

Jos North.

Samuel Niles Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses to whom the Petition of Joseph North was committed, being by way of Resolve directing the Board of War to purchase or hire an Armed Vessel to guard the Sea Coast from Cape Ann to Campden.

Col Cargil.

The Committee to whom was committed the Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Col Cargil reported a new Draught.

Read & accepted

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Stoughton &c. A Bill intituled "An Act to set off a part of the Town of Stoughton and annexing it to the Town of Stoughtonham.

Read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Supplies for the Army.

The House resumed the consideration of the Report of a Committee of both Houses relative to procuring Supplies for the Army and after debate thereon accepted the Same & Orderd That Mr Phillips Mr Sedgwick Mr Partridge Capt Wales & Mr Foster be a Committee to bring in a Resolve for carrying the same into Effect.

The House then adjourned to Monday next at Ten ° Clock in the forenoon.

123 Monday Sept 18. 1780.

County Treasurers.

Orderd That the Committee on County Treasures Acct^s examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Middlesex. & Orderd That Mr Dix & Col Freeman be of said Committee in ye room of Maj^r Page & Capt Cushing who are absent.

Gen Heath. John Pitts Esqr brought down a Letter from Gen^l Heath dated New Port Sept 16. 1780 inclosing one from Gen^l Washington of the 12th. Read & committed to the Committee on the Message from the Hon^{bl} Maj^r Part of the Council.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Jos North. The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Joseph North. & Orderd That it be Committed to the Committee on the Memorial of the Board of War.

Eph Blaine. Daniel Davis Esqr bro^t down a Letter signed Eph Blaine C G P. directed to Charles Miller Esq^r Deputy Commissary Gen^l of Purchases. dated Camp Bergen County 4th Sept 1780.
Read & committed to the Committee on the Message from the Hon^{bl} Maj^r Part of the Council.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Arthur Lee. The Committee on the Memorial of Arthur Lee Esqr reported a Resolve for granting him Six Thousand Acres of the unappropriated Land in the Eastern Parts of this State.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

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Paul Revere. A Petition of Paul Revere late Commander of a Corps of Artillery in the Service of this State.

Read & committed to Mr Walley Gen^l Titcomb & Col Freeman.

Little Falls. A Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Plantation called Little Falls in the County of York praying that the bounds thereof may be established & that it may be incorporated as a Town.

Read & committed to Col Chadbourne Brig^l Frost & Col Grow.

J F Williams. The Committee on the Petition of John Foster Williams reported an Establishment for the Officers & Men of the Ship Protector of which he is Commander.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Exchange of New Money.

Orderd. That Mr Sedgwick Maj^r Goodman & Col Freeman be a Committee to consider the expediency of empowering the Treasurer to exchange New Money for the Old Currency with any Persons who may incline to give the Latter for the former.

124 Monday Sept 18. 1780.

Council. Orderd That Maj^r Osgood Gen^l Warren and Mr Partridge be added to the Committee on the Message from the Hon^l Maj^r Part of the Council Sent up for Concurrence.

Cloathing. Orderd. That Capt Wales Mr Singletary and Mr Henshaw be a Committee to consider what Directions shall be given to the Agents appointed in the several Counties to receive Cloathing Also what Directions shall be given to Selectmen respecting Blankets

Jas Killey. A Petition of James Killey of the Province of Nova Scotia
Read & committed to the Committee to whom the Petition of David Smith was committed &
Orderd That Col Mitchel be of Ye Committee in the room of Mr Ward who is absent.

Geo Partridge. Orderd That Mr Dix Mr Henshaw & Col Freeman be a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Hon^{bl} George Partidge Esqr a Member of Congress from this State.

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Jno Fellows. A Petition of John Fellows Esq^r Brigadier General of the Militia for the County of Berkshire praying an allowance for Services performed & Expresses employed.
Read & committed to Mr Henshaw Gen^l Titcomb & Capt Barnes.

Board of War. Orderd. That Capt Mitchel be of the Committee on the Memorial of the Board of War in the room of Maj^r Osgood absent.

County Treasurers. The Committee on the County Treasurers Accounts reported on the amount of the Treasurer of the County of Middlesex for the year 1779.
Read & passed
Sent up for Concurrence.

C. Andrews. The Committee on the Petition of Christian Andrews reported a Resolve requesting the Council to reccommend to the D Q M [?] General to supply her with the Rations & Wood which may become due to her Husband.
Read & passed
Sent up for Concurrence.

Congress. Orderd That Mr Sedgwick & Mr Davis of Boston with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join be a Committee to consider of the expediency of

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Congress of appointing in the present Session of this Court Delegates to represent this State in Congress until the first Nov A.D. 1781.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Afternoon.

Jno Jacobs The Committee on the Petition of John Jacobs reported a Resolve for Paying Amos Singletary Esq^r the Sum of Sixty Pounds for the use of the Petitioner.
Sent up for Concurrence.

R Mayberry. The Committee on the Petition of Richard Mayberry reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

C Graffam. The Committee on the Petition of Caleb Graffam reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Cotton Tufts. A Petition of Cotton Tufts of Weymouth representing that he has in his Possession sundry Bills emitted by this State in 1775 & 1776. & praying that he may have them redeemed.
Read & committed to Mr Singletary Mr Parker and Mr Small.

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- Militia. The Committee appointed to make an Establishment for the Militia who lately marched to Rhode Island. Reported.
 Read & recommitted, and, Orderd. That Capt Mattoon & Mr Perry of Medfield be of Ye Committee in ye room of Capt Ward & Maj Bullard absent
- Congress. Thomas Durfee Esq^r brot down a Report of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of appointing in the present Session of this Court Delegates to represent this State in Congress until the 1st Nov 1781. viz.
 That it is expedient to appoint in the present Session of the Gen^l Court Delegates to represent this State in Congress until the 1st Nov 1781.
In Council Sept 18. 1780. Read and accepted.
 Sent down for Concurrence.
 Read & concurred.
- Jno Holker. The Committee on the Petition of John Holker reported a Resolve for notifying the Captains of the three Ships thereinmentioned to make answer thereto.
 Read and Accepted.
 Sent up for Concurrence.
- Alex Bain. The Committee to whom the Petition of Alexander Bain & Resolve thereon was committed reported a new Draught.
 Read & accepted.
 Sent up for Concurrence.

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D Smith. The Committee to whom the Petition of David Smith & Resolve thereon was committed reported a new Draught.

Read & accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Hancock. A Petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Hancock praying the determination of the Court with respect to appointing a Collector of Taxes for said Town.

Read & committed to Capt Hand Mr Childs & Capt Barnes.

Jas Kelley. The Committee on the Petition of James Kelley reported a Resolve. permitting him to transport certain Articles to Nova Scotia.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Taxes. It being represented to the House that some Towns had not for Several Years made returns of the Warrants for Taxes sent to them.

Orderd That Maj Goodman Col Toby & Capt Farley be a Committee to enquire into ye matter & if they find it so to report what is proper to be done.

Then ye House Adj^d to 9 ° Clock to morrow morning.

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- Rehoboth. A Petition of the Trustees of the second Parrish in Rehoboth.
Revived & committed to Col Leonard Col Pope & Col Toby.
- J Almy & An. A Petition of Job Almy & Edw Pope in behalf of the Town of Dartmouth praying
that a Fine set on said Town may be remitted.
Read & committed to the Committee on the Petition of the Town of Newton.
- Jas Kelley. The Committee to whom the Petition of James Kelley was committed reported a
Resolve permitting him to appear at the Court at which a certain Action of Replevin is to
be tried & take upon him the Defence of the Suit being for a Boat of his which was
Captured by an American Privateer.
Read & accepted.
Sent up for Concurrence. and the House non concurred the Vote of Council
thereon as entered in Page.
- Wm Baker. A Petition of William Baker, Messenger of the General Court praying a further
Allowance for his Services the present quarter.
Read & committed to Col Dawes Mr Brown of Framingham and Mr Hathaway.

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Westfield.

Samuel Niles Esq^r brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of the Town of Westfield in Nov last praying that the Act passed in October last for setting off Two Hundred Rods in Width from the South Side of Westfield to the Town of Southwick might be repealed viz.

“That the Line mentioned in the said Act as the dividing Line between said Towns of Westfield & Southwick is just and equitable and that the same Line hereafter continue and be established as the dividing Line between the said Towns.

In Council Sept 19. 1780. Read and accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concurred.

M Hopkins.

The Committee on the Petition of Micah Hopkins reported a Resolve appointing a Committee to enquire into the Truth of the Facts alledgd in said Petition.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Jno Gardner. The Committee on the Petition of John Gardner & others reported a Resolve directing them to serve the first & South Precincts. in the Town of Cambridge with a copy thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Seth Barnes. Abraham Fuller Esq^r bro^t down a Petition of Seth Barnes of Yarmouth in Nova Scotia. praying for liberty to bring from thence to this State so much of his Effects as will enable him to discharge several Debts due therein with the following Vote of Council thereon. viz.

In Council Sept 19. 1780. Read & Orderd That Samuel Baker Esq^r with such as the Hon^l House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & non concurred & Resolved. That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Depreciation Bill.

A Bill intituled "An Act for carrying into Execution a Resolve of Congress of the twentieth of March last, and for repealing certain Clauses of an Act made in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy Six intituled An Act to prevent forging and altering Bills of Public Credit and for preventing the Depreciation thereof, and for making the Bills of Credit of the United Colonies and the Bills of this Government a Tender in all Payments, and for

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establishing a Rule of Depreciation.

Read a second time & considered & Orderd That the further consideration thereof be refered to 9 ° Clock to morrow morning.

Stoughton &c An Engrossed Bill intituled "An Act to set off a part of the Town of Stoughton and annexing it to the Town of Stoughtonham.
Read & passed to be Enacted.

Jno Starbird. The Committee on the Petition of John Starbird reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Suplies for the Army.
Orderd. That Col Freeman & Col Tyler be added to the Committee to whom was refered the Report of the Committee of both Houses respecting Supplies for ye Army.

Jno Langdon & others.
The Petition of Capt John Langdon & others. which was read ye 19. June last.
Read again and committed to Mr Walley. Col Dawes & Col Freeman. who were directed to consider the matter at large.

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G Wilder & others

The Committee on the Petition of Gardner Wilder & others reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Afternoon.

Horses.

The House passed a Resolve directing the Committee at Springfield & the Agents appointed to receive Horses, to sell all the Horses under their care which are unfit for Service.

Sent up for Concurrence.

J Waters Jr.

The Committee on the Petition of Josiah Waters Jun. reported a Resolve permitting Nathan Utley Attorney to the Petitioner to come from Nova Scotia in a Small Vessel and bring with him his Effects.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Mt Washington

Orderd. That Mr Henshaw be of the Committee on the Petition from Mount Washington. in ye room of Col Davis. who is absent.

Jno Long.

A Petition of John Long in behalf of the Town of Shelburne praying that one man may be abated from the number of Men required from that Town for Six Months.

Read & committed to Capt Perry of Easton Maj. Thompson and Mr Smead.

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Jas Bowdoin & others.

A memorial of the Hon James Bowdoin Esq^r & others a Committee of the Overseers of Harvard College praying for such a Grant to the Rev Samuel Langdon late President of Harvard College as will be adequate to his Services & Expenses.

Read & committed to Col Baldwin Col Coffin & Mr Lombard.

T Melvill & others.

Orderd That Gen^l Titcomb be of ye Committee on the Petition of Thos Melvill & others in ye room of Mr Greenleaf, Absent.

Greenwich

A Petition of the Selectmen & Committee of Greenwich praying that the Men belonging to that Town who have Enlisted into the Continental Army. may be considered in future Draughts, and that the Executions orderd to be sent against their Collectors may be postponed

Read & committed to Gen Farley Mr Freeman of Eastham & Mr Smith.

Fee. Bill

Orderd That Mr Gorham Maj Osgood Col Baldwin Col Leonard & Capt Wales be a Committee to revise the Fee Bill and report what alterations are proper to be made therein.

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Jere Moulton. The Committee on the Petition of the Administrator of the Estate of Jeremiah Moulton late of York. deceased, reported.

Read & Accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Soldiers Guns. Orderd. That Mr Brown of Framingham Col Mitchel & Mr Cowden be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done for the Benefit of those Soldiers who left their Guns in Camp. and to enquire if any Letter has been written to Congress on the subject. & if so whether any answer has been received.

Wm. Baker. The Committee on the Petition of William Baker reported a Resolve for paying him Fifteen Hundred Pounds for his Services for one quarter of a year commencing the 20. August last.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Col Cargill. Orderd. That Maj^r Washburn be of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Hon^{le} Board on the subject of the Resolve on Col Cargills Petition in ye room of Maj^r Davis who is absent.

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Westfield. Col Dawes was sent to the Hon^{le} Major Part of the Council to desire that they would. order the Secretary to lay upon the Table the Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of the Town of Westfield if they had not consented to the same.

Dan^l Searl. A Petition of David Searl of South Hampton eldest Son & Administrator of Josiah Searl late of that Town deceased.
Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the Sale of Lands.

Congress. A Message was sent to the Hon^l Board to inform them that the House proposed on Thursday next at 11^o Clock in the forenoon to come to the choice of Seven Gentlemen to represent this State in Congres from the 1st Jan. next to ye 1st Nov then next following.

Whereupon.,

Abraham Fuller Esqr came down and informed the House that the Hon^{le} Board agreed to their proposal.

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Col Cargill. The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Hon^{le} Board on the subject of the Resolve which passed the House on the Petition of Col Cargill. which was nonconcurrent by the Board reported as their opinion, that it remain as it is. non concurred.

Orderd. That the Secretary lay the same upon the Table.

Forged Orders on Treasury.

It being represented to the House that some Persons had received Depreciation Notes out of the Treasury by means of Orders that were forged. Orderd That Capt Mattoon Mr Walley and Mr Williston be a Committee to enquire into the matter. and if they find it so to report what is proper to be done.

The House then adjourned to 9 ° Clock to morrow morning.

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- Wilmington. A Petition of the Selectmen of Wilmington praying an allowance of their account for supporting Sam^l. Wilson.
Read & committed to Mr Nichols Capt Dench & Capt Amy.
- Col Cargill. The Secretary laid upon the Table the Petition of Col Cargill, & Papers respecting ye same.
Orderd. That they be committed to Mr Drew Mr Nichols and Maj^r Hosmer.
- Westfield. The Secretary laid upon the Table the Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of the Town of Westfield. and the House reconsiderd these Vote of concurrence thereof. & orderd that it lie on the Files.
- Isaac Spear & others.
The House concurred the Vote of Council on the Petition of Isaac Spear & others & appointed Mr Cranch and Mr Cushing on the Part of the House.
- Thos Foster. A Petition of Thomas Foster Keeper of the Powder - House in Boston, praying an allowance for his Services.
Read & committed to Gen^l Titcomb Mr Phelps & Mr Rowe.

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Natick. Orderd. That the Bills for Incorporating Natick be Committed to Mr Foster Mr Ward of new Marlborough & Gen^l Farley. and that they hear any of the Inhabitants thereof on the subject and receive any Papers they may offer.

M Kempton. The Committee on the Petition of Major Manasseh Kempton, reported a Resolve directing the Committee on Pay Rolls to make up a Roll of his Service & pass upon ye same.

 Reads & passed.

 Sent up for Concurrence.

J Rowe. Orderd. That Mr Webster Capt Bancraft and Mr Lombard, be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done relative to advancing a Sum of Money to one Jacob Rowe, a Continental Soldier belonging to the Town of Haverhill, to enable him to proceed to Head Quarters.

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Samuel Baker Esqr bro^t down the following Vote of Council with the Papers to which it relates. viz

Rob^t Wheaton. In Council Sept 20. 1780. Read & thereupon Resolved That Thomas Durfee Esq^r with such as the Hon^{bl} House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition of Robert Wheaton and the answer thereto, to hear the Parties who are present and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred and Major Thompson and Col Easton are joined.

Wm Peabody. Nathan Cushing Esq^r bro^t down the following Vote of Council with the Papers to which it relates, viz.

In Council Sept 20. 1780 Read & orderd That Eleazer Brooks Esqr^s [?] with such as the Hon^{bl} House shall join. be a Committee to take into consideration the Petition of

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Wm. Peabody. William Peabody to hear the Parties who are present, and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Mr Cranch & Mr Hastings are joined.

Depreciation Bill.

The House took into consideration the Depreciation Bill and on motion that the words. "and shall be discharged in the present current Bills at the Rate of Forty dollars for evry Six shillings lawful money and all Judgments hereafter to be made upon any Contract for the payment of money, excepting Contracts made since the 20th of May 1775. where Gold and Silver was expresly contracted to be paid, shall be discharged in Bills of Credit of the United States now in circulation or in Bills to be emitted by Congress on the Credit of this State or in Gold or Silver at the Rate of one dollar for Forty of the present Currency" in the second enacting Clause, should be expunged. the question after full debate thereon was put, & it passed in the Affirmative Fifty five Members voting in favour of it out of one Hundred & four, the number present.

The House then put off the further consideration of the Bill, to 9 ° Clock to morrow morning.

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Wm Symmes & others.

Nathan Cushing Esqr brought down the following Vote of Council, with the Papers to which it relates, viz.

In Council Sept 20th. 1780. Read and Orderd! That Samuel Baker Esqr with such as the Hon^{le} House shall join, be a Committee to take into consideration the Petition of William Symmes & others, to hear the Parties who are present & to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred. & Col Prescott & Mr Hastings are joined.

Afternoon.

Limerick

The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of a Plantation called Limerick ent^d. ye 12th current Reported.

Read and not accepted, & thereupon Voted.

That the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Grants to Civil Officers.

Orderd That Mr Walley Mr Bacon & Mr Sexton be a Committee to lay before the House a State of the Grants made to the Civil Officers of Government the Year past, and report what additional sums are proper to be granted to them as a Compensation for their Services.

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D Morse & others.

A Petition of Daniel Morse and others [unreadable] Committee of the Town of Natick, praying that a Fine set on that Town for not raising the complement of Men required of them. may be remitted.

Read & committed to Capt Ward Col Coffin & Mr Perry of Medfield.

Little Falls.

The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Plantation called Little Falls. in the County of York, reported.

Read & orderd to lie on the Files.

Property of the State.

Orderd That Brig^r Preble Col Chadbourn & Col Little be a Committee to devise means whereby the Property of the State in the Eastern Part of the State may be secured.

Dean Tyler.

A Petition of Dean Tyler of Haverhill Brother & Attorney to Jonathan Tyler of Rowley.

Read & committed to Gen^l Farley Mr Singletary & Col Dawes.

J Kellog.

The Committee on the Petition of Jesse Kellog reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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Troops at the Castle.

A Pay Roll of the Troops doing duty at the Castle was committed to Gen^l Titcomb Col Prescott & Maj^r Davis of Oxford. who were directed to consider what is proper to be done respecting their being Taxed for their Polls.

Jno Burbeck & an.

A Petition of John Burbeck & Joshua Bently Officers in the Labratory, praying that the amount of their Rations may be made up in Money, & also that the Depreciation of their Wages may be made good.

Read & committed to Mr Sergeant Capt Mattoon & Mr Locke.

D Corning.

A Petition of David Corning praying for leave to bring a quantity of dry Fish from Nova Scotia.

Read & committed to Mr Bacon Mr Parker & Col Thorndike.

Absentees Estates.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Committee for taking up Money on the Estates of Absentees reported as their opinion

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Absentees Estates.

“That the accounts of said Committee are regular and proper, and that it will be for the Interest of the State, that the Committee should proceed on that Business taking care however not to take up Money on such Estates which it will be for the Interest of the State immediately to dispose of.”

The Report was accepted by the House.

The House then adjourn.d to 9 ° Clock to morrow morning.

Thursday Sept 21. 1780

Jonas White. Voted. That Jonas White have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Jona Rice. A Petition of Jonathan Rice praying that some Order may be passed whereby that part of the Taxes laid on the Town of Sudbury, which should be paid by East Sudbury, might be collected.

Read & committed to Mr Nichols Mr Brown of Framingham & Mr Smith.

Army. Orderd. That Mr Smith Mr Harnden of Wilmington and Capt Cowden be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done relative to paying mileage to the six months and three months men & also ye mode of payment for Blankets Shirts Shoes & Stockings.

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Certain Indians. A Petition of Hannah Mhuttawampu and Elisabeth Sautosquoth the former the Widow & the latter the only Daughter and Heir of Johannis Mhuttawampu praying for liberty to sell certain Lands.

Read & committed to Mr Bacon Col Brown & Maj^r Thompson.

Abel Whitney, Josiah Ball.

A Petition of Abel Whitney a Pensioner, & another of Josiah Ball, both read & committed to the Committee on similar Petitions, viz Col Dawes Capt Wales and Capt Ward.

Dean Tyler. Orderd. That Col Hutchinson be of the Committee on the Petition of Dean Tyler in the room of Gen Farley excused,

Sam^l Haden. Daniel Davis Esqr brot down the Petition of Samuel Haden with the following Vote of Council thereon. viz.

In Council Sept 21. 1780.

Read & orderd That Samuel Niles and Eleazer Brooks Esqr with such as the Hon^e House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition of Samuel Haden, hear the Parties who are present & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Capt Brown of Watertown Mr Dix & Mr Henshaw are joined.

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Geo Williams & an -

Orderd. That the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of George Williams & Jonathan Peel be recommitted, & that Mr Rowe be of the Committee in the room of Mr Greenleaf who is absent.

Orderd. That Mr Ellis be of the Committee on Grants in the room of Mr Walley excused.

Spencer.

An Account of the Selectmen of Spencer for supplying William Manning & Family.
Read & committed to Col Orne Maj^r Goodman and Mr Locke.

N McEntire

A Petition of Noah McEntire of Charlton representing that he had been put to charge in Doctoring & Nursing his Son who was a Soldier & who was taken Sick & Died & praying Relief.
Read & committed to Mr Davis of Dudley Mr Curtis & Doct Hawes.

Wm Peabody.

Samuel Niles Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of William Peabody viz. "That in consequence of the mutual Agreement of the Parties the Affair be referrd to the next General Assembly of this State.

In Council Sept 21. 1780. Read & accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Orderd to lie on ye Files.

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Phineas Walker. A Petition of Phineas Walker of Rutland Guardian to Barzilla Miles a Minor Son of Benjamin Miles dec^d.

Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the sale of Lands.

Hancock. Orderd That Col Easton be of the Committee on the Petition of the Town of Hancock, in ye room of Capt Hand excused.

Wm Young. A Petition of William Young of Worcester praying a Grant of such a Sum as will enable him to pay the Goal Keeper at Worcester for keeping certain Prisoners.

Read & committed to Mr Child Mr Fessenden & Col Dogget.

Jona Rice & an. A similar Petition of Jonathan Rice & Joshua Whitney.

Read & committed to the same Committee.

Walter Spooner A Letter sign.d Walter Spooner. directed to the Muster Master for the County of Plymouth, and a Deposition of Capt Charles Church accompanying ye same.

Read & committed to Mr Small Mr Fessenden and Capt Perry.

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Congress. Col Dawes was sent with a Message to inform them that the House propose to put off the choice of Delegates to represent this State in Congress to 11 ° Clock to morrow morning. Whereupon John Pitts Esqr came down & informed the House that the Board agreed to their proposal.

Continental Army. Orderd That Col White Capt Bancroft Col Thatcher Mr Crane & Col Orne be a Committee to devise the best measures for filling up this States Quota of the Continental Army.

Depreciation Bill. The House put of the further consideration of the Depreciation Bill to 3 ° Clock in the afternoon.

Jas Warren & an. A Petition of James Warren Esqr & Joshua Thomas Agents for the Town of Plymouth, praying that that Town may be empowered to Choose a Collector or Collectors of Taxes.
Read & thereupon Orderd. That Capt Brooks bring in a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

E Bartlet. A Petition of Elizabeth Bartlet of New Braintree Wife of Joshua Bartlet a Continental Soldier. engaged for the Town of Leveret, complaining that the Town last mentioned neglects to provide for her & her Family & praying the consideration of the Court.
Read & committed to Mr Lombard Maj^r Bowman and Mr Tod.

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Cape Elizabeth A Petition of the Selectmen of Cape Elizabeth. Received & committed to Col
Hutchinson Maj^r Perly & Gen^l Farly.

Jos Snelling. A Petition of Joseph Snelling of Boston praying that the Attorney General may
be directed to stop any further Process against the Estate therein mentioned which was
the property of their Father, & decended to him & his Sisters.
Read & committed to Col Prescot Mr Sedgwicks and Mr Burrel.

Council. Benjamin Austin Esqr bro^t down a Report of the Committee to whom was
referred the Message from the Hon^l Maj^r Part of the Council. So far as that Message
related to the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the French Admiral &
General at Rhode Island. viz. "That in the opinion of the Committee it will not be
expedient at present for this State to undertake to furnish the supplies for the French
Army & Navy at the Prices or upon the conditions they have proposed. The Committee
further report the draft of a Letter to Monsieur Farle the

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Intendant of the French army upon the subject”

In Council Sept 21. 1780. Read & Accepted & Orderd That the President of the Council be and hereby is requested to sign the Letter to Mons Farle in the name & behalf of the Assembly.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Taxes.

The Committee appointed to enquire what Town had neglected to make Returns of the Warrants for Taxes, reported

Read & recommitted and the Committee were directed to bring in a Resolve requiring the Treasurer to pursue the steps of the Law.

Salt.

Samuel Baker Esq^r bro^t down a Resolve for furnishing the Army with a quantity of Salt to be sent to Claverad [?] which Resolve was reported by the Committee on the Message from the Hon^{bl} Part of the Council.

In Council Sept 21. 1780.

Read and Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

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Isac: Spear & others.

Edward Cutt Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses to whom was committed the Petition of Isaac Spear & others praying for a confirmation of an Agreement by them signd executed & Recorded in the Probate Office in the County of Suffolk. viz. "That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill for that purpose".

In Council Sept 21. 1780.

Read & accepted

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Tax.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Tax Bill, reported a Bill intituled "An Act for apportioning and assesing a a Tax of Five million six Hundred and one Thousand and twenty five Pounds six shillings and seven pence upon the several Towns and other Places in this State hereinafter named for defraying the Public Charges and for carrying into execution the Resolves of Congress of the 18. March 1780.

Read a first time, & Orderd to be read again at 9 ° Clock to morrow morning.

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Certain Indians. The Committee on the Petition of Hannah Mhuttawampu and Elizabeth Sautosquoth reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Read and passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

D Corning. The Committee on the Petition of David Corning reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Afternoon.

J Ball. The Committee on the Petition of Josiah Ball reported a Resolve intitling him to one third pay to commence from ye 6. Jan. 1778.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Abel Whitney. The Committee on the Petition of Abel Whitney. reported a Resolve intitling him to one third pay as a Soldier to commence from Aug. 12. 1777.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Depreciation Bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the Depreciation Bill and. Orderd. That ye further consideration thereof be refered to 10^o Clock to morrow morning.

The House Adjourned to Eight^o, Clock to morrow morning.

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Gawen Brown. The Committee on the Petition of Gawen Brown reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Jno Holker. Joseph Dorr Esqr brought down the Petition of John Holker with the following vote of Council thereon viz.
In Council Sept 22. 1780. Read and Orderd That Walter Spooner and Moses Gill Esqr with such as the Hon^{le} House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition to hear the Parties who are present and report what may be proper to be done thereon.
Sent down for Concurrence.
Read & concurred & Col Orne Mr Drew & Mr Henshaw are joined.

Col. Cargill. The Committee on the Petition of Col Cargill. Reported. Read & considerd. and on motion. Voted. That the Sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds in State Notes be granted to him. & Orderd, That the Report be recommitted for amendment.

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Jas Warren. The Committee on the Petition of James Warren Agent for the Town of Plymouth reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.
Read and passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Delegates in Congress.

A Message was sent to the Hon^l Board by Maj^r Washburne to inform them that the House was ready agreeably to the Order of the day to come to the choice of Delegates to represent this State in Congress. Whereupon Nathan Cushing Esqr came down & informed the House that the Board were ready likewise.

Col Orne Maj^r Osgood & Capt Ward were then appointed to collect ye Votes of ye House. who having carried up the same reported That the following Gentlemen were chosen. viz

Hon. Samuel Adams Esqr Hon Artemas Ward Esqr Hon Elbridge Gerry Esqr Hon Sam^l Holten Esqr Hon^l James Lovell Esqr Hon George Partridge Esqr & Caleb Strong Esqr.

Lanesborough. Orderd. That Mr Hastings Mr Pickering and Mr Starkweather be a Committee to enquire into the Tax set on the Town of Lanesborough and report what is proper to be done respecting ye same

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Taxes. The Committee appointed to enquire into the State of the Returns of Warrants for Taxes issued from the Treasurers Office, reported a Resolve directing him to proceed with delinquent Towns & Plantations according to Laws made & provided for their neglect.

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence.

Gideon Foster. A Petition of Gideon Foster of Andover praying that he may be Licensed to keep a House of Public Entertainment.

Read & thereupon. Orderd. That Mr Phillips bring in a Resolve granting ye Prayer thereof.

Rob^t. Wheaton. Eleazer Brooks Esq^r bro^t down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Robert Wheaton. viz.

“That the Petition be dismissed”

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Read and accepted.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Israel Barney. The Committee on the Account of Israel Barney reported a Resolve for Payment of ye same.

Read and not accepted.

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Gun Powder. Orderd That Mr Rowe Mr Cranch & Mr Lovell be a Committee to revise the Laws respecting Gun Powder. & report what further Provision is necessary to be made to prevent the storing A in improper places.

Afternoon.

Israel Barney. The House reconsider.d their vote on the Account of Israel Barney & Orderd That it be recommitted to Mr Crane Mr Singletary & Mr Bacon.

Embargo. Orderd That Mr Pickering bring in a Resolve for repealing the Resolve laying an Embargo on Vessels.

Army. Solo Southwick

Samuel Holten Esq^r bro^t down a Memorial of the Field - Officers Commanding Regiments of the Three Months Militia now station.d at Butts Hill in Rede Island. with a Letter from Solomon Southwick accompanying the same.

Read & committed to Mr Dench Mr Curtis & Capt Houes.

Embargo. Mr. Pickering according to order reported a Resolve for repealing the Resolve of the 15. June last laying an Embargo on Vessels.

Read and passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Friday Sept 22. 1780

Mileage. The Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done with respect to paying mileage. reported a Resolve empowering the Committee on Accounts to pay Selectmens Account for the same.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The House then Adj^d to 8 ° Clock to morrow morning.

Saturday Sept 23. 1780

Gideon Foster. Mr Phillips agreeable to order bro^t in a Resolve granting the Prayer of the Petition of Gideon Foster.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Theo Sedgwick. The Committee on the Memorial of Theodore Sedgwick and others managers of a Lottery for repairing the Road through the Green Woods. Reported That no alteration be made in the Act for granting the said Lottery.

The Report was accepted. & the House assigned Monday next for the choice of three Managers in the room of the three who decline serving.

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Army in R. Island.

The Committee on the Memorial of the Field Officers of the Three Months Militia at Rhode Island. reported a Resolve for paying to Mr Devens the Commissary General the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds in New Money to be laid out in Flour for the use of said Militia and directing him to send forward said Flour when procured as soon as may be.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Gen Washington.

Moses Gill Esqr brought down a Report of the Committee to whom General Washingtons Letter respecting the Salt Beef lately Captured & bro^t into this State, being the Draught of a Letter in answer thereto.

In Council Sept 23. 1780. Read & accepted and thereupon Orderd. That the President of the Council be & hereby in requested to Sign the same in the name and behalf of the General Court.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & Concurred.

Beef Rum & Salt for the Army.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve for collecting Beef Rum & Salt, from the several Towns. laid the draught of a Resolve upon the Table, which was considered by the House.

Saturday Sept 23. 1780

Guards at Rutland.

Orderd That Col Gerrish Capt Mattoon & Mr Fessenden be a Committee to consider the situation of the Guards at Rutland and report what measures are proper to be taken for continuing Guards there.

The House then adjourned to Monday next at 10^o Clock in the forenoon.

Monday Sept 25. 1780.

Jno Cox. The Petition of John Cox. praying for leave to go to his Farm in Nova Scotia.
Read & recivd [?] & committed to Mr Hastings Mr Harding & Capt Russel.

Jane Jones. A Petition of Jane Jones. praying for leave to go to New York.
Read & committed to Mr Walley Col Chadbourne & Mr Balch.

Jona Titcomb. A Petition of Jonathan Titcomb of Newbury Port.
Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the sale of Lands.

Freetown. Orderd That Mr Perry & Mr Singletary be of ye Committee on the Petition from
Freetown & other Petitions committed to ye same Committee in ye room of Mr
Greenleaf & Mr Farmer who are absent.

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Jona Rice. The Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Rice reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Jona Bagly & an.

A Petition of Jonathan Bagly & Moses Little Agents for the Proprietors of Bakerstown in ye County of Cumberland praying that a Committee or Surveyor may be appointed to run the length of New Glouster Line & other Lines therein pointed out.

Read & committed to Brig^r Preble Col Prescott and Col Gerrish.

Col North. Orderd That Capt Howes and Mr Russel be of the Committee on the Petition of Col North and the Memorial of the Board of War, in the room of two Gentlemen who are absent.

E Shelden. A Petition of Ephraim Shelden of Woolwich a Prisoner in Boston Goal. praying that he may be liberated.

Read & committed to Capt Bragdon Mr Foster and Mr Lombard.

Monday Sept 25. 1780.

- Brookfield. A Petition of the Selectmen of Brookfield praying that six Men who had Enlisted into the Army to serve during the War, may be reconed as part of their propotion of the Men called for in June last to serve for Six Months.
Read & committed to Mr Bacon Capt Mighill & Col Tyler.
- Gen. Heath. John Pitts Esqr bro^t down a Letter from Gen Heath dated New Port Sept 22. 1780.
Read & committed for consideration to Maj Davis & Gen^l Titcomb with such as ye Hon^l Board shall join.
Sent up for Concurrence.
- Jno Rice. A Petition of John Rice praying that the depreciation of his Wages may be made good.
Read & committed to Col Dawes Capt Mattoon and Col Gerrish.
- Capt Hartwell. The Petition of Capt Hartwell which was read the 24. April last. Revivd [?] & committed Maj^r Ely Capt Cowden & Mr Mason.
- Jno Turner. A Petition of John Turner in behalf of the Town of Pembroke, praying that the choice of Gersham Ramsdell as a Collector of Taxes, may be confirmed.

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Jno Turner. Read & thereupon Orderd. That Mr Turner bring in a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

R Hunniwell. The Committee on the Petition of Roger Hunniwell reported a Resolve for Paying him One Hundred Pounds in full for his Pension to the 5. August last.
Read and passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Sam^l Osgood. A Petition of Samuel Osgood submitting to the determination of the Court, the equity of Taxing his Powder Mill at Stoughton.
Read & committed to Col Dawes Mr Bacon and Maj^r Washburn,

Rehoboth. The Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of the second Parrish in Rehoboth, reported a Resolve for exempting the Lands therein mentioned from Taxes.
Read & passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Boston. A Representation of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, & Safety of the Town of Boston, respecting sundry, Persons who had lately come into that Town from Europe.
Read & committed to Mr Davis of Boston Col Freeman, Mr Henshaw, Maj^r Washburn, & Gen^l Titcomb.

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Powder. Ordered. That Col Dawes Mr Rowe & Capt Wales be a Committee to enquire what quantity of Powder there is in the several Magazines & what is the situation of the Powder - Mills in this State.

Phineas Walker. The Committee on the Petitions for the Sale of Lands reported a Resolve, on the Petition of Phinehas Walker.
Read and passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Abijah Kendall. Samuel Baker Esqr bro^t down a Petition of Abijah Kendall with the following vote of Council thereon. viz.
In Council Sept 25. 1780. Read & thereupon. Orderd. That Moses Gill Esqr with such as the Hon^r House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon.
Sent down for Concurrence.
Read & concurred & Mr Foster & Mr Fessenden are joined.

Militia. A Memorial of the Field Officers of the Fith Regiment of Militia. in the County of Middlesex.
Read & committed to the Committee appointed to bring in an Establishment for the Militia.

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Tax. A Bill intituled An Act for apportioning and assesing a Tax of Five Million Six Hundred and One Thousand and twenty five Pounds six shillings & seven pence upon the several Towns and other Places in this State hear after named for defraying the Public Charges and for carrying into Execution the Resolves of Congress of the 18. March 1780.

Read a second time & committed to Mr Foster Col Orne and Col Gloover.

Brookfield. The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Brookfield. Reported. Agreeable whereto voted. That they have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Afternoon.

Jno Lee. Ordered. That the Memorial of John Lee be committed to the Committee on Petitions for the Sale of Lands.

Mary Smart. A Petition of Mary Smart praying for liberty to go to New York.
Read & committed to the Committee on the Petition of Jane Jones.

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Belchertown. The member from Belchertown represented to the House that there was a mistake in the number of Poles set to said Town. whereupon Orderd, That Capt Stone Capt Brooks & Mr Goodell be a Committee to consider the matter & report what is proper to be done.

Hancock. Orderd That Mr Singletary be of the Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Hancock, in the room of Capt Barnes, who is absent.

Gov Trumbull. Daniel Davis Esq^r bro^t down a draught of a Letter to his Excellency Governor Trumbull, reported by the Committee of both Houses on the Message.
In Council Sept 25. 1780.
Read & accepted & thereupon Orderd. That the President of the Council be and he hereby is requested to sign said Letter in the name and behalf of the General Assembly.
Sent down for Concurrence.

Supplies The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve for procuring Supplies of Beef for the Army. having compleated the same agreeably to the order of the House.
Reported.
Read and Accepted.
Sent up for Concurrence.

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Depreciation Bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the Depreciation Bill. On Motion that the following words be expunged viz. "the justices of the Superior Court of Judicature &c. and the Justices of the several Inferior - Courts, be & hereby are empowered and directed respectively in all and evry such case that shall come before them, to give Judgment thereon for the nominal Sum of the present Current money of the United States, or a Sum equal thereto. in the Bills of Credits to be emitted on the Credit of the United States. in case the Tender was made previous to the First day of January 1777. or at any time to Executors Administrators, Agents, Attornies, or to any other Persons acting in trust." The question was put and it passed in the Negative, twenty five Members only voting in favour of it, out of seventy five. the number present.

The House then Adjourned to 9 ° Clock to morrow morning.

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Wm. Hawes. A Petition of William Hawes of Boston, Captain of a Company of Artillery Artificers in Service of the Continent praying an Allowance on Account of Depreciation.
Read & committed to Mr Fessenden. Mr Williston. and Mr Wetmore.

Fees &c. A Bill intituled "An Act for further augmenting certain Fees, Allowances, and Penalties established by Law of this State, and for enlarging the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace".
Read a first time & Orderd to be read again at 9 °Clock to morrow Morning.

Jabez Hatch. An Application of Jabez Hatch lately appointed Deputy Quarter Master General, for the Loan of a Sum of Money.
Read & committed to Mr Pickering Col Orne & Col Gerrish.

Depreciations Bill.

The House "proceeded to the consideration of the Depreciation Bill.
On the following Paragraph viz. "Whereas sundry Persons disaffected to the United States & some others who have been lost to Virtue and the general good of said States have utterly refused taking the Bills of Credit of the United States for their Debts notwithstanding legal Tenders have been made for discharging the same whereby

whereby Debtors in many cases may be subjected to great Injustice if no Provision is made for their Relief.

Depreciation Bill.

“Be it therefore enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that where any Person has made a Tender in Bills of Credit of this or the United States for the discharge of any Debt, and the Creditor has refused to receive the same, and shall hereafter bring his [?] Action for said Debt, in all such cases the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, and the Justices of the several Inferior Courts be, and they hereby are, empowered and directed, respectively in all and evry such case that shall come before them to give Judgement thereon, for the nominal Sum of the present current Money of the United States, or a Sum equal thereto in the Bills of Credit to be emitted on the Credit of the United States, in case the Tender was made previous to the First day of January 1777, but in case the Tender was made at any time since the First day of January 1777. or at any time to Executors, Administrators, Agents, Attornies, or to any other Persons acting in trust, the Justices of the Court before whom such case may be, shall direct the same to be heard and finally determined by reference thereof to indifferent Persons, mutually chosen by the contending Parties, and in case they or their Attornies shall neglect or refuse to appoint such Refferees, the said Justices are authorized to appoint three indiferent Persons, Freeholders, within the County when such cause shall be Tried, which said Refferees so chosen or appointed shall hear and finally determine such cause as to them shall appear Just and equitable, takeing into consideration all the circumstances thereof”.

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the question was put and it passed in the Affirmative by a Majority of thirty nine Members out of sixty eight.

Orderd, That the three last Paragraphs of the Bill be committed to Col Freeman, Col Baldwin & Gen^l Warren.

Co Treasurers. The Committee on the County Treasurers Accounts, reported a Resolve, on the account of the Treasurer of Plymouth.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tax Bill. The Committee to whom the Tax Bill was committed reported an amendment, which was agreed to.

The House then assign.d 9^o Clock to morrow morning for a third reading of the Bill.

Jabez Hatch. The Committee on the application of Jabez Hatch Esqr. reported a Resolve recommending to the Continental Commissioner of Loans in this State to advance & pay to him One Thousand Dollars of ye New Currency.

Read & passed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

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T. Tolman. Ordered That Capt Brooks be of ye Committee on ye Petition of Mr Tolman in ye room of Brig^r Frost who is absent.

Wm Gordon. Thomas Durfee Esqr brot down a Letter signed William Gordon dated Dartmouth Sept. 21. 1780. directed to the Hon^{bl} Walter Spooner Esqr. Boston. Read & thereupon Orderd. That Mr Starkweather and Col Orne with such as ye Hon^r Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence.

A Sheppard & others.

Joseph Dorr Esq^r brought down the Petition of Alexander Sheppard & others in behalf of the Town of Newton with the following Vote of Council thereon viz. In Council Sept. 26. 1780. Read & revived and Orderd. That Samuel Baker and Aaron Wood Esq^r^s with such as the Hon^r House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read & concurred & Capt Stone Col Bagley and Maj^r Thompson are joined.

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- Militia R Island. Orderd That Col Gerrish be of the Committee on the Memorial of the Field Officers of the three Months Militia at Rhode Island, in the room of Mr Dench, absent.
- Cotton Tufts. The Committee on the Petition of Cotton Tufts reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.
 Read & passed.
 Sent up for Concurrence.
- Eliz Bartlett. Agreeably to a Report of the Committee on the Petition of Elisabeth Bartlett. Voted That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw her Petition.
- New Money. Orderd. That Mr Pickering be of the Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done respecting the Interest of the New Money, in ye room of Mr Gorham who is absent.
- Gun Powder. Orderd That Col Dawes be of ye Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done relative to Storing Gun Powder in ye room of Mr Lowell who is absent.
- Vermont. Orderd That Col Orne & Maj^r Osgood be of ye Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done respecting the State of Vermont, in the room of Mr Lowell & Mr Sedgwick who are absent.

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Sam Ruggles. The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Ruggles reported.
Read & considerd & orderd that ye further consideration be refered to the afternoon.

Afternoon.

T. J. Greenwood.

A Petition of Thomas Jackson Greenwood of Newton praying that he may be permitted to take the name of Alexander Shepard.

Read & committed to Mr Parker Maj' Osgood and Mr Dix.

Sam^l Hand.

A Petition of Samuel Hand praying that a Fine of £1800. laid on the Town of Hancock may be remitted. Read & committed to the Committee on the Petition from the Town of Hancock.

Phineas Parker.

A Petition of Phineas Parker, a Captain in Col Jeduthan Baldwins Regiment for himself and Ten other Officers of said Regiment praying that some measures may be taken whereby they may be supplied with Cloathing.

Read & committed to Col Hutchinson Mr Fairbanks and Capt Mattoon.

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- J Traversey. A Petition of Joseph Traversy a French Captain in the Continental Service.
Read & committed to Col Easton Mr Davis of Dudley and Mr Beaman.
- Thomas Tracy. The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Tracy reported a Resolve permitting
his wife to go to New York.
Read and passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.
- C Phillips. & an. A Petition of Caleb Phillips & Timothy Rockwood Executors to the last will and
Testament of Esther Rockwood formerly of Medway deceased.
Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the sale of Lands.
- Geo Seal. A Petition of George Seal of Newbury Port in behalf of the Owners of the Ship
Hunter. praying that said Ship may be Cleared out with a Load of Masts & Spars.

Read & committed to Capt Fry Capt Jud & Mr Sexton.

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J. Gardner. Eleazer Brooks Esq, bro't down the Petition of John Gardner & others, with the following vote of Council thereon, viz: - In Council Sept. 26. 1780.

Read & ordered that Joseph Dorr Esq, with such as the Hon. House shall appoint, be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition, to hear the parties & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read & concurred & Mr. Fairbanks & Mr Whitney are joined.

Jno. Rice The Committee on the Petition of John Rice reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof. Read & Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

E. Gerry. Ordered that Mr Drew & Col. Baldwin be of ye Committee on ye letter of Mr. Gerry in ye room of Major Goodman of Mr. Lovell, who are absent.

Sent up for concurrence.

Joshua Mercereau.

Samuel Baker Esq, bro't down a Representation of Joshua Mercereau, D. C. G. of Prisoners, respecting the Department at Rutland.

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Convention. The Committee to whom was committed the Report of the Committee of both Houses, respecting the 12th & 13th of the Resolutions of the Convention, held at Boston the third of August last, reported a new draft.

Read and considered and Ordered that the further consideration thereof be referred to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Wm. Gordon. Jabez Fisher Esq. bro't down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the letter of William Gordon, to the Hon. Walter Spooner Esq, viz: -

“That said letter be laid upon file for further information.”

In Council Sept 26, 1780.

Read & Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Castle & Goves Island.

Ordered that Capt. Wales, Col Hutchinson & Genl. Preble Mr Davis & Col. Glover be a Committee to take into consideration the state of the Garrison at the Castle & on Governors Island & report what is proper to be done. - Also to consider what is proper to be done with the ammunition

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and useless Cannon there.

Troops at R. Island.

The House passed a Resolve for paying four thousand pounds, old currency to Major John May to enable him to procure Fuel for the Troops doing duty at Rhode Island.

Sent up for concurrence.

Gov. Greene. Eleazer Brooks Esq, bro't down a letter from His Excellency, Governor Greene, dated New Port, Sept. 26. 1780, respecting the case of Martin Benson, and the conduct of Nehemiah Buffinton towards him with ye full vote of Council thereon, viz: -

In Council, Sept. 26. 1780, Read & thereupon Ordered that Moses Gill Esq, with such as the Hon. Board shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this letter, together with the papers accompanying the same, & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read & concurred, & Col Orne, & Col. Baldwin are joined.

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T. Chase. Ordered that Mr. Rowe, Col. Dawes & Mr Walley be a Committee to liquidate the account of Thomas Chase, D. Q. M. G.

New Money. Ordered that Mr. Crane & Mr. Bacon be of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of exchanging the new money, in the room of Mr Sedgewick & Major Goodman, who are absent.

The House then adjourned to 8 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

153. Wednesday, September 27. 1780.

Tax Bill.

A Bill intituled "an Act for apportioning and assessing a Tax of five millions, six hundred and one thousand and twenty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, upon the several towns and other places in this State hereinafter named, for defraying the public charges, & for carrying into execution the Resolves of Congress, of the 18th. of March 1780, -

Read a third time & passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence by Brigadr. Preble, Col. Orne, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Austin, Col. Chadbourne.

Eldridge. Hall. Ordered that Col. Grow be of ye Committee on the Petition of Mr. Eldridge & Mr. Hall, in ye room of Capt Ward, who is absent.

Sent up for concurrence.

Gen Heath.

Samuel Barker Esqr, bro't down a Report of the Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred the letter from General Heath of the 22nd. Sept. inst., determining what Regiments of Militia he should call upon, in case he should have occasion for any further Draughts. In Council Sept. 27. 1780, Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Read & concurred with an amendment. Sent up

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for concurrence.

Sieur Frederic Ordered that Capt Varnum & Mr Fairbanks be a Committee, on the Petition of Frederic, a French Chaplain, in ye room of Major Goodman & Col Pope, who are absent.

Mileage Ordered that Col. Chadbourne, Col. Baldwin, & Major Osgood be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done to carry into effect the Resolve which passed the other day for the payment of mileage.

Wilmington Ordered that Capt. Perry be of ye Committee on ye Petition of ye Selectmen of Wilmington in the room of Capt Ancy [?] who is absent.

Jno. Hopkins. A Petition of John Hopkins praying that the depreciation of his wages, as Assistant Deputy Qu. M. General, and as Dep. Com. Gen. Pris., may be made good to him -

Read and committed to Mr Austin, Capt. Mattoon, & Mr. Fessenden.

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Vermont. The Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done respecting the State of Vermont, reported a Resolve instructing the Delegates of this State at Congress, to use their influence with Congress that no determination with regard to the lands formerly called the New Hampshire Grants, be taken at present.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Pay Roll. Ordered that Capt. Curtis, Mr Sergeant, & Mr Whitney be a Committee to prepare a Pay Roll of the travel and attendance of the Members of ye House the present Session.

Thos. Melville. Ordered that Mr Ellis be of the Committee on the Petition of Tho^s. Melvil & others in the room of Col. Aspinwall, absent.

New Money. The Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done with respect to the interest of the new money, reported a Resolve, determining that it should commence, & be computed from the first day of August last - And directing that in all future issues thereof out of the Treasury, they should be issued for the nominal sum of the interest that has arisen thereon. Read & Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

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Afternoon.

Jno. Goodale. The Petition of John Goodale, was revived, & committed to Mr. Sexton, Mr Goodel & Mr. Smith.

Paxton. Capt Phinehas Moore was returned a Member from the town of Paxton, & Mr Nichols was appointed to attend him to the Committee of Council authorized to administer the oaths of allegiance.

Jno. Langdon. The Committee on the Petition of John Langdon and others reported a Resolve directing the Committee for settling with the Army to settle with them for the depreciation of their wages, to the time they left the service.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Jane Jones. The Committee on the Petition of Jane Jones reported a Resolve permitting her to repair to New York.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

155. Wednesday September 27. 1780.

Co. Trea. The Committee on County Treasurers Accounts reported a Resolve on the Account of the Treasurer of the County of Worcester for the year 1779.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

E. Brewer. Agreeably to the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Elisha Brewer, - Voted that he have leave to withdraw the same.

T. Tolman S. Safford.

The Committee on the Petition of Lieut Col. Samuel Safford & Lieut. Thomas Tolman in behalf of a number of Officers & Soldiers in Col. Warner's Regiment reported a Resolve entitling them to all priviledges and gratuities allowed to the Officers and Soldiers of the fifteen Battalions; and directing the Committee for settling with the Army to settle with them for the depreciation of their wages.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Col. Cargill. The Committee to whom the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Col. Cargill was recommitted, having amended the same agreeably to the Order of the House, reported.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

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R. Caldwell. A Petition of Robert Caldwell, praying for reasons offered that a Deed he made to William Latta in 1772 may be made void –

Read & committed to Mr. Hathaway, Capt Harnden & Mr Page of Hardwick.

Congress. Moses Gill Esq, brought down a letter from the President of Congress of ye 15th. instant, inclosing a Resolution of the same date, calling upon the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut to supply the Army with one thousand head of cattle, weekly.

Read, and thereupon Ordered that Mr. Partridge, Mr Philips & Col. Orne, with such as ye Hon. Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

S. Osgood The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Osgood reported a Resolve directly the Assessors of the town of Stoughton not to tax the Powder Mill there.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

156 Wednesday September 20. 1780.

S. Hall. Samuel Niles Esq, brought down the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Stephen Hall, being by way of Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Passed in Council & sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

E. Eldridge. Samuel Nils Esq, brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses, on the Petition of Elisha Eldridge – being by way of Resolve.

Passed in Council and sent down for concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

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Horses. The House passed a Resolve for continuing the Committee appointed to reside at Springfield in service, until the 15th Decr. next – and for paying them for their past services.

Sent up for concurrence.

Army. Ordered that Mr Ellis, Col. Gerrish & Col. Prescott, be a Committee to revise the commission of the Committee at Springfield, and report what alterations, if any, are necessary to be made therein.

The House then adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Pay. Ordered that Mr Page, Mr Walley & Mr Philips be a Committee to report a proper sum for the Committee on Accounts, and the Committee to Methodize Accounts, & pay of the Chaplain, Speaker & all servants of Government.

Wm. Baker. A Petition of William Baker, Messenger of the General Court, praying that he may be allowed praying that he may be permitted (sic) to remove into a Tenement opposite to the West Corner of the State House, late belonging to William Jackson, an absentee – Read & committed to Col. Dawes, Mr. Walley & Mr. Perry.

Aaron Jewit A Petition of Aaron Jewit & Elizabeth Warren, administrators on the estate of Benjamin Warren, late of Littleton, deceased – Read & committed to the Committee on Petitions for the Sale of Lands.

Jno. Turner. The Committee on the Petition of the John Turner in behalf of the town of Pembroke, reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof – Read & Passed
Sent up for concurrence.

Dprecn. A Bill intituled “an Act for carrying into execution a Resolve of Congress of the 20th of March last, & for repealing certain clauses of an Act made in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven

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hundred & Seventy six, intituled "an Act to prevent forging and altering Bills of Public Credit and for preventing the depreciation thereof, and for making the Bills of Credit of the United Colonies, and the Bills of this Government a tender in all payments; and for establishing a Rule of Depreciation." - Read a third time & passed to be engrossed by a majority of sixty three members out of one hundred and eleven, the number present . – Sent up concurrence by Major Washburne, Mr. Davis, Mr Pickering, Mr Walley & Mr Austin.

J. Wheeler The Committee on the Petition of Josiah Wheeler reported a Resolve directing the Committee for settling with the Army to settle with him and his men.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Wm. Taylor. Joseph Dorr Esq, brought down a Petition of William Taylor, with the following vote of Council thereon, viz.: - In Council, Sept, 28. 1780. Read & thereupon Ordered that Eleazer Brooks Esq, with such as the Hon House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read & concurred & Mr Austin & Mr Nichols are joined.

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Fees. A Bill intituled "an Act for further augmenting certain fees, allowances, and penalties, established by laws of this state, & for enlarging the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace" – Read a second time & committed to Col. Freeman Mr Henshaw & Col. Chadbourne.

Interest of New Money.

Edward Cutt Esq brought down the following vote of Council, viz: - In Council, Sep 28, 1780. Ordered that Thomas Cushing, Jabez Fisher & Moses Gill Esqrs, be a Committee on the part of the Board to confer with such Committee as the Hon. House shall appoint upon the subject matter of a Resolve respecting the interest of the Bills which have been emitted, or may hereafter be emitted on the credit of the State – when said interest shall commence - & report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, & Mr Lovell, Mr Kellock & Mr Walley were appointed on the part of the House for the purpose aforesaid.

A Shepperd. Edward Cutt Esq brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Alexr. Shepperd and others, in behalf of the town of Newton being by way of Resolve for notifying the towns of Cambridge & Lexington to make answer thereto. In Council, Sept 28. 1780, Read & accepted.

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Sent down for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

Jno. Low. Edward Cutt Esq brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of John Low of Gloucester and others, viz: - "The parties proposing a friendly compromise, & desiring the Petition might lay – that the further consideration thereof be deferred till a further motion of the Petitioners" - In Council Sept 28. 1780. Read & accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bd. of war. The Committee on the Memorial of the Board of War reported.
Whereupon the House passed a Resolve for supplying them with the sum of ten thousand pounds.
Read and Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

lb. Ordered that Major Osgood, Mr Davis and Mr Gorham be a Committee to devise means for supplying ye Treasury with ye sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the use of the Board of War.

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Fessenden A Petition of John Fessenden in behalf of Capt Phinehas Walker and the Guard doing duty at Rutland praying for an augmentation of their pay –
Read & committed to Capt Fry Capt. Brooks, Capt Thompson, Mr Crane, and Col. Baldwin, who were directed to enquire into the state of the several Guards in this State.

A. Vassal. Eleazer Brooks Esq, brot down a Petition of Anthony Vassal & Coby (?) his wife of Cambridge with the following vote of Council thereon viz : -
In Council Sept. 28. 1780. Read & Ordered that John Pitts Esq. with such as the Hon. House shall join be a Committee to take this Petition into consideration and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.
Sent down for concurrence.

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Afternoon.

- Sergeant A Petition of John Sergeant, Missionary to the Indians in the town of Stockbridge, praying that he may be exempted from Taxes, & Military duty -
Read & committed to Mr Bacon Capt Mattoon & Col. Mc.Intosh.
- J. Bacon A Petition of John Bacon in behalf of the town of Stockbridge, praying that said town may be credited for certain bounties paid to men they raised agreeable to Resolves of Court - Read & committed to Mr Waterman, Mr. Small & Col. Davis.
- Waterman A Petition of Josiah Waterman in behalf of the town of Weymouth, praying they may be allowed to lay before the Committee of Accounts, their account of supplies to the families of two Soldiers, who served in the Corps of Artillery commanded by Lieut. Col. Revere.
Read and committed to Capt Hunt, Mr Burrel & Col. Aspinwall.

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Spooner A Petition of John Jones Spooner, Guardian to Elizabeth Spooner & others, children & heirs of Joshua Spooner late of Brookfield deceased-
Read & committed to the Committee on the Petitions for the sale of Lands.

Clark. A Petition of Richard Clark & others, Committee of correspondence for the town of Watertown, praying the consideration of the Court, with respect to their expenses & trouble in a certain action brought and determined against them by Isaac Jones of Weston,
Read & committed to Mr Singletary. Mr Gorham & Mr Sergeant.

Wilmington Agreeably to the Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Wilmington, Voted that they have leave to withdraw the same.

Titcomb The Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Titcomb, reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.
Read & Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

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Jno. Lee. The Committee on the Petition of John Lee reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

E. Gerry. Daniel Davis Esq, brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the letter of the Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq. and the papers accompanying them, viz: -

“That they have attended the business assigned so far as respects the accounts said Gerry has exhibited against this State - are of opinion that a sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy Pounds 18/-, two articles in said accompts [?] be charged to the United States – being for expenses incurred at the special request of the cooperating Committee of Congress in the Army – That there are three articles of charge in said Account not yet carried out; that a Committee of the House be appointed to consider of and report proper sums to fill up the blanks, and ascertain the Ballance due to Mr. Gerry, - And the Committee ask leave to sit again.

In Council Sept, 28. 1780. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and committed to Gen. Warren, Col. Little & Mr. Pickering.

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Accounts The House passed a Resolve directing the Treasurer to furnish the Committee for paying accounts with orders on the several Constables & Collectors within this State, for the discharging accounts for mileage.
Sent up for concurrence.

Bagley. The Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Bagley & Moses Little Esqrs, reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.
Read and Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

E. Gerry. The Committee to whom was committed the Report of the Committee of both Houses, on the letter of Elbridge Gerry Esq., reported a Resolve for paying him the sum of twenty three thousand two hundred and three Pounds, four Shillings, and 2^d. in full for the Ballance of his account.
Read and Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

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Boston.

The Committee on the Representation of the Committee of Boston reported
“That they think the said Committee merit the applause of the Public for their vigilance
and attention to the Public Safety – Also that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill
making provision that all masters of vessels, arriving in any Port in this State be obliged
to make return to some proper officer of the names of all Passengers and Servants
brought in such vessel previous to such vessel being permitted to enter.”

Read and accepted & thereupon Ordered that Mr. Foster, Capt. Stone, & Mr
Drew be a Committee to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Hancock.

The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Hancock, reported a Resolve
directing the Treasurer to suspend issuing his Executions against the Constable of said
town for the term of two months from the day on which he has been directed to issue
executions against delinquent Collectors.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Massereau The Representation of Joshua Massereau was read and committed to the Committee appointed to consider ye State of the several Guards in this State.

Machias An Account of building a Block House of Machias -
Read and committed to Mr Partridge Mr. Perry of Medfield & Col. Bagley.

Greenwood Lottery.

The House assigned 9 oclock tomorrow morning for the choice of three managers of ye Lottery for raising money to repair ye road through the Green Woods.

The House then adjourned to 9 oclock, tomorrow morning.

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- T. Child A Petition of Thomas Child & Susanna Sheaffe representing that they are owners of nine tenths of the House formerly occupied by John Coffin in Essex Street Boston, and praying that the Agent to his estate may be directed to deliver ye same to them.
 Read and committed to Mr Walley, Mr. Rowe, and Capt Perry of Easton.
- Hunniwell. A Petition of Richard Hunniwell for himself & three others, Masons in the Continental Service - praying that the depreciation of their wages may be made up to them.
 Read and committed to Col. Baldwin. Mr Judd & Mr. Walley.
- Butterfield. A Petition of John Butterfield, late Deputy Quarter Master General, and
Wm. Story A Petition of William Story in behalf of his son,
 Read and committed to the Committee on the Petition of Capt. John Hopkins, which was received the 27th. current.
- Natick. The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee to whom the Bill for incorporating the town of Natick was committed, which was that the Bill should lie until the close of the war; and after debate thereon, the question was put and

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it passed in the negative. The Bill was then read a second time, and ordered to be committed for an alteration of the Preamble to Major Davis, Capt Stone and Mr. Dix.

Kendall. Samuel Niles Esq brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses, on the Petition of Abijah Kendall, being by way of Resolve granting the prayer thereof. In Council September 29th 1780. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

Langdon. A Petition of John Langdon of Pownalborough, praying that part of the damage which has accrued to him, by his attending the General Court in obedience to a Resolve, which passed in June last on the Petition of Col. Cargill, may be made good to him; and that the execution he recovered against said Cargill may be rendered valid.
Read & committed to Major Ely, Mr Whitmore & Mr. Perly.

E. Gerry. Edward Cutt Esq, brought down another Report of the Committee of both Houses, appointed to take into consideration the letter of the Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq, - being by way of Resolve instructing the Delegates of this State to remonstrate to Congress relative to the quota of men and the rates of supplies

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E. Gerry. required of this State; and with regard to the reimbursement of the charges of the expedition against Penobscot.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Crosby. A Petition of Theophilus and Ansell Crosby praying that they may be permitted to return to Nova Scotia, and carry certain articles with them.

Read and committed to Mr. Williston, Capt Green, and Capt Judd.

Fees. A Bill intituled "an Act for reviving & continuing one law of this State, made and passed in the year of our Lord, one thousand, Seven hundred and seventy seven, intituled an Act for the repealing one part of a law of this State made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy six, intituled an Act for repealing one law of this Colony, made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of William & Mary, King and Queen, intituled an Act for regulating Fees and Allowances of the several Officers & Persons hereinafter mentioned." And for repealing one other Act or law of this State made and passed in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty, intituled

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an Act for further augmenting certain Fees, Allowances and Penalties established by laws of this State, and for enlarging the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.”

Read a first time & Ordered to be read again at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Gov. Greene.

Joseph Simpson Esq brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses, on the letter of His Excellency William Greene Esq, Governor of Rhode Island, representing the case of Martin Benson, viz. – “That the said letter with the papers accompanying should be referred to the major part of the Council, that they may take such order thereon as the nature of the case requires.” In Council, Sept 29. 1780. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Partridge.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Hon. George Partridge Esq. reported a Resolve for paying him the sum of one hundred & eighty seven pounds $18\frac{9}{4}$, in the new money in full discharge of the same.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Hand. The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Hand reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

E. Gerry. Ordered that Mr Gorham, Mr. Pickering & Col Dawes be a Committee to consider of a further allowance to the Hon. Mr. Gerry for his service as a Member of Congress.

Also,

Hancock. to consider an allowance to the Hon. Gen Hancock, for the sums he advanced to defray the expenses of the Hon. Samuel Adams Esq. – Also, to consider what is proper to be done respecting a note of the Continental Treasurer, in the hands of Gen Hancock.

Greenwood Lottery.

The House by ballot made choice of Col. John Brown of Pitsfield, Capt William Walker of Lenox and Capt Ephraim Fitch of Egremont, as Managers of the Lottery lately granted by an Act of the General Court, for raising a sum of money to repair the road through the Green Woods in the room of Mr Sedgwick, Mr Woodbridge & Mr. Sibley, who decline serving.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Williams Ordered that Mr. Walley be of the Committee on the Petition of Capt. Geo. Williams & Mr Peel in the room of Mr Rowe excused.
Sent up for concurrence.

T. Foster. The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Foster reported. Read and recommitted and Ordered that the Committee report a Resolve allowing him for his service at the rate of six Pounds per month.

Afternoon.

Phillips. A Petition of William Phillips Esq, and others, a Committee of the Trustees of a Public Free School in the town of Andover, praying that an Act of Incorporation may be granted to said Trustees,
Read & the prayer thereof granted and the Petitioners had leave to bring in a Bill for that purpose.

Taylor. Edward Cutt Esq brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses, on the Petition of William Taylor, viz: - "That the said Petition be ordered to lie on the Files till the further Order of Court." In Council Sept 29. 1780. Read & Accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

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Langdon The Committee on the Petition of John Langdon reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof - Read and Passed, so far only as respects the making valid the Execution therein mentioned.
 Sent up for concurrence.

Deprecn. An Engrossed Bill intituled "an Act for carrying into execution a Resolve of Congress of the 20th of March last, and for repealing certain clauses of an Act made in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and seventy six entitled an Act to prevent forging and altering Bills of Public Credit and for preventing the Depreciation thereof and for making the Bills of Credit of the United Colonies and the Bills of this Government a tender in all payments and for establishing a Rule of Depreciation "
 Read & passed to be enacted by a majority of fifty two Members out of eighty eight, the number present.

Convention. The House assigned 9 o'clock tomorrow morning for the further consideration of the Report relative to the 12th & 13th of the Resolutions of

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the Convention held at Boston the third of August last.

T. Foster The Committee on the Petition of Thos. Foster reported a Resolve agreeably to the Order of the House.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Congress. Samuel Niles Esq, brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the letter of the President of Congress of ye 15th September current, being by way of Resolve directing the Committee appointed to superintend purchases to purchase so many cattle as in addition to the cattle they shall receive agreeably to a Resolve of Cattle the 26th instant, as shall be sufficient to forward the number of 385 head weekly.

In Council Sept 29. 1780. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

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Cloathing. The Committee appointed to consider what instructions were proper to be given to the Agents appointed in the several Counties to procure Cloathing.

Read and accepted

Sent up for concurrence.

Bernard. The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Bernard reported a Resolve for paying him five Pounds in the new currency in full for his services for riding express from Falmouth to Boston as mentioned in his Petition.

Read & Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Natick. The Committee to whom the Bill for incorporating Natick was committed reported. Read and the House assigned 11 o'clock to morrow morning for the 3rd reading of ye said Bill.

Cook. A Petition of Mercy Cook of Cambridge praying an allowance of her account for taking care of a negro child belonging to Thomas Oliver Esq, an absentee. – Read & committed to Col. Thatcher Mr. Reed, & Capt Brooks.

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T. Crane A Petition of Thomas Crane & others, Agents for the towns of Stoughton, Walpole, Stoughtonham and a number of inhabitants of Dedham, praying that an Act may pass, for removing the obstructions to the passing of Fish up Neponset River

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Read & committed to Mr Kollock, Col. Davis & Capt. Perry.

Spencer. The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Spencer, respecting William Manning & his family, reported a Resolve directing them to take such measures with the said Manning as shall oblige him (while able) to labor for the help supporting himself and family.

Read and Passed

Sent up for concurrence.

Hopkins. &c. Agreeably to the Report of the Committee on the Petitions of John Hopkins, John Butterfield & William Story, - Voted, that the Petitioners have leave respectively to withdraw their Petitions.

Jas Avery. The Committee on the Petition of James Avery - reported. Read & the House assigned, 10 o'clock to morrow morning, for ye consideration thereof.

Gerry, The Committee appointed to consider a further allowance to the Hon. Mr. Gerry, reported.

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Read & recommitted

Trafton The Committee on the sale of Lands reported a Resolve on the Petition of Anne Trafton & others

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Barney The Committee on the Account of Israel Barney reported a Resolve for paying him Seventy five Pounds or an equivalent in new money.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Soldiers Ordered that Major Davis, Capt Mattoon, and Mr Crane be a Committee to consider what Order is proper to be passed relative to supplying soldiers families.

Jno. Cox. The Committee on the Petition of John Cox reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Congress Moses Gill Esq, brot down a letter from Caleb Strong Esq. declining to accept his appointmen as a Delegate to Congress.

Read and thereupon the House assigned 11 o'clock

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to-morrow morning for the choice of some person in his room - & Ordered that a Message be sent to the Hon. Board, to inform them of the same, and to desire their concurrence.

Searl. The Committee on the Petition of David Searl, reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof.

Read & Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Congress Moses Gill Esq came down and informed the House that the Board agreed to the proposal of ye House, of coming to the choice of some person to represent this State in Congress in the room of Mr. Strong who declines serving.

Foster. A Petition of Dwight Foster praying the allowance of an Account of his father the Honorable Jedediah Foster deceased, against this State.

Read and committed to Mr. Davis Mr. Child & Mr Herrington.

Absentees. The Committee appointed to consider and report a method for the payment of the Creditors to the Estates of Absentees, &c,

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Absentees. reported as their opinion "that it is consistent with justice that the Creditors of the Absentees aforesaid should be paid their just debts, contracted before the War, in silver or gold or paper money equivalent thereto, or such a part of the estate set off to them as may be equal to their just demand, And that a Bill should be brought in making provision for their being paid in the manner aforementioned.

With respect to the debts due to the Absentees the Committee further report, that proper provision be made in the Bill aforesaid for the recovery of the debts due to the Absentees.

The Report was read and accepted, and the Committee who brought in the same were ordered to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House then adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Andover Academy.

A Bill intituled an act to incorporate [an Academy] in the town of Andover by the name of [Phillips Academy]

Read a first time & ordered to be read again on Monday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

York

A Memorial of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land in the County of York, lying southward of, & adjoining upon Little Ossipee River, who hold and possess the same until the title of Major Nicholas Shapleigh - praying the Court to examine into the title, possession and improvement of said tract of Land, and their proceedings relative thereto, and take such order thereon as they shall judge proper.

Read and ordered to lie on the files with the papers accompanying the same.

Jno Foster

The Committee on the Petition of Jno. Foster Missionary to the Indians of Stockbridge, reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Accounts

Ordered that the committee appointed to

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Clerk &c. report a proper sum to the Committee on Accounts &c. consider what shall be allowed to the Clerk of the House, and what shall be the pay of the Members of the Court, for their attendance the present session.

Williams & Peele.

Benjamin Austin Esq, brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to consider the Petition of George Williams, and Jonathan Peele.

Barracks. Ordered that Mr Foster, Mr Fessenden and Mr Nichols be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done, to prevent strangers from going to the Barracks at Rutland, or into any town in the state without notice.

Foster The Committee on the Petition of Dwight Foster reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Gardner Edward Cutts Esq, brought down a Report

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of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of John Gardner and others,
viz: - "That the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

In Council Sept. 30. 1780 Read and accepted. Sent down for
Concurrence.

Horses. The House passed a Resolve making provision for the payment of the Horses
procured agreeably to a Resolve of the 23rd of June last.

Sent up for concurrence.

Wadsworth William Whiting Esq brought down a letter from General Wadsworth dated New
Castle Sept. 22nd. 1780., with the following vote of Council thereon viz: -

In Council Sept. 30, 1780. Read and thereupon ordered that Joseph
Dorr Esq with such as the Hon. House shall join be a Committee to take into
consideration this letter and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred and Capt. Howes and Mr Dix are joined.

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Fees.

A Bill intituled “an Act for reviving & continuing one law of this State made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and seventy seven, intituled an Act for repealing one part of a Law of this State made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and seventy six, intituled an Act for repealing one Law of this Colony made and passed in fourth year of the reign of William and Mary, King and Queen, entitled an act for regulating Fees and allowances of the several officers and persons within this Colony hereinafter mentioned - And for repealing one other Act or Law of this State made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty intituled an Act for further augmenting certain Fees, allowances and Penalties established by laws of this State and for enlarging the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.”

Read a second time and ordered to be read again on Monday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Congress.

A Message was sent to the Hon. Board to inform them, that the House were ready agreeably to ye Order of the Day to proceed to the choice of a Delegate to represent this State in Congress, in the room of Mr. Strong who declines serving.

Whereupon

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Timothy Danielson Esq, came down & informed the House, that the Board were ready likewise. - A Committee was then appointed to collect the votes of the House who having carried up the same reported that the Hon. Timothy Danielson Esq, was chosen.

Gardner Joseph Simpson Esq, brot down a letter from Doctor Joseph Gardner praying directions with respect to certain sick persons brought to the State Hospital.

Clothier. The House assigned four o'clock in the Afternoon of Monday next for the choice of a State Clothier and Commissary for issuing small stores.

Convention The House proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee of both Houses respecting the 12th and 13th Resolutions of the Convention held at Boston - and passed the same with amendments.
Sent up for concurrence.

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Boston. A Bill intituled "An Act in addition to an Act intituled an Act, in further addition to and explanation of an Act for erecting a Powder House in Boston."

Read a first time and Ordered to be read again on Monday next at 10 oclock in the forenoon.

Natick. A Bill intituled "an Act for further confirming the incorporating the town called Natick in the County of Middlesex into a town by the name of Natick."

Read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

E. Gerry The Hon. Edward Cutt Esq, brought down a letter from the Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq, dated Boston Sept. 30. 1780.

On Motion that it be committed to the Committee appointed to consider a further allowance to Mr. Gerry, the question was put and it passed in ye negative. It was moved that this vote be reconsidered and that the letter be committed to the Committee therein mentioned, & that they be instructed to settle Mr. Gerry's Account on the same scale that the account of ye Hon. Mr. Partridge was settled upon, and the question being put, it also

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passed in ye negative.

Ordered that the further consideration of said letter be referred to Monday next.

Barnes. Samuel Niles Esq, brought down a Petition of Seth Barnes of Nova Scotia, praying that he may make sale of a quantity of Fish which he brought from thence, and lay out the proceeds in other articles, & that he may have a safe protection for his return, with the following vote of Council thereon, viz. -

In Council Sept. 30. 1780 Read and Ordered that Joseph Simpson Esq. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a Committee to take into consideration this Petition and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred and Mr Perry & Mr Hastings are joined.

Natick Edward Cutt Esq. brought down the Natick Bill with the following vote of Council thereon, viz: -

In Council Sept 30. 1780. Read a first time & ordered that the second reading of this Bill be referred to the end of the war.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and sent up.

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Burbeck. A Petition of William Burbeck praying that the depreciation of his Salary may be made good to him

Read & committed to Col. Dawes, Mr. Walley and Mr Nichols.

Members. Voted that every Member in town be enjoined to give his attendance to the Public Business at 3 o'clock in ye afternoon

Absence. Voted that Major Page & Mr Cranch have leave of Absence.

Afternoon.

Taxes. An engrossed Bill intituled "an Act for apportioning and assessing a Tax of Five Millions, Six Hundred and one thousand and twenty six Pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence upon the several towns and other places in this State hereinafter named, for defraying the public charges and for carrying into execution the Resolves of Congress of the eighteenth of March, one thousand, seven hundred and eighty," -

Read and passed to be enacted.

Brown. An account of Samuel Brown Jr, Deputy Commissary General of the Brigade of the County of Berkshire.

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Read and committed to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Perry

Ordered that Mr Davis, Mr Henshaw & Mr. Williston be a Committee to inquire into the conduct of Capt. Perry a member of this House, who it is said held a quantity of Rye for the use of the troops at Rhode Island at the rate of 18/- per Bushel in the new money, when at the same time he offered to take 8/- in silver money, instead thereof.

The House then adjourned to Monday next, at 10 oclock in ye forenoon.

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Council & House.

The Committee appointed to consider a suitable allowance to the servants of Government - & the pay of the Members of the Court, reported a Resolve for paying the members of the House ten shillings and the members of the Council twelve shillings per day.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Council, in Recess.

Ordered that Col. Davis, Col. Chadbourne and Col. Little be a Committee to consider what powers are proper to vest the Hon. Council with during the next recess of the Court.

Business.

Ordered that Mr. Davis, Major Washburn and Capt Kollock be a Committee to consider what public business is necessary to be transacted by the House, before a Recess takes place.

Wm. Baker.

The Committee on the Petition of William Baker reported a Resolve for accommodating him with the back lower room, and two small chambers, in the House of William Jackson an Absentee.

Read and Passed

Sent up for concurrence.

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Fees.

A Bill intituled “an Act for reviving and continuing in force one Law of this State, made and passed in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred & seventy seven, intituled an Act for the repealing one part of a Law of this State, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, intituled an Act for repealing one Law of this Colony made & passed in fourth year of the reign of William & Mary, King & Queen, intituled an Act for regulating Fees & Allowances of the several Officers & Persons within this Colony hereinafter mentioned – and for repealing one other Act or Law of this State, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, intituled for further augmenting certain fees, allowance and Penalties, established by Laws of this State and for enlarging the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace,”

Read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Supplies.

Ordered that Mr Gorham, Mr. Williston & Mr. Nichols be a Committee to consider

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Supplies. what is proper to be done respecting Cloathing and other property procured for the Army, that now lies on the Road - Also to consider what is proper to be done for supplying the Officers of the Army with Linen, and other articles.

Castle Troops. Ordered that the Pay Roll of the Troops serving at the Castle be committed to Capt Mattoon, Col. Thatcher & Capt. Barnes, the Committee first appointed being absent, - And that said Committee report an establishment for the Commander in Chief.

Boston. A Bill intituled "an Act in addition to an Act intituled an Act in further addition to, & explanation of an Act for erecting of a Powder House in Boston."
Read a second and third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent up for concurrence.

-de Bauluy. William Whiting Esq, brought down a Memorial of Mons. de Bauluy, Treasurer General of

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the Army of his most Christian Majesty, at New Port, with the following Vote of Council thereon, viz:-

In Council Oct 2nd. 1780 – Read and thereupon Ordered that James Bowdoin Esq, with such as the Hon. House shall join be a Committee to take into consideration this Representation, and to report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr Rowe & Mr. Davis are joined.

Jno. Langdon. A Petition of John Langdon praying that he may be allowed the expenses he has incurred by attending the General Court, agreeably to their order of the 23rd June last.

Read and the House passed a Resolve for paying him thirty five Pounds in the New Currency.

Sent up for concurrence.

Rutland. The Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done respecting Strangers at Rutland, reported a Resolve empowering the Several Commissioned Officers of the Guard there to con-

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- fine such as they shall suspect have evil designs.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Child. The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Child and Susanna Sheaffe, reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & Passed

Sent up for concurrence.

Gorham. The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Gorham reported a Resolve directing the Board of War to deliver them or [?] their Order, fifty fire arms with bayonets, for the inhabitants of said town, on their paying them twenty four shillings each for the same.

Read & Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Geo Searl. The Committee on the Petition of George Searl, reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and not accepted.

Melvill. The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Melvill and others reported a Resolve directing the Committee for settling with the Army, to settle their accounts

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and make up the Depreciation.
Read and Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Burbeck. The Committee on the Petition of William Burbeck reported a Resolve directing the Committee appointed to settle the Depreciation with the Officers of the Army, to make up the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds granted to him as a salary.

Read & Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Congress. Edward Cutt Esq. brought down a letter from the Hon. Timothy Danielson Esq. declining to accept a seat in Congress.

Read and ordered to lie.

Wheat. A Bill intituled "an Act in addition to an Act, passed A.D. 1763, intituled an Act declaring and regulating the Standard of Wheat, imported into this Province and for preventing abuses by Millers. – Read a first time, and ordered to be read again at 4 o'clock, in the afternoon.

Smart. The Committee on the Petition of Mary Smart reported a Resolve granting the Prayer thereof. Read and Passed. - Sent up for concurrence.

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Hunnewell. The Committee on the Petition of Richard Hunnewell reported a Resolve, directing the Committee for settling with the Army to settle with him, and three others mentioned in his Petition.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Crane. The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Crane and others, Agents for the towns of Stoughton, Walpole Stoughtonham, and a number of inhabitants. of Dedham, reported a Resolve for notifying the owners or occupants of the Dams mentioned in their Petition to shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Waterman. The Committee on the Memorial of Josiah Waterman, in behalf of ye town of Weymouth, reported. Read and not accepted. - Voted that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Locke. Agreeably to a Report of the Committee on the Petition of James Locke, in behalf of ye, Proprietors of ye town of Townsend. -

Voted that he have leave to withdraw ye same.

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Revere. Ordered that Mr Crane & Capt. Stone be of the Committee on ye Petition of Col. Revere in ye room of Gen. Titcomb & Col. Freeman, who are absent.

Traverly. The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Traverly, reported. - Read and not accepted. Voted that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Afternoon.

Boston Harbor. Ordered that Mr. Gorham, Col. Dawes and Mr. Rowe be a Committee to consider the propriety of erecting a Light House in Boston Harbour, where the former Light House stood.

Allowances. The Committee appointed to consider a suitable allowance to the Servants of Government, reported an allowance to the Committee an Accounts, Committee on Muster Rolls, Committee for methodizing Accounts, and the Committee for settling with the Army. - Also to the Chaplain, Speaker, Secretary, and Clerk of the House.

Read & accepted as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bauluy.

Joseph Dorr Esq^f. brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses, on the Memorial & Representation of Mons. de Bauluy, being by way of Resolve expressing the sense of the Court of the regard shewn by him in said Representation for the United States; and of the readiness manifested by the administration of the Army of his most Christian Majesty at New Port, to give all possible credit to the Continental Currency, & every preference to the said States in the proposed negotiation of Bills of Exchange for the said Currency; but informing him that the state of the Public Treasury will not admit of the proposed negotiation.

In Council October 2. 1780. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Harris.

A Petition of William Harris and John Dall, Clerks in the Secretarys Office, praying for an Order on the Board of War, for cloth sufficient for a great coat each. -

Read & committed to the Committee appointed to consider an allowance to the Servants of Government.

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Freeman. A Memorial of Samuel Freeman praying the directions of the Court respecting a Horse procured for Mr. Joseph Bernard to ride post from Falmouth to Portsmouth -
Read and committed to the same Committee.

Wheat. A Bill intituled "an Act in addition to an Act which passed A.D. 1763, intituled an Act declaring and regulating the Standard of Wheat, imported into this province and for preventing abuses by Millers. -

Read a second time and Ordered that the consideration thereof be referred to the next General Assembly.

Absentees. A Bill intituled "an Act to provide for the equitable payment of the debts due from the estates of certain persons commonly called Absentees - also for the more effectual recovery of debts due to said Absentees.

Read a first time and Ordered to lie on the table for the consideration of a new assembly.

Pay Roll. Ordered that the Pay Roll be made up to include Wednesday next.

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Comms. The House assigned 10 o'clock tomorrow morning for the choice by joint ballot of two Commissioners to meet Commissioners at Hartford in November next - and ordered that a Message be sent to the Hon. Board to inform them of this assignment and to propose their concurrence.

Whereupon William Whiting Esq came down and informed the Board that the Board agreed thereto.

Henderson. The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Henderson Esq. reported a Resolve for paying him one hundred and twenty pounds in the new emitted Bills in full for his services until the 30th. April last.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Business. The Committee appointed to consider what public business is necessary to be acted upon, the present session, reported. -

Whereupon

1. Ordered that Mr Davis, Mr Kollock & Mr Bacon be a Committee to consider whether the Treasurer shall be directed to pay the interest of Government Securities.

2. Ordered that Mr Lowell, Mr Phillips and

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Business. Henshaw be a Committee to consider what instruction shall be given to the Delegates chosen to represent this State in Congress for the year ensuing.

3. Ordered that Capt Wales, Mr Nichols, and Mr Fairbanks be a Committee to consider some further measures for supplying the Militia of this state, doing duty at Rhode Island, with Bread, &c.

Sequestration. Ordered that such of the Members of the Committee of Sequestration as belong to the town of Boston, be cited to attend the House at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Recruits. Ordered that Mr. Crane, Capt Stone & Mr. Singletary be a Committee to consider what shall be done with the Resolves which passed the 15th. September last, calling upon the several towns to furnish the number of men assigned them, by the Resolves of the 5th, and 23^d of June last.

The House then adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow Morning.

180. Tuesday, October 3rd. 1780.

Young. The Committee on the Petition of William Young, Chairman of the Committee of Worcester reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Warrants. Ordered that Mr. Foster, Mr Page & Mr Leonard be a Committee to consider what is proper to be done respecting sums of money which have been granted by this Court, for which no warrants on ye Treasury have yet been made out.

Billerica. Ordered that the account of the town of Billerica for providing for several of the poor of Charlestown, be committed to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Militia The Committee appointed to make an establishment for the Militia who lately marched to Rhode Island, reported.

Read and committed to Mr. Sergeant, Mr Crane, & Major Davis.

180. Tuesday, October 2nd. 1780.

Freeman. The Committee on the Memorial of Samuel Freeman reported a Resolve, directing him to sell the Horse therein mentioned at public sale.

Read and Passed

Sent up for concurrence.

Harris. The Committee on the Petition of William Harris and John Dall reported that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

Their Report was accepted.

Cooke. Ordered that Capt. Brown be of the Committee on the Petition of Mercy Cooke in the room of Mr. Reed who is absent.

Sequestration. The House were informed that agreeably to their Order, such members of the Committee of Sequestration as belong to the town of Boston, were at the door. They were introduced & interrogated, respecting the state of their Accounts and the goods in their hands; and having given the House information thereof, withdrew.

181. Tuesday, October 3rd. 1780.

Barnes. Nathan Cushing Esq brought down a Report of the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Seth Barnes, being by way of Resolve, granting the prayer thereof. In Council, Oct 3rd. 1780. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Read and concurred with an amendment. Sent up for concurrence.

Rutland. A Pay Roll of Capt Joseph Livermore's Company who served at the Barracks in Rutland, was committed to Mr. Sargent, Mr Watson, and Col. Baldwin.

Phillips academy.

A Bill intituled "an Act to incorporate an Academy in the town of Andover by the name of Phillips Academy" - Read a second time, & ordered to be read again at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

H. College. The Committee on the Memorial of the Committee of the Overseers of Harvard College reported. - Whereupon the House passed a Resolve for paying the Rev. Dr. Langdon the sum of Four Hundred & ninety seven pounds, 10/- in the new currency, in consideration of his faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Harvard College, & to enable him to remove his family & effects. Sent up for concurrence.

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Castle. The Committee appointed to take into consideration the Pay Roll & service of the Troops at the Castle, reported a Resolve for allowing the Commander in Chief twelve pounds per month, and for paying him Five Hundred Pounds for the use of said Troops.
Read and Passed
Sent up for concurrence.

Board of War. Mr. Gorham by Order of the House brought in a Resolve directing the Board of War to supply the Captains to the armed vessels in the service of this state with Cloathing.
Read and Passed
Sent up for concurrence.

Afternoon.

Rutland. The Committee appointed to consider an establishment for the Guards at Rutland, reported.
Read & accepted.
Sent up for concurrence.

P. Academy. A Bill intituled "an Act to incorporate an Academy in the town of Andover by the name of Phillips Academy; Read a third time & passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

182. Tuesday, October 3rd. 1780.

Treasurer. Ordered that Mr Austin, Mr Bacon, & Col Baldwin be a Committee to consider what directions are proper to be given to the Treasurer on account of depreciation, relative to any sums of money due to Government.

Fees, &c. An engrossed Bill intituled "an Act for reviving and continuing one law of this State made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven intituled an Act for repealing one part of a law of this State, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, intituled for repealing one Law of this Colony made & passed in fourth year of the reign of William & Mary, King [& Queen], intituled an Act for regulating Fees and allowances of the several Officers and Persons hereinafter named – and for repealing one other Act or Law of this State, made & passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty, intituled an act for further augmenting certain Fees allowances & penalties, established by laws of this state and for enlarging the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.
Read and Passed to be enacted.

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Dracutt. The House passed a Resolve directing the Treasurer to give to the Selectmen of Dracutt two dollars of the new emission in lieu of two counterfeit Bills taken by them agreeably to a Resolve of the 15th of June last, amounting to eighty Dollars of ye old Continental currency.

Sent up for concurrence.

Business. Voted that all public business be completed before any private business be entered upon.

Avery. Ordered that the consideration of the Report of a Committee on the Petition of James Avery Agent of Col. Allen and others, be referred to the next Assembly.

Col. Allen. The Committee on Col Allans account for building a Block House, reported that the same be committed to the Committee on Accounts, for allowance and Payment. – The Report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

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P. Academy. Samuel Niles Esq. brought down the following vote of Council, viz: -
In Council Oct. 3rd. 1780 Ordered that John Potts & Joseph Dorr Esqrs, be a Committee on the part of the Board to confer with such Committee as the Hon. House shall appoint, upon the subject matter of an Act to incorporate an Academy in the town of Andover, by the name of Phillips Academy, and report.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read & concurred, and Mr. Lovell & Mr. Phillips were appointed on the part of the House for the purpose aforesaid.

Horses. Ordered that Capt Ward, Col Orne & Col. Coffin be a Committee to consider what further is proper to be done relative to payment for Horses.

Powder. A Representation of the Board of War respecting twenty barrels of Gun powder, which were yesterday siezed by the Fire Wards of Boston;

Read & committed to Col. Orne, Capt Wales & Mr. Ellis, who were directed to consider the matter at large.

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Treasurer The Committee appointed to consider what directions are proper to be given to the Treasurer on account. of depreciation, relative to any sums of money due to government, reported a Resolve directing him to receive no money, otherwise than agreeable to the scale contained in the Act of Depreciation.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Patterson. The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Patterson reported that the same be committed to the Committee on Accounts. The Report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

York. The Committee to whom was committed the Petition of the Proprietors of a tract of Land in the County of York, late belonging to Francis Small of Ossipee deceased, - and the Petition of Timothy Small and others, reported that the same lie on the Files of the House, with ye Petition of the Proprietors of a tract of Land claimed under the title of Major Nicholas Shapleigh which was read in ye House the 30th, September last.

Their Report was accepted.

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Avery. Ordered that Mr. Gorham, Mr. Hastings & Col. Little be a Committee to consider the expediency of advancing a sum of money to Mr James Avery for the use of the Garrison at Machias.

Hartford. Mr. Lowell was sent with a Message to the Hon. Board to inform them that the House was ready agreeably to ye Order of the Day to proceed to the choice of two Gentlemen to meet commissioners at Hartford in November next. Whereupon Samuel Niles Esq came down and informed the House that the Board were ready likewise.

Major Hosmer, Capt. Bancroft, & Capt Ward were then appointed to collect the votes of the House who having carried up to same, reported that

The Hon Thomas Cushing Esq.

and John Lowell Esq.

were chosen.

Indians. A Petition of Socker Peson Nipton, Che Osson & and Joseph Mohork, in behalf of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, praying for presents, and that Col Brewer may be continued Truck Master

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at Fort Halifax -

Read and committed to Col. Austin Mr Greenleaf & Col. White.

Wadsworth. Benjamin White Esq. brought down a Report of a Committee of both Houses on the letter of Gen Wadsworth; viz.: -

“That it be referred to the next sitting of the General Assembly.”

In Council October 3rd. 1780. Read and not accepted & Ordered that the Committee be and hereby are directed to sit again.

Sent down for concurrence. Read and nonconcurrred, and the House accept the Report of the Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House then adjourned to 8 oclock tomorrow morning.

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Treasurer. The House passed a Resolve directing Amos Singletary Esq. to deliver to the Treasurer a Note which he took from him in lieu of a sum of money due to George Dodge, which said Dodge refused to take.
Sent up for concurrence.

Patterson. Mr Starkweather by Order of the House brought in a Resolve directing the Board of War to deliver to Samuel Freeman or Order, a Fire arm and Bayonet for the use of Joseph Patterson, in lieu of one he left in an action at Penobscot.
Read and Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Boston. An Engrossed Bill intituled "an Act in addition to an Act intituled an Act in further addition to and explanation of an Act, in addition to an Act for erecting of a Powder House in Boston."
Read and Passed to be enacted.

Jona. Rice. The Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Rice and Joshua Whitney reported a Resolve for paying them Five Pounds fourteen shillings in the

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New Currency, in full of their account.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Indians. The Committee to whom the Petition in behalf of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians was committed reported that the same be referred to the Hon. major part of the Council.

Sent up for concurrence.

Sam Hand. A Petition of Samuel Hand in behalf of the town of Hancock, praying that a Resolve which passed in the June Session, for abating one third of the Taxes set on said town since the last valuation took place may be extended to all Taxes that shall be laid on that town by said valuation. -

Read and committed to Mr. Foster Col. Gerrish and Col. Brown, who reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Col. Orne was sent with a Message to the

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Clothier. Hon Board to inform them that the House propose to come to the choice at 10 o'clock, of a State Clothier & Commissary of small Stores, united in one person – by joint ballot if agreeable to the Board.

Whereupon Samuel Niles Esq came down and informed the House that the Board agreed to their proposal.

Recess. Major Washburn was sent with a Message to the Hon Board to inform them that the House are perfecting the business before them in order that they may be ready to rise this forenoon. – and desire that they would perfect the business before them.

Fessenden. The Committee on the Petition of John Fessenden in behalf of Capt. Phinehas Walker and the men doing duty as Guards at Rutland reported a Resolve, stating their wages.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Shrewsbury. The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Shrewsbury, reported a Resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read & Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Williams. The House took into consideration the Report of a Committee of both Houses on the Petition of George Williams and Jonathan Peele, being by way of Resolve for paying the former one thousand Pounds for the owner of the Black Prince, and the latter the same sum for the owner of the Ship Hector; and directing the Board of War to settle with the Creditors of this State for Ships which were left on the Penobscot expedition – and pay the Ballances in Treasurers notes – and passed the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

Muster Rolls. The House passed a Resolve directing the Committee on Muster Rolls to allow Capt Joseph Livermore and Company what may be found due to them for their detained, Continental Rations.

Sent up for concurrence.

Burbank. The Committee on the Petition of John Burbank and Joshua Bentley, reported a Resolve directing the Committee for Settling with the Army to settle with them for the depreciation of their wages.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Clothier Mr. Kollock was sent with a Message to the Hon. Board to inform them that the House were ready agreeable to ye Order of ye Day, to come to the choice of a State Clothier & Commissary of Small Stores.

Whereupon William Whiting Esq came down and informed the House that the Board were ready likewise. Col. Gerrish, Capt Green, and Mr Hastings were then appointed to collect the votes of the House.

Ibid. Ordered that Mr Lowell, Major Washburn and Mr Starkweather be a Committee to consider the propriety of making provision that the person who may be chosen to the office of State Clothier and Commissary of Small Stores should give bonds for the faithful performance of the trust to be reposed in them.

Fryeburgh. The Committee on the Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Fryeburgh reported. Whereupon the House passed a Resolve for suspending until the further Order of the General Court, one fourth of the Taxes set on said town, agreeably to two Acts therein mentioned.

Sent up for concurrence.

Clothier. The Committee appointed to collect the votes

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of the House for a State Clothier and Commissary of small Stores, having carried up the same reported that

Capt. Ezra Lunt, was chosen.

Guards. The House passed a Resolve for reducing the Guards stationed at the several posts on the Sea Coasts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ruggles. Ordered that the Petition of Mr Ruggles be committed to Mr. Crane, Col. Gerrish and Mr Walley.

Clothier. The House then passed a Resolve containing the powers and duties of the State Clothier and Commissary of small stores.

Sent up for concurrence.

Dracut. An account of the Selectmen of Dracut for Bounties - Read & committed to Capt Varnum.

Spooner. The Committee on the letter of Walter Spooner Esq. to the Muster Master of Plymouth, reported. - Read and not accepted. - Voted that the same be withdrawn.

Machias. The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve for advancing a sum of money to Mr. Averey, Secretary to Col. Allen, reported a Resolve for paying him Four Hundred Pounds in money of the New Emission, for

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the accommodation of the Officers and Soldiers at Machias.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Lottery.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Managers of the State Lottery, Reported a Resolve on the Account of Caleb Davis Esq. for discharging him of all the monies and notes he has received

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ruggles.

The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Ruggles, State Clothier, reported a Resolve determining his pay.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Alline.

Nathan Cushing Esq. bro't down the Petition of Henry Alline, a Clerk of the Proprietors of the Kennebec Purchase, praying that they may be empowered to lay out a Road through certain Lots in a tract of Land on the West side of Kennebec River, above Fort Halifax; and to lay out lots on said Road in lieu of the lots reserved for the settlers on said tract of land, - with a Resolve thereon, granting the prayer thereof. Passed in Council and Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

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Bd. of War. The Committee appointed to consider how the Board of War should be supplied with money, reported a Resolve for selling certain Absentees Real Estates; and for recovering the personal estates of Absentees which are in the hands of the agents to said estates.

 Read & considered and thereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the next General Assembly.

Sheldon The Committee on the Petition of Ephraim Sheldon reported a Resolve empowering the Justices of the Superior Court, to admit him to bail.

 Read and Passed.

 Sent up for concurrence.

P. Academy. Nathan Cushing Esq. brought down a Report of a Committee of the Hon Board, & Committee of the House appointed to consider on the subject matter of the Bill for incorporating an Academy in Andover viz - "that the said Bill be thus altered, to wit - the sum of one thousand pounds be changed to ye sum of five hundred Pounds & ye sum of Four Thousand Pounds - and with these alterations that the Bill be enacted. -

 Read and accepted.

 Sent up for concurrence.

Powder. The Committee on the Representation of the Board of War, reported a Resolve recommending

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to the Fire Wards in Boston to deliver the Powder therein mentioned to the Board of War, they paying all charges that may have arisen, in consequence of the seizure of ye same. -

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Afternoon.

Pay Roll. Ordered that Mr. Henshaw & Capt. Mattoon be added to the Committee on the Pay Roll.

Ruggles. The House passed a Resolve for granting to Mr. Samuel Ruggles, late State Clothier, the sum of twenty pounds to enable him to go to Camp, to settle with the Clothier General, which he represented as necessary, before he can settle with this State.

Sent up for concurrence.

Pay. Roll A Pay Roll of the travel and attendance of the Members of the House the present Session, with what was omitted the last session. -

Read & approved.

Lovell. On Motion Ordered that Mr Davis of Boston bring a Resolve, making a grant to the Hon. James Lovell Esq.

Mr. Davis brought in a Resolve accordingly.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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R. Island. The Committee appointed to make an establishment for the Militia who marched to the State of Rhode Island, brought in a Report accordingly.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Capt. Perry. The Committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of Capt. Perry of Easton, reported - and the Report is read and Ordered to lay on the table till the next General Assembly.

Ruggles. The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve making a grant to Samuel Ruggles Esq^r. late State Clothier, to enable him to go to Camp of settle accounts,

Reported a grant for that purpose.

Read and accepted

Sent up for concurrence.

Cooke. The Committee on the Petition of Mercy Cooke, brought in a Resolve, granting the

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Cooke. prayer thereof in part.
Read & Passed.
Sent up for concurrence

Jewett The Committee on the Petition of Aaron Jewett & Elizabeth Warren reported.
The Report not accepted and thereupon voted that the petitioners have leave to
withdraw their Petition.

Whitmarsh. The Committee on the Petition of Lot Whitmarsh and others Soldiers in Capt.
Nathan Smiths Company reported by way of Resolve that said Nathan Smith shew
cause, if any he have, why he has not discharged himself of the monies he has received
on account of the said Soldiers.
Read and Passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Hall. Benjamin Austin Esq. brought down a Representation of Stephen Hall respecting
the Eastern Department.
Read and referred to the next assembly.

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Clark. The Committee on the Petition of Richard Clark & others a Committee of correspondence of the town of Watertown, brought in a Resolve directing said Committee to notify Isaac Jones to shew cause, if any he has, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

P. Academy. An engrossed Bill intituled an Act, to incorporate an Academy in the town of Andover, by the name of Phillips Academy, Read & passed to be enacted.

Congress. The Committee appointed to bring in a Resolve containing the Power of the Delegates appointed to represent this State in Congress, reported.

Read and accepted

Sent up for concurrence.

Crosby. The Committee on the Petition of Theophilus and Ansel Crosby, reported a Resolve permitting him to return to Nova Scotia.

Read and Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Council. The Committee appointed to consider what

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powers were proper to vest the Hon Council with, during the next recess, reported.

Read & accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Recess. A Message was sent to the Hon. major part of the Council by Mr Davis to inform them that the House has passed upon all matters before them, and requested they might be prorogued to Wednesday, the 18th day of October current.

Reference. Voted that all papers which have had day in the present session of the General Assembly, be referred to the next General Assembly to be holden at Boston on the last [?] Wednesday in the current month.

Mr.

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Mr. Avery, District Secretary, came into the House and said,
Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by the Hon Major Part of the Council to inform this Honourable House that they have consented to the enacting of the following Bills, viz: -

And it is their Honors, pleasure that this Great and General Court should be prorogued to Wednesday the 18th day of October instant - then to meet at the State House in Boston. And it is prorogued to that time and place accordingly.

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