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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
AND OF THE
FIRST COMMISSION FOR DETECTING
AND DEFEATING CONSPIRACIES

Tuesday June 17th 1777. Board met
Present
Melancton Smith Esq^r
Peter Cantine Esq^r

John Davis, appear'd before the Board, and having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

John Davis is discharged, upon his taking the Oath of Allegiance

Doct: Stephen Thorne appear'd before the Board, & having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Doct: Thorn D^o

Ordered that he be discharged

Resolved, that John Lawrence, now confined in Dover Goal State of New Hampshire, be permitted to return to this State, provided that previous to his discharge he give his parol to the person or persons having him in Charge, that immediately upon his return he will appear before this Board, and abide their further Order.

John Lawrence permitted to return from Dover Goal and

Resolved, that Joseph Purdy & Levi Devoe now confined in Dover Goal, State of New Hampshire be permitted to return to this State, provided, that previous to their discharge, they give their parol to the person, or persons having them in Charge that Immediately upon their return they will appear before this Board, and take the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Jo^s Purdy & Levi Devoe d^o

Silas Deuel appearing before this Board, produced an order from the Council of Safety,²⁶ referring him to this Board to take their Directions concerning his farther Confinement.

Silas Deuel permitted to return to his place of abode & to return on Monday next

Resolved, that he be permitted to return to his place of abode, on his parol to appear again before this Board on Monday next.

M^r Peter Cantine paid into this Board £ 300 . . — which he received out of the Treasury, and for which the Treasurer has his receipt of the 13th Instant ²⁷

Peter Cantine paid into the Board £ 300

Cap^t Dennis appeared and Informed that Lewis Shear, who had been confined on Board the Vessels and had

Lewis Shear Escaped from the

²⁶ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong*, I, 964.

²⁷ See App. II, p. 456; *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 961.

Ships, &
surrendered
himself to
Cap^t Den-
nis, &
order to
be confined
in Goal.

Mr
Beardsley
confined to
his Farm

made his Escape, had surrendered himself to him, and was now attending.

Ordered that the said Lewis Shear be confined in the Goal

The Rev^d M^r Beardsley appear'd by order of the Board

Ordered that he be confined to his Farm ²⁸

Board adjourned

Wednesday, June 18th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson

Melancton Smith } Esq^r

Peter Cantine

David
Garrison
took the
Oath &
discharged

David Garrison (one of the persons confined on Board the Vessels at Esopus) appeared by our order and having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

John Miller
appre-
hended &
confined

Searj^t [space left blank] appeared and Informed that by order of this Board, he had apprehended & Brought prisoner John Miller.

Ordered that he be confined in Goal.

Benja^m
Jeecocks
Haight,
Dean, Green
Upton,
Martha
Viel, &
Martha
Brown &
Trip Mosier
(Quakers)
conf^d to the
Town

Benjamin Jeecocks, Joshua Haight, Jonathan Dean, Zopher Green, Paul Upton, Trip Mosier, Martha the Widow of Aaron Viel, Martha the wife of Parsall Brown, charged with having been to Long Island to attend the General Meeting of the Quakers at Long Island,

Ordered that they be confin'd to the limits of this Town, 'till the further order of this Board.²⁹

W^m Fowler
charged
with dis-
suading
people from
Voting at
the late
Election &
confessed it.
Ordered
that he be
confined

Lieu^t West appeared before the Board & informed that he had by order of the Committee of Beekmans Precinct brought to this place William Fowler Charged by said Committee by Endeavouring to diswade people from Voting in the late Election for the Officers of Government which Charge he the said Fowler Substantially confesses & endeavours to Excuse himself by insisting that he was intoxicated with liquor.

²⁸ For report to the Council of Safety on this action see App. I, p. 440.

²⁹ See letter asking the advice of the Council of Safety concerning these Quakers, App. I, p. 441.

Ordered that he be committed to Goal

Lieut^t West produced his Bill of Expences amounting to £ 2: 5: 10

£ 2 . . 5 . . 10
p^d Lieut^t
West

Ordered that the same be paid

Nathaniel Howland Ju^r & Timothy Akin having affirmed, & Peleg Briggs, John Peaslee, Jeremiah Briggs, & Isaac Peasley having taken the Oath of Allegiance

Howland,
Akin Two
Briggs's
& Two
Peasleys
affirm'd &
took the
Oath of
Allegiance
—were
discharged

Ordered that they be discharged.

Board adjourned

Thursday, June 19th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson
Melancton Smith
Peter Cantine Jun. } Esq^{rs}

William Bishop, Jacob Funck & Peter Showerman all of the Manor of Livingston, & were confin'd on Board the Ships at Esopus Creek, & since Employ'd on Board the Ship Montgomery, appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Bishop,
Funck &
Showerman
took the
Oath of
Allegiance
& were
discharged

Ordered, that they be discharged.

Board Adjourned

Sunday June 22^d Board met

Present

Egb^t Benson
Melancton Smith
Peter Cantine Ju^r } Esq^{rs}

Serjeant Hull appeared and informed that he had apprehended & brought to this place Robert Bullus Ju^r who had been with the enemy and is lately returned, & the said Bullus appearing, acknowledged that he had been with the enemy & returned about three weeks ago.

Rob^t
Bullus ap-
prehended
& Confined

Ordered that he be confined

A resolution from the Council of Safety,³⁰ requiring this Board to cause the Reverend M^r Beardsley & all

Resolution
of the
Council of

³⁰ Passed June 19, 1777. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 972.

Safety requiring this Board, to send M^r Beardsley & the People called Quakers, on board the fleet prison
 £ 1 . . 12 . . .
 paid Serj^t Hull

those of the People called Quakers, who have lately been to Long Island and are returned to be apprehended, and sent under guard to the fleet pris[on] at Esopus Creek -

Ordered that the sum of four Dollars Be paid to Serjant Hull to reimburse the expences of himself & Two others, for apprehending Robert Bullus

Monday June 23^d 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

John Miller apprehended

Lieut^t Haight appeared and informed that by order of the Chairman of Charlotte Precinct he had apprehended and bro't to this place John Miller charged with uttering treasonable Expressions.

£ 3 . . —
 paid to Lieut^t Haight

Lieut^{tt} Haight produced his Account of Expences amounting to £ 3

Ordered that the same be paid

9 Dollars in Specie & £ 3 . . . Continⁱ money, paid into the Board by Lieut^t Haight
 John Halsted ordered to return to this place from Albany Goal
 Doct^r Worden took the Oath of Allegiance & discharged

Lieut^t Haight also paid into the Board 9 Dollars in Specie & £ 3 in Continental Currency taken from the said Miller.

Resolved that the Keeper of the Goal in the City of Albany deliver John Halstead now confined there by Order of this Board to [space left blank] in order to be conveyed to this place

Doct^r Nathaniel Worden one of the Persons confined on Board the fleet prison, appearing before this Board and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged.

John White appearing before this Board and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged.

Board adjourned.

John White discharged on taking the Oath

Tuesday June 24th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Smith

M^r Cantine

Resolved that Benjamin Jeecoeks Joshua Haight Jonathan Dean Zophar Green Paul Upton Trip Mosher James Van Der Burgh Joseph Mabbet, Elias Walbridge [*Christopher Dutcher*] Robert Burdick, Silas Duel, Ebenezer Hurd, be conveyed to Esopus to be confined on board the Fleet Prison there til the further order of this Board or until they shall be thence otherwise delivered by due Course of Law.

Ordered that the Sum of fourteen pounds be paid to John Hames and the like Sum to Elijah Frost for secret Services

Christopher Dutcher appearing and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Resolved that the 9 Dollars in Silver taken from John Miller be transmitted by the Rev^d M^r Beardsley to New York to be delivered to Major Paine in order to be distributed among the Prisoners of this State in the hands of the Enemy

Col: Swartwout produced his Account of Services as a Member of this Board amounting to £ 29—4—

Ordered that the same be paid

John Grant appearing³¹ and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

William Fowler appearing and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Board adjourned

Jeecoeks,
Haight,
Dean,
Green,
Upton,
Mosier
Vander-
burgh Jo^s
Mabbet,
Walbridge,
Burdick
Duel &
Hurd sent
to be con-
fin'd on
board the
fleet Prison
at Esopus
Creek

£ 28 . . paid
to John
Hames &
Elijah
Frost
Christ^r
Dutcher
took the
Oath &
was dis-
charged

9 Dollars
in Specie,
sent by M^r
Beardsley
to New
York to be
delivered
to Major
Paine, to be
distributed
to the
Prisoners in
that place
£ 29 . . 4 p^d
Col: Swart-
wout

John Grant
took the
Oath & was
discharged

W^m Fowler
d^o

Wednesday June 25th Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Isaac Haviland, the son of Jacob, & Isaac, the son of Isaac Haviland, appeared, and Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that they be discharged

Two Isaac^s
Haviland
discharged,
on taking
the Oath of
Allegiance

³¹ In compliance with an order of the Council of Safety, June 20, 1777.
Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 972.

Deposition
of Sam^l
Hull &
Giliad
Hunt
against
Johan^s
Shear

Samuel Hull & Giliad Hunt being duly sworn, Depo-
seth & saith, That being this Day at the House of
Johanis Shear in Beekman's Precinct, Hull & Shear
entered into a Conversation about the Times, in the
course of which, Shear ask'd Hull what a Tory was, to
which Hull replied that a Tory was Highway Robber,
whereupon Shear observed, that the Whiggs where rather
Robbers, or they went about Robbing & distressing the
poor people, or words to that Effect.

SAMUEL HULL
GILEAD HUNT

Johannis
Shear con-
fined on
Parol to
the Town
12/ p^d
Sam^l Hull

Ordered that the said Johannis Shear be confined on
his Parol, to this Town.

Ordered that the sum of 12/ be paid to Samuel Hull
for his trouble & Expencc in bringing to this place the
said Johannis Shear

20/ paid
Gerard
Smith

M^r Gerard Smith appear'd & produced his Account
amounting to 20 shillings

Ordered that the same be paid
Board adjourned

Friday June 27th 1777. Board met

Present

Melancton Smith }
Peter Cantine } Esq^{rs}

Increase
Jackson on
taking the
Oath was
discharged

Increase Jackson appearing before this Board, and
having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this
State

Ordered that he be discharged.

David
Storm
takes
the Oath of
Allegiance
& is dis-
charged

David Storm, one of the Prisoners confined in the Goal
at Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, appearing
before this Board in consequence of an Order for that
purpose and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of
Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged
Board Adjourned

Saturday June 28th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson }
 Melancton Smith } Esq^{rs}
 Peter Cantine }

Melancton Smith Esq^r produced his Acco^t for services as a Member of this Board, amount^s to £ 63 for 105 Days attendance to this day Included

£ 63. .—
 paid
 Melancton
 Smith Esq^r

Ordered that the same be paid

Robert Hoffman Esq^r paid into the Board the Sum of £ 16. .— the amount of an Horse belonging to William Harris, & sold by Order of this Board the 29th of March last.

£ 16. .—
 paid into
 this Board
 by Rob^t
 Hoffman
 Esq^r

Resolved that the said W^m Harris by his non appearance before this Board has forfeited the said Horse, and that the said monies arising from the sale thereof be detained accordingly.

W^m Harris
 forfeits his
 Horse by
 Reso: of
 this Board

Mess^{rs} Ambrose Latting & Abraham Youngs appeared and produced a Certificate from M^r Commissary Du Bois that they had travelled with their Teams two Days with the Baggage of the Guard on their March to Exeter in Nov: last and their Account thereof amounting to £ 3: 4 each including an Allowance for one day they were detained at Fish Kill and one day and part of a night returning

£ 6. .8. .—
 paid to
 Ambrose
 Latting &
 Abr:
 Youngs

Ordered that the same be paid

Joseph Strain, & Robert Bulles, & Lewis Shear appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Jos: Strain,
 Rob^t Bullis
 & Lewis
 Shear, take
 the Oath of
 Allegiance
 are dis-
 charged

Ordered that they be discharged

Resolved, that the Three pounds in paper money taken from John Miller, be repaid to him.

£ 3—
 repaid to
 John Miller

A Resolution from the Council of Safety directing this Board to send for all the Prisoners of this State now confined in the Goals of the New England States, and cause them to be Transported thence to the Fleet Prison at Esopus Landing in such manner as this Board shall think proper.

Reso: from
 the Council
 of Safety
 direct^s this
 board to
 send for all
 the Pris-
 oners in
 New Eng-
 land &ca

John
Jenkins
& Jabez
Spencer
com^d to
Goal

Lieu^t West appeared and informed, that By Order of Major Birdsall Chairman of the Committee of Beekman's Precinct, he had brought Prisoners, John Jenkins & Jabez Spencer.

Ordered that they be committed to Goal.

18/ paid to
Lieu^t West

Lieu^t West produced his Acco^t of Expences in taking & Bringing the above Prisoners amount^s to 18 Shillings

Ordered that the same be paid

Board adjourned

Sunday June 29th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Griffin Cory
& W^m Yates
discharged,
on taking
tha Oath of
Allegiance

Griffin Cory, & William Yates, (two of the persons who were confined on board the fleet prison) appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance

Ordered that they be discharged

Board Adjourned

Monday, June 30th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

James
Will^m
Payne's
Deposition

M^r James William Payne appeared before the Board & Informed, That during his late Captivity on Long Island, he saw Richard Everit of this place, who produced to the Inform^t a list containing the names of several persons, whom Everit assured the Inform^t were ready to take up Arms against the Country, whenever the Enemy should penetrate into this County. That the Inform^t recollects that that the following Names were on the List, Viz^t Leonard Van kleek, Myndert Van kleek, Baltis Van kleek, & a great number of others of the name of Van kleek, but whose Christian names the Inform^t has forgot, John Degraef, John Davis, Rich^d Davis Rich^d Snedeker, Thomas Pooly The Two Mabbits,

John Cook, Doct: Thorne, a Number of the name of Vanderbergh. The said Everet further Informed the Deponent that M^r John Child had told him that he only Engaged in the Cause for the sake of Subsistence. M^r Payne farther saith that his Brother in law Gerardus Beekman shewed him the Inform^t in New York about Two Months ago, Pardons for John, Theophilus, & Thomas Beekman, and informed him that a pardon had been procured & sent to Verdine Elsworth.

John Dusenberry (a person confined on board the fleet Prison) appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Jn^o Dusenberry takes the Oath & is discharged

Ordered that he be discharged
Board adjourned

Tuesday July 1st 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Resolved, that Henry Vanderburgh Esq^r & Obadiah Griffin be conveyed to Esopus to be confined on Board the Fleet Prison there 'till the farther Order of this Board or untill they shall be thence otherwise delivered by due Course of Law.

Hen: Vanderburgh & Obadiah Griffin sent on board the Fleet Prison at Esopus

Johannis Shear, appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Johan: Shear takes the Oath & discharged

Ordered, that he be discharged.
Board adjourned

Wednesday July 2^d 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

As no business occurred in the Course of this day
Board adjourned.

Thursday July 3^d 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine Ju. }

Cap^t Phinehas Woodward & Lieu^t Comfort Shaw appeared, and informed the Board that they had, by order & Warrant from the Committee of Paulings Precinct of the 1st Ins^t apprehended & brought Prisoners to this Place the foll^s Persons, Viz^t

These
Persons
sent by
Order of
Commit-
tee of
Pauling's
Precinct
Prisoners
suspected
of killing
Lieu^t
Ephraim
Nicoll

John Casewell
Ruben Casewell
Elisha West
Joh^a Millard
Elias Prosser
Griffin Mercy

W^m Burch
Char^s Burch
John Haviland
Weight Vaughan
&
Joseph Holloway

suspected of Killing Lieu^t Ephraim Nichols at the house of the above said John Casewell, & for Notorious disaffection &ca (see information filed A M)

£ 20..16..2
paid Lieu^t
Shaw

Lieu^t Shaw produced the Acco^t for the services & Expences of himself & Guard in apprehending & conveying to this place, Jeremiah Briggs, & five others, & the Two Isaac Havilands amounting to £ 5..12..2— Also an Acco^t of Cap^t W^m Pearce amount^s to £ 3..4..0 in searching for & apprehend^s the last mentioned Prisoners. Also another Acco^t from Cap^t W^m Pearce for Services of himself & Guard for searching for, & apprehending sundry disaffected persons, amount^s to £ 12..—..—

Ordered, that the said Three several acco^{ts} be paid

Ordered, that the above Eleven Prisoners brought here by Cap^t Woodward & Lieu^t Shaw, be confined.

Silas
Rushmore
affirmed his
Allegiance
to the
State, &
was dis-
charged
John
Jenkins
took the
Oath &
discharged
John Miller
Inlisted
into the
Contin^l
Service &
discharged
£ 3 repaid
to John
Miller

Silas Rushmore being one of the People called Quakers appeared before the Board & having Voluntarily taken the Affirmation of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

John Jenkins, appeared before the Board, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of allegiance to this State

Ordered, that he be discharged.

John Miller, appeared, & having duly Inlisted into the Continental Service

Ordered that he be discharged.

Resolved, that the residue of the Money detained from John Miller (being 9 Dollars in Specie sent down to New

York by M^r Beardsley to be distributed among the Prisoners there) be repaid to the said John Miller again in paper Currency.

Board adjourned.

Friday, July 4th 1777. Board met
Present
Peter Cantine Jun Esq^r

Elisha West being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith, that on Monday Evening last being the same time when Lieut Ephraim Nichols was shot, the Dep^t Lodged at the house of John Casewell, where that affair happened; That he does not know what time in the night it was, as he was asleep, & did not hear the report of the Gun or Guns. That some time after Lieut Nichols was slain two men came up in the Chamber where the Dep^t lay, the one of them named Moses Northrop hav^g a sword in his hand addressing himself to the Dep^t said, that he need not be afraid, that he confessed he had fired the Gun; The other person appeared to have no Arms. That Northrop asked the Dep^t if there were no Damn'd Rebels up Chamber, that upon Examining the Chamber, and finding no person there but the Dep^t they Departed. The Dep^t further saith, that in the Evening when he retired to bed, he saw no other person there, save, John Casewell & his family, that Casewell was gone to bed before the Dep^t but that he was not home at that time of night, when the said two persons came up in the Chamber to him. That the next morning he was informed by the way of Nehemiah Merit, that a party of Tories had been concealed then, back of the house of said Jn^o Casewell in the woods, and had sent thither for provisions, but rec^d none.

Elisha
West's
Deposition
about the
Murder of
Lieut
Nicholl

his
ELISHA X WEST
mark

Jabez
Spencer
affirmed his
Allegiance
& dis-
charged

Jabez Spencer appeared, and having Voluntarily taken his Affirmation of Allegiance to this State
Ordered that he be discharged
Board adjourned

Monday, July 7th 1777. Board met.
Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Geo: Hugh-
son bro^t
Prisoner

Samuel Rice appeared & informed, that by order of Cap^t Elijah Townsend of Fredericksburgh he had apprehended, George Hughson & bro^t him prisoner to this place

Cap^t
Townsend's
Letter of
Charge
against
D^o
£ 1. .10—
paid
M^r Rice

M^r Rice also produced to the Board a Letter from Cap^t Townsend, containing the Charge against Hughson.

£ 12. .—
p^d M^r Rice
for 2 Guns

Ordered, that the sum of £ 1. .10. — be paid to M^r Rice for the Expence of the Guard conduct^s said Hughson to this place

The Board having purchased two Muskets, with Bayonets & Cartouch Boxes, The One from Daniel Parish for £ 6. .10. — The other from Peleg Ballard for £ 5. .10. —

Resolved that the amount thereof be paid to M^r Rice in behalf of the said Two Persons

A Letter from the Council of Safety directing this Board to enquire into the Conduct of the Two Members of Committee of this Precinct appointed to Superintend the removal of Tho^s Fisher & his Family to New York & to report thereon.

John
Halstead
permitted
to go home,
to appear
on Wednes-
day next

John Halsted, who was removed from Albany Goal to this Place, appearing before this Board, and suggesting that his Wife lay very ill.

Resolved that he be permitted to go home, to Visit his wife on his parol to appear again on Wednesday next.

Jonathan
Miller took
the Oath
& was dis-
charged

Jonathan Miller appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to the Committee of Paulings Precinct respecting the Characters of Griffin Mercy, William Burch, Charles Burch, John Haviland & Elisha West

Board adjourned

Letter to the Com: of Paulings Precinct respect^s Griffin Mercy, W^m Burch, Char^s d^o Haviland & West

Tuesday July 8th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

John Lawrence having returned from New Hampshire appeared before the Board.

John Lawrence permitted to go home on parol to appear on Monday next

Resolved that he be permitted to return home and remain there on his parol to appear before this Board again on Monday next.

Board adjourned.

Wednesday July 9th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine Jun^r }

M^r Matthew Dubois Commissary to the late Com: of Conspiracies &ca appeared & produced his acco^t with the Vouchers, The same being Examined, was audited, & a Balance allowed in favour of him of £ 2 . 7 . . 3.

£ 2 . 7 . . 5 paid to

Ordered that the above Bal: be paid to him.

Resolved, that Cap^t Henry Benson deliver Paul Upton, now confined on Board the Fleet Prison at Esopus Creek, to M^r Increase Carpenter in order to be conducted before this Board.

Cap^t Samuel Smith appeared before the Board, & informed that Peleg Sissel belonging to his Company contumaciously refused to March to Peeks Kill, and the said Peleg Sissell appeared before this Board & persisting in his refusal to march.

Ordered that he be committed to Goal.

Board adjourned

Thursday July 10th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine	

Captains Samuel Smith, Peter Stoutenburgh, & Frederick Strite, appeared before the Board, & produced Lists of Persons belonging to their respective Comp^{as} who have refused to appear and March with the Militia to Peekskill, & pray'd that this Board would cause the said Delinquents to be apprehended & dealt with in such manner as they thought would be most Expedient.

Cap^t Smith's List, Viz^t

Thomas Stilwell	Thomas Barton
Johannis Cashow	John Banker
Abednego Rickerson	Bethuel Banker
Samuel Simmons	Samuel Barns
Israel Williams	James Griffin
Amos Cross	Charles Simmons
Abel Peters	Jacob Bush
Jonah Northrop	Joshua Cross
Abraham Freligh	Frederick Clink
Michael Simmons	Isaac Veal Jun ^r
Israel Kelsey	

Cap^t Peter Stoutenburg's List, Viz^t

Lieu ^t Kinney	David Traver
Jacob Burget	Jacob Friover
George Burget	Abraham Hauver
Solomon Traver	James Simpson
Rolif Ostrum	David Traver (son of Peter)
Joseph Garrison	Frederick Hauver
Daniel Stright	Robert Marvin
Christian Hauver	George Eckert
William Bogel	Peter Marquart

Frederick Stright's List, Viz^t

Anthony Ward	William Drake
Ebenezer Ward	Benj ^a . Hicks
Jermond Filkins	Elisha Kady
Gerardus Quick	Pertter Germond
George Parsons	Timothy Bedle
Henry Filkins	Richard Pudny
John Akely	Peter Filkins Jun.
James P Germond	Jonathan Paddock
John Bullis	John Filkins
John Thorn	Jacob Smith
John Germond Jun ^r	Jeremiah Wines
Langelen Losy	[<i>David Arnold</i>]
Indian Jeffery	

Ordered that Cap^t Henry Humfrey with a Detachment of his Company cause the said several Delinquents in Cap^t Stoutenburgh's Company to be apprehended and brought under Guard to this place, and that this Board will defray the Expençe thereof.

Ordered, that Cap^t Cooper apprehend the several Delinquents in Captains Sam^l Smith's & Stright's Companys & bring them before this Board

Serj^t John Baylie appeared & produced his Acco^t of Expences convey^d Prisoners to Esopus am^{ts} to £1. .0. .6

Ordered that the same be paid

Resolved, that the Sum of One hundred & Twenty Pounds be paid to Cap^t Ezekiel Cooper, on Acco^t of his Company of Rangers

The Accounts of the Board to the 9th Inst^t inclusive were transmitted to Kingston by M^r Smith to be settled and a Receipt from Mess^{rs} Benson & Cantine to the Treasurer for £514: 1: 5 ½ Ballance of Cash remaining in hand was also transmitted.

Paul Upton who was sent for from on Board the fleet Prison appearing before the Board is permitted to return home and appear again before this Board on Monday next a fortnight

Richard Warner Produced an account to this Board for his Services in attending the door &ca amounting to £ 1 . . 8.

Ordered that the Same be Paid.

Board adjourned

Monday July 14th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Richard Warner Produced his Acco^t for Riding Express to Col: Sutherland's amount^s to £ 1 . . 4.

Ordered that the same be paid.

John Russell appeared before this Board, & informd that by order of Col: Ludenton, he had apprehended & brought Prisoner to this place, Robert Dean Charged with harbouring Robbers &ca

John Russell also produced his Bill of Expences for himself & Guard in the above Business amount^s to £ 1 . . 10—

Ordered that the same be paid.

Resolved that the Sum of £ 4 . . 8 . . — be paid to the said John Russell for a Musket purchased from him

Cap^t Henry Humfrey appeard, and informd that agreeable to an Order of this Board, he had apprehended and brought to this place [blank]

Cap^t Humfrey also produced his Bill of Expences for himself & Guard in Executing the above Business amounting to £ 10 . . — . . —

Ordered that the same be paid.

Melancton Smith Esq^r paid into this Board, the Sum of £ 500, which he rec^d from the Treasury, for the use of this Board.³²

Resolved, that Cap^t Stoutenburgh be advised to fine the following delinquents in his Company in the follow^s fines respectively Viz^t

³² Cf. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 991.

Jacob Burget 40/
 George Burget 40/
 Frederick Hawver 40/
 Jacob Fryover £ 3

Frederick Hawver & Jacob Fryover having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be dismissed

David Burget appeared before the Board in behalf of his Two Sons, and gave his parol that they should appear be[fo]re this board on or before Thursday next or that he would appear & surrender himself in their Stead.

The wife of John Lawrence appeared, and informed that her husband was so Ill disposed that he could not Travel,

Resolved that his permit be enlarged for a Week longer

Board adjourned

Tuesday July 15th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Frederick Clink being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith, That shortly before he went to the Enemy, last Fall, Peter Coonly son of Johannis Coonly came to the Dep^t and Informed him that John Howard was at his Father's & wanted to see the Dep^t That accordingly the Dep^t went down to old Coonly's, & when he came there, he was told by Coonly that Howard was gone to Obadiah Griffin's Sen^r & that he must go there. That the Dep^t accordingly went to Griffin's, where he found Howard, with several other Persons, at which Time and Place Howard prevailed on the Dep^t to go off, That Griffin was present and heard Howard persuad^e the Dep^t

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FREDERICK X CLINK
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Resolved that Cap^t Samuel Smith be advised to fine the following Delinquents in his Company in the following fines respectively, Viz^t

Thomas Stilwell.....	£ 3
Johannis Cashow.....	3
Israel Williams.....	10
Amos Cross.....	10
Abel Peters.....	20
Israel Kelsy.....	8
John Banker.....	3
Samuel Barns.....	8

The above persons, and Samuel Simmons, all of them Prisoners before this Board, took the Oath of Allegiance to this State, & were discharged

Resolved that Cap^t Frederick Stryte be advised to fine the following Delinquents in his Company in the following fines respectively, Viz^t

Germond Filkins.....	£ 2	Benj ^a Hicks.....	£ 5
Henry Filkins.....	2	Timothy Bedle.....	10
James P. Germond... ..	10	Jacob Smith.....	4
Peter Germond.....	10	John Filkins.....	3
John Bullis.....	3		

The above Henry Filkins Benj^a Hicks & Jacob Smith, and also John Akely, & George Pearsall prisoners before this Board, took the Oath of Allegiance to this State and were discharged accordingly

Resolved, that the other Delinquents in Cap^t Strytes Company be Committed to Goal 'til they pay their respective Fines & take the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Resolved that Elisha Kady one of the Delinquents in Cap^t Stryte's Comp^a be Committed to Goal & remain there until he shall take the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Cap^t Joseph Hagaman delivered into this Board a List of Delinquents belonging to his Comp^a & pray'd the

Assistance of this Board in having them apprehended & brought to Punished.

Ordered that they be apprehended accordingly
Board adjourned

Wednesday July 16th 1777. Board met.

Present
Egbert Benson }
Peter Cantine Jun } Esq^{rs}

No business occurring in the Course of the Day
Board adjourned

Thursday July 17th 1777 Board met.

Present
Egbert Benson Esq^r
Peter Cantine Jun Esq^r

Germond Filkins & Elisha Kady appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that they be discharged

Thomas Lincoln having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Johannis Medler & Thomas Lawrence having returned to this place by permission of this Board, from on Board the Fleet Prison at Esopus.

Resolved that they be permitted to go and remain at home upon their finding Sureties, Each in the sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds, that they will appear again and Surrender themselves to this Board in three Weeks from this Date

Mess^{rs} Gilyon Ackerman & Matthew Van Bunschoten appeared, and became Sureties for the said Thomas Lawrence & Johannis Medler agreeable to the Terms of the above Resolution and in Testimony thereof have subscribed their names to this Entry.

GELEYN ACKERMAN

MATTHEW VAN BUNSCHOOTEN

Resolved that Cap^t Joseph Hagaman be advised to fine the following Delinquents in his Company in the following fines respectively Viz^t

John Borheght..	£ 10.	Joshua Manning.	£ 3. —
John Eckert....	2.	John Odell.....	7. —
Tho ^s Ireland....	1.	Char: Manning..	5. —
Abra: Taylor....	1..10.	Jacob Mott.....	3. —
John Thomas....	3. —	John Barnes....	10. —
John M ^t Thurston	3. —	David Carter....	1. —
W ^m Carpenter...	8. —	Jacob Huff.....	1. —
John I Ostrum..	8. —		
Rich ^d Mott.....	2. —		
Albertus Schryver	2. —		
Jacob Manning..	1..10		

The above persons prisoners before this Board (except John Barnes) all took the Oath of Allegiance to this State were discharged

Board Adjourned

Friday, July 18th 1777. Board met.

Present.

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

William Burch, Charles Burch, Griffin Mercy & Elisha West having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance, & John Haviland affirmed Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be discharged

John Halsted appeared before the Board & having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged.

Richard Pudney appeared, & having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Board adjourned

Saturday July 19th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Resolved that the Sum of Thirty Pounds be paid Cap^t Kelsy for a Horse purchased of him, for the purpose of Going Express occasionally.

Ruben Caswell being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith that lately while Peleg Sissell was confined in Goal in this place, he Informed the Dep^t That he knew where a Number of Arms were concealed, some in a Mill Pond, & some in a Wood, that the said Arms had been taken from persons, friends to the American Cause, and that he, Sissell, particularly had been with two other Persons in taking away two Musquets, two Pistols & a Cutlass from a Certain Old Man while he was at Prayer alone at home, the rest of the family being gone to Church, that Sissell described the said Man as living about Eight Miles from his (Sissell's) usual place of abode, but did not mention his name; That Sissell farther informed the Dep^t that he and several other Persons lately set out in order to go to the Enemy, but being discouraged, returned back, that their Intentions however, were only to wait till the Enemy Advanced farther into the Country, & then go off. That the Dep^t thinks that Sissell said, some of the above persons who were thus to go off, were of the name of Sole. And Elias Prosser (one of the people called Quakers) solemnly affirmed that he was present at the above Conversation between Sissell & Caswell and that the same, as related by Caswell in the above Deposition is in Substance True.

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RUBEN X CASWELL
mark
ELIAS PROSSER

Ruben Caswell is permitted to return home on his Parol to appear before this Board again when called upon.

Elias Prosser having Voluntarily Affirmed his Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged
Board Adjourned.

Monday, July 21st Board met

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Peter Cantine	
Melancton Smith	

John Lawrence, appeared & having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

Timothy Bedle, James P. Germond, & Peter Germond appeared before the Board, & having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that they be discharged.

Resolved, that Cap^t Stryte be advised to remitt £ 3 of the fines of Each of the above three Persons

John Joe Bullis having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged.

Board Adjourned

Tuesday, July 22^d 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Peter Cantine Jun	

Cap^t Woodard appeared, & produced Sundry Acco^{ts} Audited by the Com: of Pauling's Precinct for the serving & Expences of the Militia in that Precinct in pursuing & apprehending Disaffected Persons amounting in the whole to £ 33. . 8. . —

Ordered that the same be paid to Cap^t Woodard

Cap^t Augustin Lawrence appeared before the Board & Informed, that there was a Negro Slave, named Cuffie belonging to Philip Kissick (now with the Enemy,) lurk-

ing about this place, and Offered to take the said Slave & provide him with Necessary Clothing & Diet, and to allow reasonable Wages for his Labour, & to Account with this board for the same, and this Board agreeing to this proposals

Resolved, that the said Negro be delivered to Cap^t Lawrence accordingly.

Board adjourned.

Wednesday, July 23^d 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Resolved, that the Sum of Three Pounds four Shillings be paid to Gerardus Smith, for his Services in Transporting Prisoners twice to Esopus Creek

Cap^t Cooper appeared & Informed, that he had apprehended Peleg Sissel, by order of this Board

Ordered that he be confined in Goal.

Board adjourned

Friday, July 25th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Jonathan Lyon being duly Sworn, Deposeth & Saith, that some Time last Spring, going to the house of Elijah Hoag to fetch Lime, he entered into Conversation with the said Hoag about the Times, Hoag said he knew the Reason why Danbury was bur[n]t, and assigned the following, Viz^t That the Enemy had heard that Tory's Teams were impressed to carry Stores to Danbury, and because the King's Subjects were abused in such manner, the Enemy had come up and destroyed the place. The Dep^t further saith, that the Wife of the said Hoag was present & Exclaimed Violently against the measures pursuing by the Country, and speaking of John Tanner, who was shot last fall by the Rangers, as he was endeavouring to make his Escape, she said she knew four Persons

one of whom was undoubtedly the person who shot Tanner, and that she believed the names of those four persons were sent to New York, and that the person who shot him would be hanged, and that Hoag was present and did not in the least contradict, or offer to check his Wife, but appeared to the Dep^t from his behaviour, rather to agree with her

JONATHAN LYON

Ordered that Elijah Hoag be committed to close confinement

Board adjourned

Saturday, July 26th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Serg^t Baylis produced his Acco^t of Expence for himself & party, going to the southern part of this County

Ordered that the same be paid

Ordered, that Obadiah Giffin be permitted to return home, on his parol to appear before this Board again on Tuesday next.

Resolved, that Cap^t Henry Benson deliver Silas Deuel now confined on Board the Fleet Prison, to John Macomber, who has Stipulated to bring him before this Board within One Week from Monday next.

Board adjourned

Tuesday July 29th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Lieu^t Haight appeared, and Informed, that he had apprehended & brought Prisoners, to this place, Francis Hogel, & William Showers

George Freligh being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith that yesterday about Twelve o'Clock Came to his Mills

one William Shower from Albany County & wanted of the Deponant Some Pasture for a Couple of Horses To which the Deponant Consented & Then Asked this William Shower what News from the Northward To which he Answered Much News. But Then Asked the Deponant (first Desiring him to keep secret) wether or not he was a True friend to the Old Father the King. The Deponant answered it was to hard a Question to answer to in those Difficult Days. But said he wish'd the Country was as before. The Deponant then asked the s^d Shower how he was Affected to which he replied, he was True for the King as Ever Before. And if the Deponant really would be True to him he wo'd ask him some More Questions. The Deponant Then Tould this Shower he Need not be Concerned, as The[y] were Country Men Then Shower asked the Deponant wether he wo'd not assist a man to get to the Regulars. The Deponant replied he wo'd But that he the Said Shower must Be very Crafty, Else he wo'd be Taken up. To which he answered he was not agoing But That the man he had along with him, Then the Deponant & the S^d Shower Coming to The Man he the Deponant Asked him if he was going to the Regulars & Shower Telling him he need not be Affeard. he tould him he was going to the regulars. The Deponant inviting then Shower and his Mate To wit Hogal to Dine with him & after Dinner Conversed with the Men Contriving how to get him along to the regulars. the Deponant asked Hogel his Name & he tould the Deponant his Name was Francis *Hope*. the Deponant asked him wether he had Lately Been with Burgoyne to which the said Hope answered only Seven Days ago he had Been with Burgoyne & was now going to Bring intelegance to How. That Burgoyne had sent Several Menssengers Before & they had not returned. That By some Mismanagement they had been Taken up By the rebels, & now if the Deponant wo'd assist him the s^d Hope it would be the Means of saving his Estate. The Deponant further Declares That the Said Shower Tould him he had Bro^t

the said Hogal from the Northward & further Saw the Said Hogal pay 37/ to the Said Shower for that Service
GEO: FRELIGH

M^r George Freligh further informed the Board, that he had in his possession The Two Horses with their Saddles & Bridles, on which the said Francis Hogel & William Shower rode when they came to his House.

Resolved, that M^r Freligh sell the said Horses, Saddles & Bridles at Publick Vendue, & pay into this Board the money arising from the Sale thereof

Resolved that there be allowed Mess^{rs} Freligh Caleb Haight, Benj^a Haight & Edward Thorne, Each the Sum of Four Dollars in all £6..8..— for their Services & Expences in apprehending, & bringing to this place, the said Francis Hogel & W^m Shower The Board having ordered Francis Hogel & William Shower to be searched, there was found on said Hogel Nine Guineas, & one Shilling, in Specie, & on said Shower, One Guinea, which the Board has retained in their Custody.

M^r Stephen Hendrickson appeared & produced his Acco^t against the Board (exclusive of an Allowance for his Services & Commissions as Commissary) amoun^t to £102..16..10.

Ordered that the same be paid
Board adjourned

Wednesday July 30th 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson
Peter Cantine Jun. } Esq^{rs}

Resolved, that the Ten Guineas & One Shilling in Specie, taken from Francis Hogal & William Shower be transmitted to Gen^l M^c Dougal, to be sent to New York for the use of the Prisoners of this State and that he determine the Mode of Conveying and distributing it.

The same was accordingly sent by M^r Christopher Codwise for that purpose.

Daniel Smith & Thomas Leonard heretofore confined in Exeter Goal, State of New Hampshire by order of the Late Committee for Conspiracies &ca Appeared, & produced a Certificate from M Weare Esq^r Chairman of the Council of Safety of that State of their having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that they be discharged

Richard Warner produced his Acco^t of his going Express amount^s to £ 1 . 8 . .

Ordered that the same be paid

Board adjourned

Thursday, July 31st 1777. Board met

Present

Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r

Egbert Benson Esq^r produced his Acco^t in full to this day for Services as a Member of this Board Amounting to £ 94 . 4 . . — for 157 Days Attendance @ 12/

Ordered that the same be paid

Ordered, that £ 1 . . 10 . . — be paid to Peter B Van kleek for going Express to Esopus, at the Time of the Enemy's Expedition against Danbury

William Drake appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

Board Adjourned.

Friday, August 1st 1777. Board met

Present

Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r

Obadiah Griffin, being very unwell, is permitted to return to the place of his abode on his parol to appear again before this Board, whenever his present Indisposition will admit of it.

Cap^t Bernardus Swartwout appeared, & made a Return to this Board, of such of the Delinquents in his

Company, as refused to March down to Peek's Kill, upon the late Alarm who have not already been fined, Viz^t

John Lawrence	Benj ^a Jeecoeks, &
Andrew Lawson Jun.	William Elsworth

& they having been previously apprehended by Order of this Board.

Resolved that Cap^t Swartwout be advised to fine the said Persons Each of them in the following respective Sums, Viz^t

John Lawrence	£ 5 . 0 . 0	Benj ^a Jeecoeks	£ 3 . 0 . 0
Andrew Lawson			
Jun:	5 . 0 . 0	Will ^m Elsworth	1 . 12 . —

Benjamin Jeecoeks & William Elsworth, two of the above Persons, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, & paying their respective fines

Ordered that they be discharged, and Also the above John Lawrence & Andrew Lawson on paying their respective Fines, were discharged.

Ordered, that the Sum of 8 Shillings be paid to John Kidney for a Drum Hoop.

Board adjourned

Board Met Saturday August 2^d 1777

Present

Peter Cantine Ju^r

Paul Upton appearing before the Board agreeable to his Parol, & requested that his Parol to Continue home for a fortnight longer might be granted him

Ordered that the same be accordingly granted & that if the remainder of the party of Friends who are confined on Board the fleet Prison be finally discharged within that time the same Indulgence be extended to him also

Johannis Coonly appearing before the Board & having
Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State
Ordered that he be discharged
Board adjourned

Monday, August 4th 1777. Board met
Present
Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r

Cap^t Wilson produced a Pay Roll for the service of
himself & a Detachment of his Company called out by
the Order of the Late Committee for Conspiracies &ca,
of the 14th of Feb^y last to apprehend the Rioters con-
cern'd in the Rescue of John M^c Alpine, amounting to
£ 59. .4. .10. .—

Ordered that the same be paid.³³

Barnt P Van kleek being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith,
that on Tuesday the 22^d July last he was in Company
with Nathaniel Smith & Hendrick Hendrickson, (who
said he was a Clerk to Comfort Sands, Esq^r) that in dis-
course, with them the Dep^t offered to sell his Watch to
the said Hendrickson, that Hendrickson objected thereto,
being deficient in Money. That the said Nathaniel
Smith offered to advance the Money, provided the Dep^t
would receive it in Connecticut Currency. That the De-
ponent agreed thereto, & sold his Watch to the said
Hendrickson for the Sum of Thirty three Dollars, that
the next Evening he accordingly called at the House of
said Smith, to receive the residue of the said Sum, which
was paid to him by the said Hendrickson, part whereof
was in Connecticut Currency, to wit, four forty Shilling
Bills, & the rest in other mony, which said Connecticut
Bills he now delivers into the Board, and from the above
Circumstances, the Dep^t verily believes that the said
Hendrickson had rec^d the said Money from the said Nath^l
Smith.

BARNERD P: VAN KLEECK

³³ See App. II, pp. 460-461.

M^r George Freligh appeared, and paid into this Board the Sum of Thirty Two Pounds, being the neat proceeds of Two Horses, Saddles & Bridles, which belonged to Francis Hogal & W^m Shower, which he sold at publick Vandue this day by order of the Board.

Board adjourned

Tuesday August 5th 1777. Board met

Present

Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r

Hendrick Hendrickson appeared, and being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith, that the four Connecticut Bills of forty Shillings Each, which he paid to Barnt P Van kleeck, he received from Cap^t Nathaniel Smith, not knowing the same to be Counterfeit.

HENDRICK HENDRICKSON

Nathaniel Smith appearing before the Board, acknowledged that he had paid Hendrick Hendrickson, four Connecticut Bills of 40/ each, and produced to the Board, Nine other Bills of the same Denomination, the whole of which proved to be false, and alledged that he had received the same for the sale of a Horse sold to a certain Joseph Smith, now an officer in the Standing Forces, raised by one of the New England States whereupon

Resolved that he the said Nathaniel Smith appear before Melancton Smith Esq^r High Sheriff of this County, and Enter into proper Recognizance as Principal in the Sum of £ 400, and any well affected Freeholder of this County as Surety in the Sum of £ 200, for the appearance of the said Nathaniel Smith before the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery, which shall be held in & for this County. And that the said Hendrick Hendrickson give the necessary surety to the said Sheriff for his appearance in said Court as Evidence.

Ordered that their Parols be taken for their Compliance with the above Resolution

Board adjourned.

Wednesday Augst 6th 1777. Board met.

Present

Peter Cantine Jun: Esq^r

Moses Barber appeared before the Board, & informed that he had by order of the Com: of Rumbouts Precinct brought Prisoner to this place, Benj^a Smith Jun^r also produced the proceedings of said Com: respecting the said Benj^a Smith Jun^r & William Clark, (the latter having escaped his Guard) wherein they are Charged with passing Counterfeit Connecticut Bills of 40/ in imitation of an Emission of that State of the 10th of May 1775 & other misdemeanor's M^r Barber at the same Time delivered into the Board a Pocket Book, which had been Secreted by the said Smith, containing Six of the said Counterfeit Bills, a Certificate, & a pair of Gold Sleeve Buttons.

Ordered that the said Smith be Confined in Goal.

M^r Barber produced his Acco^t for the Services of himself & Guard, in conveying the Prisoner to this place amounting to £3. .12.

Ordered that the same be paid.

William Clark (who Effectuated his Escape from M^r Barber) appeared, and Surrendered himself to this Board.

Ordered that he be permitted on Parol, to the liberty of this Town,

M^r Obadiah Cooper appeared, and inform'd the Board that the Wife of the said William Clark, lay dangerously Ill, & begged that the said Clark might be permitted to return home, and to appear again on Monday next, that he pledged himself for his faithful performance thereof

Ordered that he be permitted to return Accordingly
Board adjourn

Thursday, Augst 7th 1777. Board met

Present

Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r

Mess^{rs} Gilion Ackerman & Matthew Van Bunschoten appearing before the Board & informed that agreeable to

their Obligation of July 17th last, they now surrender up to this Board Thomas Lawrence & Johannis Medler, and Begg'd that their Liberation might be continued for a Fortnight longer under the Penalties Entered into by them the said Gilion Ackerman & Matthew Van Bunschoten in their Said Obligation.

Ordered that their Request be complied with.

Jacob Ostrum appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Board Adjourned

Friday, August 8th 1777. Board met.

Present

Peter Cantine Jun: Esq^r

Searj^t Jackson, who was sent by Order of this Board to Peeks Kill to receive Tho^s Williamson, a prisoner of this State confined there, appeared, & Informed, that he had brought the said Prisoner, together with Seven others Viz^t Tho^s Butler, John Mosher, John Straat, [space left blank] Straat, Jun: Jacob Johannis Bleau Velt, & Peter De Pue 3^d, delivered to his Care to be conveyed to this place, by Gen^l Putnam, and Charged by him with Treasonable Practices against this State, and for Aiding & Assisting the Enemy. Also John Houston, who had been Confined for bad practices, Tried by a Court Martial & Broke, but had been admitted to take & Subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this State, and was sent to this place to be detained on Acco^t of a Charge against him for Embezling the Public Money he had received for the Recruiting Service.

Ordered that the several Prisoners above mentioned be confined in Goal.

Egbert Benson Esq^r took his Seat.

M^r John Child appeared before the Board, & Informed that there had been an Affray between Cap^t Samuel Tuder & Alanson Lewis in consequence of a Dispute between them relative to his (M^r Child's) being Exempted from a Draft in the Militia. M^r Child also Exhibited a

Charge agst the said Lewis of Disaffection to the American Cause, and that Lewis had suggested the Matter of his (M^r Child's) being Exempted from a Draft solely with a View to Create uneasinesses in the Minds of the rest of the Militia render them dissatisfied, and by that Means impede the Measures pursuing by the United States for the preservation of their Liberties.

Stephen Hendrickson being duly sworn, deposeseth & saith That he hath been frequently present with Alanson Lewis at the meeting of the Militia when drafts were to be made from it, that upon those occasions, Lewis always found faul[t] that certain persons were Exempted and not Subjected to be Drafted with the rest of the Inhabitants; that it appeared to the Dep^t that Lewis did this from a Spirit of Disaffection to the American cause, and in order to Create Dissentions amongst the People, and not with a View to Vindicate the Right of himself and others whom he might have supposed to be Injured by partial & improper Exemptions. That the Dep^t hath known the said Lewis for Two years & upwards, & the Dep^t hath never supposed him to be what in General Denominated a Whig.

STEPHEN HENDRICKSON

Cap^t Samuel Tudor being duly sworn Deposeth & saith, That he hath known Alanson Lewis about a Twel-month past, and that from the whole of his Conduct & Conversation, he always looked upon him to be a disaffected Person to the American Cause

SAM^L TUDOR

Nathaniel Babcock being duly Sworn Deposeth and saith, that he hath known Alanson Lewis for some time past, that at the Commencement of these Troubles, Lewis was a Tory, but that the Dep^t believes he has lately Changed his Sentiments and that he is now a Whig.

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NATH^L X BABCOCK

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Board adjourned

Saturday Augst 9th 1777 Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Ordered that the Sum of £ 4. .10. .— be paid to Peter Cantine Esq^r for a Musket, Bayonet & Cartouch Box for the Rangers

Ordered that the Sum of £ 1. .— .— be paid to Robert North, for Three Cartouch Boxes for the use of the Rangers

M^r Benson Informed the Board that by a Resolution of the Council of Safety,³⁴ this Board was directed to remove with Cap^t Cooper's Company of Rangers to the Neighbourhood of Major Johnson [Dirck Jansen] in Livingston's Manor.

M^r Egbert Benson paid into the Board the Sum of Forty Eight Pounds, which he Received from M^r Banker the Vice Treasurer, and for which he gave his Receipt

This Amount having been by the Committee for Conspiracies advanced (at several times, Viz^t Jan^y 9th £ 16, D^o the 11th £ 8, & D^o 13th £ 24.) to Lieu^t Bowers, and the Treasurer instead of Charging only the Balance, had Charged the whole Amount to Lieu^t Bowers's Roll, Therefore repaid the Board this Sum again.

John Straat of Tappan being Examined, saith that he understood that a certain Peter T Herring as he was going down to the English Neighbourhood with Butter, in order to procure some Salt, was taken by a party of American Troops near the Tiene Vly, & carried prisoner some where to the Westward; and the Examinant further saith, that some time last Spring, a certain David Peek, who lives at Schralenburg sent word to him the Exam^t to come to the house of the said Petrus T Herry to Assist to take Major Blau Velt in order to have him Exchanged for Herring and by that means to Effect Herring's Releasement That the Exam^t told the Messenger (Isaac De Pew) that he would not come and

³⁴ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 1030.

assist, for that Maj^r Blau Velt was a very clever Man, that thereupon De Pew told the Exam^t that they had better go, otherwise Peek would come & take them, and they would be carried to New York & Confined in the Provost Guard, that being intimidated by this, the Exam^t went to Herrings house unarmed—that not long after, Peek came with a Party, consisting of the following Persons Viz^t Abra: Parcel, [space left blank] Parcel, Thomas Baker, & several others, whose names the Exam^t cannot recollect. That when Peek observed the Exam^t unarmed, he threat'ned the Exam^t that unless he took Arms with him, he would carry him to New York, that accordingly as they were going from Herrings to Blau Velt's, the Exam^t as they were obliged to pass his house, stopp'd there & took his Gun and proceeded with them to Blau Velt's, that while the rest of the party were engaged in taking Maj^r Blau Velt, the Exam^t kept at a Distance without giving the Party any Assistance, & as soon as he conveniently could, went off privately to his own house.

YAN STRAAET

Jacob Straat Jun^r (of Tappan) being Examined, saith that he was one of the party with Peek, who took Major Blau Velt, but insists that he never would have assisted had he not been intimidated by the threats of Peek.

JACOB STRAAT JUNR:

Thomas Butler of East Chester being Examined, saith, he continued at home last fall, when the Enemy took possession of that place, & submitted, to them and took the Oath of Fidelity to the King of Great Britain. That as his Teams were Impress'd by the Continental Troops, he was unable to remove; but does Insist, that had it been in his Power, he would undoubtedly have removed and not have fallen into the hands of the Enemy. That about Nine Weeks ago, Our Troops took off Seven head of Cattle from him; That he was shortly after taken Prisoner by order of Major Fish, and brought to Peeks

Kill, & Charged with intending to Carry these Cattle to the Enemy, and of his being in the Enemy's Camp. that these matters were enquired into by a Court of Inquiry, and was acquitted,—Tho' he admits he was lately in the Enemy's Camp in order to obtain permission from the British Commanding Officer at Kings Bridge to come to Peeks Kill to Endeavour to get his Cattle again, That he imagins he is now detained upon Suspicion of his Assisting the Enemy in apprehending two American Prisoners, who were endeavouring to make their Escape, which he denies, and insists upon it that he is a well wisher to the American Cause.

John Mosher being Examined, saith that he was about five weeks ago taken a Prisoner at North Castle, and brought to Peeks Kill & confined in the Provost Guard, and does not Know what Charge is against him.

Resolved that George Hughson, John Casewell Elisha Hoag, Peleg Scissell, Thomas Williamson Thomas Butler, Jacob Straat Jun. Peter De Pew 3^d & Corn^s John Blau Velt & John Mosher, & Joseph Holloway be sent to Esopus to be Confined on Board the Fleet Prison there, and Cap^t Henry Benson, Warden thereof be required to receive & detain them in Custody 'till the further Order of this Board, or otherwise delivered by a due Course of Law.

Resolved that Benjamin Smith, Waitstill Vraghan, Francis Hogal, Will: Shower, John Lomaree, [*Jacob Straat Jun. Peter De Pew 3^d Corn^s Jn^o Blau Velt*] be still detained in the Goal of Poughkeepsie till the further Order of this Board, or otherwise delivered by a due Course of Law.

Whereas, until the removal of this Board shall be generally known throughout the Country, Letters, Dispatches &ca directed to this Board & Prisoners intended for their Charge & Custody will very probably be sent to this place, and whereas it is necessary that persons be appointed to receive such Prisoners, Letters Dispatches &ca.

Resolved therefore, that John Schenk, Paul Schenk,

Andrew Billings, Peter Tappen, & John Child Esq^{rs} be appointed for that purpose, with power to them & each & every of them to receive all such Prisoners, Letters, Dispatches &ca, and Either to Commit such Prisoners to Goal or admit them to go at large in this Town on their parol till the further order of this Board; with power also to open and inspect all Letters, Dispatches &ca that shall come to this place directed to this Board, and take such Measures in Consequence thereof as shall be Judged most Expedient.

Ordered that the said Persons, as the Exigency of the Matter may require, Either Immediately by Express, or by other good Conveyance, transmit to this Board where-ever it shall then be, all such Letters Dispatches &ca which they shall receive; And also the Names of all such Prisoners that shall be sent to this Place, to the care and Charge of this Board together with their proceeding & Measures in Consequence of such Letters, Dispatches &ca & with respect to such Prisoners, and also that they keep an Acco^t of the Expences which may accrue in this Business, and this Board will defray the same.

Resolved, that John Howston be delivered to M^r John Burger, who has engaged to convey him to Esopus, & there deliver him to M^r Gerard Banker Esq^r Vice Treasurer to this State.

Resolved that Alexander Stewart a prisoner of war confined in this place be sent to Kingston and there deliver'd over to Mess^{rs} M^c Kesson & Benson Commissaries of Prisoners in this State.

Resolved that John Straat be permitted to go on his parol to the neighbourhood of Tappan Orange County, in order to procure from the Committees & other friends to the American Cause in that Quarter Testimonials of his own & of the Characters of Jacob Straat Jun^r Peter De Pew 3^d & Corn^s Johannis BlauVelt.

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty pounds be advanced to Cap^t Cooper, on Acc^t of his Company of Rangers.

Ordered, that the sum of £2.14.— be paid to

Sergeant Jackson for Extra^r Expences going to Peeks Kill for Prisoners.

Stephen Hendrickson produced his Acco^t of Sundries furnished the Guard & Prisoners as Commissary amount^s to £ 27..19..1..—

Ordered that the same be paid.

Board adjourned to Red Hook

Monday Augst 11th 1777. Board met at Redhook.

Present.

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Ordered, that the Sum of £ 2..16..— be paid to Peter Parmenter, for Transporting Baggage from Poughkeepsie to this place.

M^r Wilhelmus Hermanse appeared before the Board and Informed, that he was indebted to Nich^s Stickle in the Sum of One hundred pounds for which he paid Interest at the rate of Seven ³ Cent. That he was now in Cash and was disirous to discharge the Debt, for that purpose he had frequently been to Stickle, who designedly concealed him, that the Inform^t might not have it in his power to make a Tender. That the Informant verily believes that this Conduct in Stickle proceeds from dissaffection to the American Cause, and unwillingness to receive the Continental Money. The Inform^t therefore prays that this Board will cause Stickle to be apprehended & brought to this place, so that the Inform may have an oppertunity of Tendering the Money, and upon Stickle refusing to receive it, to deposite it into the Treasury agreeable to the Resolution of Convention.³⁵

Ordered that Cap^t Cooper cause the said Stickle to be apprehended.

Board adjourned.

Tuesday Augst 12th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

³⁵ Passed March 1, 1777. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 819.

Nich^s Stickle having been apprehended & brought before the Board, and M^r Hermanse Tendering him the Money due on the Bond, he refused to receive the same.

Resolved that M^r Hermanse be advised to pay the Money into the Treasury agreeable to the Resolution of Convention.

Two persons of known Integrity and approved attachment to the American Cause, appeared before the Board & Informed, that a Certain Henning Nich^s Kister, Clerk to the Lutheran Church at Rhinebeck was a person of a very dangerous & suspicious Character Violently opposed to the Measures pursuing by these States, and therefore advised, that he ought to be apprehended at this Critical Time, and that in their opinion, the safety and security of the State require it.

Ordered that the said Kister be apprehended
Board Adjourned

Wednesday, Augst 13th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Ordered, that the sum of Seven Shillings be paid to John Jerry Sigler, for going Express."³⁶

Henning Nich^s Kister, having been apprehended and bro^t before this Board, & Examined.

Resolved, that he be sent on board the fleet prison at Esopus Creek.

M^r Egbert Benson Informed the Board, that on Settling the Acco^{ts} of this Board (on the 7th Ins^t) to the 9th of July last inclusive, he gave M^r Sands his receipt for £ 514. .1. .5½, the Balance due from this Board to the State, and at the same time took a Rec^t from the Treasurer, for the like Sum, as Cash paid into the Treasury, which last Rec^t M^r Benson now delivers into the Board.

Lieu^t Ingles appeared and informed, that he had by order of Col: Graham, brought prisoner to this place, James Bryan.

³⁶ See App. II, p. 456.

Ordered, that the Sum of Twenty four Shillings be paid Lieu^t Ingles for his service in apprehending the above James Bryan & bringing him to this place & for serving Two Summons's, on M^{rs} Frisk & M^{rs} Darling.³⁷

James Bryan appearing & giving his parol that he wou'd not leave this Neighbourhood without the permission of this Board, and M^r Harman Hoffman also appearing, and stipulating as surety for the said Ja: Bryan to this Board in the sum of Fifty pounds for the observance of his parol.

Resolved, that James Bryan be permitted to go at large in this Neighbourhood, till the further order of this Board.

Board adjourned.

Friday, Augst 15th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Ordered, that the sum of Eleven Shillings be paid to Serg^t Israel Smith, for his Expences in Carrying Henning Nich^s Kister to Esopus.³⁸

James Bryan appeared & having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Board Adjourned

Monday, Augst 18th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r }
Melancton Smith Esq^r }
Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r }

M^r Melancton Smith Informed the Board, that he had ordered Samuel Titus to be apprehended & brought Prisoner to this Place, being Charged with calling the Militia Officers Robers.

³⁷ & ³⁸ See App. II, p. 456.

George Brownell who had been removed from this State to New Hampshire last fall, for disaffection to the American Cause, appeared before the Board & produced a Certificate from the Chairman of the Com: of Safety there, that he had taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Samuel Titus appearing before the Board, and being Examined touching the Matters charged against him & offering in Excuse for his calling the Militia Officers Robbers, that he alluded to their not having returned to him the overpluss of the Money which remain'd in their hands upon the Sale of Cattle that were some time since taken from him & Sold in Order to Levy a fine, and refusing to affirm his allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be committed to the Fleet Prison at Esopus Creek, till the further order of this Board.

Silas Deuel (a Prisoner on board the Fleet Prison) who had been permitted to return home for a few Days, to Visit his Son, appearing again before the Board, and still persisting in his refusal to affirm his Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be recommitted to the Fleet Prison till the further order of this Board.

Resolved, that Lieu^t Reyher Heermanse provide two Men as a Guard to conduct Silas Deuel and Samuel Titus on board the Fleet Prison, and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof

Board adjourned

Tuesday, August 19th 1777. Board met.

Present

M ^r Benson	}
M ^r Smith	
M ^r Cantine	

Cap^t Johannis Jacob^s Blauvelt of Orange Town appeared before the Board and informed that John Straat Jacob Straat Jun^r Peter De Pue 3^d Cornelius Joh^s Blauvelt were in his Estimation Freinds to the American Cause

and had always conducted themselves as such and that they never would have assisted in taking Major Blauvelt unless they had been intimidated by the Threats of the Disaffected in that Quarter and at the same time produced a Certificate from Mess^{rs} Outwater Hendricks Sweet and Snyder respecting the said four persons certifying that they had always behaved themselves as Friends to their Country

Resolved that the said Four Persons be discharged upon taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State before either of the Members of the Council of Safety at Kingston and for that purpose

Resolved that Cap^t Henry Benson deliver the said Persons to Cap^t Johannis J Blauvelt who hath engaged to conduct them to Kingston in order to have the Oath administered to them

The following Persons produced the following acco^{ts} against this Board Viz^t

Cornelius Swart for Billeting Men	£ 1 . 10 . 9
Jacob Thomas for D ^o d ^o	7 . 6 . —
Ann Van Alen for D ^o d ^o	1 . 10 . 9
Geertruydt Van Benthuyssen d ^o	1 . 0 . 6
Jacob Schermerhorne for d ^o	— . 10 . 3
Samuel Lerue . . . for d ^o	1 . 10 . 9
D ^o d ^o for Medecines	— . 16 . 6
Ephraim Brasher for a Musket ³⁹	5 . — . —
Jacob Thomas for d ^o	4 . — . —

£ 23 . 5 . 6

Ordered that the above Acco^{ts} be paid.
Board adjourned.

KING'S DISTRICT, WARNERS TAVERN.

Thursday, Augst 21th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine Ju ^r	

³⁹ See App. II, p. 457.

Several Members of the Committee & the Field Officers of this District, being convened at this Place, Informed the Board, that they had directed a Number of Persons to be apprehended, who are now in Custody here.

Jacob Diamond one of the Prisoners being brought before the Board & Sworn, saith; that last Winter he Inlisted under Andrew Palmerton in the Service of the Enemy, & that he saw Corn^s M^c Cagg inlist also. that after the act of Grace was published he took the Benefit thereof by taking the Oath of Allegiance before Major Hide, that he understood from the following Persons, that they were determined to go with Palmerton to Join the Enemy,

Isaac Diamond	John Dusenberry
Absalom Creamer	Ezra Knapp
Henry Dusenberry	Isaac Marks
Joseph Marks	Peter Brown
James Spicer	Caleb Brown
Jonathan Brown	Frederick Weager
James Ismore	Samuel Lewis
John Shebley Jun:	Jesse Case
Jacob Lobdall	Abra: Lott
——— Carmichael	Dan ^l Northrup
Benj ^a Lester	James Robbins
Titus Hoosted	Isaac Lamb
Tho ^s Wilse	John Buys
Philip Wickwire	
Henry Jacob Gardineer	

The first Seven whereof are now Prisoners at this place Henry Dusenberry being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith, that he saw Palmerton the Day after M^r Van Ness's Son was Kill'd. That it was generally understood in the Neighbourhood that the following Persons were to go off to the Enemy under Palmerton, Viz^t

Thomas Wood,	Gershom French
Moses Dormant	Francis Hogall

Two persons of the Name of Kronkhite, as the Dep^t understood from their Brother, who lives at Schotock

Jonathan Wickwire,
John Perry,

———Primmer,

Jonathan Hunter being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith, that on Wednesday last he was at the House of Aaron Hammond, where several persons, to wit, Jacob Diamond & Absalom Creamer, Old Brown, Ezra Knapp, James Robbins, & Isaac Marks, that the Dep^t understood from this Comp^a that they had assembled in order to Consult about going off to the Enemy, which they concluded to do that Evening and for that purpose they were to meet on a Certain Hill that Creamer informed the Dep^t that they intended to take Col. Whiting, & Cap^t White & carry them off with them. That Abner Pease & David Sprag were also Present, but did not appear to be concerned in the Business.

That Palmerton's Wife & Daughter were at Luke Schermerhorn's & lived there last Spring for some Time. That the Dep^t at the Meeting at Hammond's heard Old Brown say that his Two Sons Intended to go off to the Enemy.

Isaac Diamond being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith, that some short Time after the Evacuation of Ticonderoga the Dep^t promised James O'Niel to Inlist under him in the Enemies Service. that the Dep^t Imagines that Palmerton was to be Cap^t of the Company, in which he was to Inlist under the said O'Niel. That at this Time O'Niel administered to the Dep^t the Oath of Secrecy. O'Niel Informed the Dep^t that Palmerton's Party intended to take Col: Whiting, Col: Van Ness, & Esq^f Adgate. The Dep^t Imagines that Thomas Wood was with Palmerton when M^r Van Ness's Son was Murder'd. That O Niel told him the Dep^t whoever Inlisted under him were to have a Farm.

Jonah Case (alias Wane Case, alias Joseph Clark) who was Brought before the Board, & confessed, that he was

a Deserter from Cap^t Troup's Comp^a in Col: Huntington's Reg^t of the Connecticut Forces.

Jacob Diamond being farther Examined, saith, that Francis Hogall advised the Dep^t to Inlist under Palmer-ton, & said that he was Inlisted himself, and that James Robbins also advised him to Inlist. That John Buys also told the Dep^t that he intended to Inlist, and advised the Dep^t to it also. That Melgert Fyl, Philip Wickwire, (now confined in Albany Goal) & James O'Niel advised the Dep^t to Inlist

Martin Delong being Examined under Oath, Saith, that at the Time the Prisoners were at Van Ness's, some of them, to wit, the Napps & Marks & Creamer appeared exceeding uneasy at Hunters being sent for as a Witness, and that Creamer said he was afraid that Hunter would do them hurt, for that he had it in his power to do it if he would.

Ordered, that he be discharged

Resolved that the Sum of Twenty Shill^{ss} be paid to Jacob Riesdorff for his services done here.⁴⁰

Resolved that the Sum of Fifty Four pounds be Ad-
vanced to Cap^t Cooper, on Acc^t of his Comp^a of Rangers.
Board Adjourned.

Friday, Augst 22^d 1777. Board met.
Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine Jun ^r	

Whereas this Board has great reason to believe that Isaac Diamond, Absalom Creamer, Henry Dusenberry Joseph Marks Jun^r, Jn^o Dusenberry, Ezra Knap, Isaac Marks & Corn: M^c Cagg, now prisoners at this place had Inlisted under a Certain Andrew Palmerton in the Service of the Enemy.

⁴⁰See App. II, p. 457.

Resolved that the said Prisoners be conveyed to Esopus, to be confined on Board the Fleet Prison there.

Whereas it appears to this Board from the Best Information and Evidence that can now be obtained, that the following Persons, Prisoners at this place to wit,

James Lester	Abra: Filkins
Henry Filkins	Ebenezer Marks
John O Niel	John Backus Jun ^r
Luke Schermerhorne	Jacob Diamond
John Filkins	[<i>Caleb White</i>]
Frederick Rous	Joseph Marks [<i>Jun.</i>]
Hugh O Niel	John Bain
John Marks	Ebenezer Knapp

are Dangerous Enemies to the American Cause, and that the Safety and Security of these States require that the said Persons be closely Confined,

Resolved therefore that they be Committed to the Fleet Prison at Esopus.

Board adjourned.

Saturday, Augst 23^d 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine	

Ordered, that the Sum of 12/ be paid to Elisha Oviats for Services done this Board.

Also the Sum of 16/ be paid to Lupton Warner for a Bayonet & Belt.

Ordered, that the sum of £1..15..10 be paid to Thadius Noble for repairing a Number of Guns, as th Acco^t

Cap^t George White appeared before the Board, & Informed that he had apprehended & brought Prisoners to this Place, the following Persons, Vizt.

[<i>Elisha Rogers</i>]	David H Wyatt
Isaac Austin	John Bratt
David Pearce	Peter I Lampman
Timothy Biggs	Jacob Litcher
Peter Lampman	William Castle
Caleb Carr	Daniel Munow
Zebulun Jones	John Munrow
Samuel Brittan	Samuel Munrow
Amos Sweet	Elisha Sly
John Moon	Mills Sly
Cary Clark	Richard Turner
Abra: Bovee	Frederick Kalder
[<i>Isaac Rogers</i>]	William Kalder
John Dott	

That the said Persons were taken in and about Hosick, and that some of them had been with the Enemy when they were lately in that Quarter, & that the rest had very probably, either been with the Enemy, or had undoubtedly neglected or refused to turn out & oppose them.

Resolved, that they be sent to Esopus to be confined on Board the Fleet Prison there.

Resolved, that Samuel Ingerson, & John Riley apprehended with Forged Passes from General Schuyler be sent to Esopus, to be confined on board the fleet Prison there.

Several Members of the Committee & Field Officers of this District having attended this Board during their sitting here, at the request of the Board for the Benefit of their advice & Information, and their Expences amounting to £ 5. .6. .8, as appears by the Particulars

Resolved that this Board will defray the Expence thereof, & that the same be paid.⁴¹

Jonathan Warner produced his Acco^t for supplying the Guards & Prisoners with Provisions amount^e to £ 13. .2. .6—£ 13. .2. .6.

Ordered that the same be paid.

⁴¹ See App. II, p. 457.

Resolved, that Nathan Moulton & James Beverly now in Custody here deserters from the Continental Forces be sent to Esopus, to be confined on board the Fleet Prison there.

Thomas Warner appeared, and produced his Acco^t for Provision's for the Guard & Waggon hire, amounting to £3. .16. .9.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Peter Vanness appeared & produced his Acco^t for a Gun & Other Contingent Expences amount^s to £5. .8. .—

Ordered that the same be paid.

Board adjourned.

KINDERHOOK, at M^r Vosburgh's
 Tuesday Augst 26th 1777. Board met
 Present
 Egbert Benson }
 Melancton Smith } Esq^{rs}
 Peter Cantine }

Ordered that the Sum of £ 26. .— be paid to Hezekiah Mills for an Horse purchased of him by the Board before they left Poughkeepsie pursuant to a Resolution of the Council of Safety directing them to Procure two Express Horses.

Ordered that fifteen Shillings be paid Cap^t Henry Humfrey, the amount of the pay of a Man whose name he had omitted to Insert in his pay Roll of Services lately performed by order of this Board

Melancton Smith Esq^r Informed the Board that on the 16th Ins^t Paul Vananden one of the Constables of Charlotte Precinct, had, by order of the Committee of that Precinct, apprehended a Certain Simeon Flagler, & summoned Several Witnesses to appear against him, That Flagler upon appearing before the Committee confessed that he had been with the Enemy, the Committee thereupon referred him to this Board & directed Vananden to take him in Custody & convey him to Red Hook accordingly, that on the way thither Flagler made his

Escape, leaving his Horse, Saddle & Bridle, now in the possession of Lieu^t Fulmore and that Vanandens Bill for apprehending him & Summoning the Witnesses, amounted to £2..8..— and that the Expences of the Two Witnesses for attending the Committee was Eight Shillings Each.

Resolved that the said Horse Saddle & Bridle be sold at Publick Vendue, and that out of the Monies arising from the Sale thereof, the above Expences be paid, and that the residue be detained, by this Board, Subject to their future Order, or of the Legislature of this State.

Chapman Asher produced his Acco^t of 97 lb Beef for the Guards amount^s to £4..1..—

Ordered that the same be paid.

Board adjourned

POMPOONACK IN THE DISTRICT OF KINDERHOOK

Wednesday, Augst 27th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine	

Lieu^t Col: Waterman appeared before the Board and Informed that he had apprehended, John Hoff, Arch^d M^c Kay, Catharine Taylor, Ann M^c Mullen, Mary Fairchild, & [space left blank] the wife of John M^c Kenzy, & [space left blank] Charged with having Committed a Robbery at the House of Jabez Grippen on Monday night last.

John Hoff being Duly sworn & Examined, saith, that on Monday last in the afternoon he was at the house of John M^c Kenzy, that there were then present the said John M^c Kenzy, John Flin, Arch^d M^c Kay, Mary, the wife of s^d M^c Kenzy, & the Widow Taylor, [*Ann Taylor Mary Taylor*] when & where it was agreed among them to send for Rum, that the Exam^t, Flin, M^c Kay & the Widow Taylor Each gave Money, with which M^c Kay went & Brought Rum to the amount of about a Quart

& return'd with it to the house of the Widow Taylor, where it was drank in the said Comp^a—That afterwards on the Same day, just at Evening, a proposal was made to go to Jabez Grippen's for Cheese, that the Person who first made this proposal, the Exam^t thinks was John M^c Kenzy's wife. That accordingly the Exam^t M^c Kay, Ann Taylor, Cathⁿ Taylor, Mary M^c Kenzy & Mary Fairchild went to Grippen's about midnight, that when they came there, the family being abed, M^c Kay Knock'd at the Door, when M^r Grippen opened it. That upon M^c Kays knock^s at the Door, M^r Grippen asked who was there, to which M^c Kay replied a friend from New Concord who had been in the woods all day hunting after Tories. That all the party entered into the House; That the Exam^t took One Cheese himself, & a linen Towel & a Clout. That M^c Kay before he knock'd at the door, went to the Back part of the house & Took a Shirt. That besides the Cheese above mentioned, the party also took Seven More, and carried the whole Booty to the Widow Taylor's, and concealed it under a heap of Wood. That the whole party had their Faces blacked; That Ann Taylor Catharine Taylor & Mary M^c Kenzy had Blankets round them & Trowsers on, & that Mary Fairchild had a Blue Coat & a pair of Breeches on. That the Exam^t & M^c Kay had each of them a Loaded Gun. That the Exam^t was rather intoxicated with the Rum he had drank. That M^c Kenzy's wife informed him that she Intended to go & do mischief that Night. That M^c Kenzy begged she would not.

JOHN HOFF

Mary Fairchild being duly sworn, & Examined saith, that, the Exam^t M^c Kay, Hoff, Ann & Catharine Taylor & Mary M^c Kenzy went to Grippen's last Monday night. That the Exam^t did not enter the House, admits that she had on a Coat & p^r Breeches, & that her Face was Blacked; denies that shee took or carried any thing off. That the party took off Two Shirts, besides several Cheeses. That Old M^{rs} Taylor knew of their intentions

of going to Steal, and assisted them in Contriving the Business. That the Exam^t heard M^{rs} M^c Kenzy tell her husband they intended to go to Grippens to take Cheese, and that he disapproved of it. That it did not appear to the Exam^t that any of the party were in Liquor.

MARY FAIRCHIL

Catharine Taylor being duly sworn & Examined refuseth to make any Confession at all.

Ann Taylor appeared, and also refuses to make any Confession

The Widow Taylor also refuses to make any Confession

Mary, the wife of John M^c Kenzy being duly sworn saith, & Confesses that she was of the party who went to Grippin's, & entered the house herself, & took off one Cheese, & believes that Nancy Taylor also took a Cheese She admits that she had a Blanket thrown round her but had no Trowsers on, & confesses also that her face was Black'd

her

MARY X M^c KENZY

mark

Catharine Taylor being reexamined under Oath Confesses, that she was one of the party that went to Grippen's on Monday night last to Rob him, denies that she was in the House or carried off any thing herself.

CATHARINE TAYLOR

Ann Taylor being Sworn & reexamined, confesses that she was one of the party that went to Grippens to rob him on Monday night last, & that she Entered the house & took off a Cheese, but that the Men carried it home.

her

ANN X TAYLOR

mark

Christine Taylor being duly sworn, saith, that she was present when the party who went to Grippens agreed to

go, and saw them Disguise themselves for that purpose, that she knew their Intentions were to take Cheese.

her
CHRISTINE X TAYLOR
mark

Archibald M^c Kay being duly sworn, saith, & confesses that he was of the party that went to Grippen's last Monday night, & that when they came there, & knocking at the Door, upon Grippens Enquiring who was there, the Exam^t & Hoff both replied they were friends who came from Kinderhook & belonged to New Concord, & that they had been all Day hunting for Tories, & wanted Victuals That thereupon Grippen opened the Door & they Entered That the Exam^t himself did not take any Cheese out of the House. That he saw all the rest of the party (except Catharine Taylor & himself) take Cheeses. That he assisted in Carrying the Cheeses home to Taylors. That he took two Shirts off the Fence by the Door. And the Exam^t being further Examined, saith that the four Counterfeit Connecticut Currency which he lately passed off to Col: Humfrey, he rec^d from the Widow Taylor who told him that her son Daniel had brought them up from New York last Winter. That the Widow Taylor & her Daughters Ann & Catharine have told the Exam^t that Daniel had brought up a Quantity of Paper Money. That the Exam^t has seen a large Bundle of Paper Money in the possession of the Widow Taylor, but whether it was all false the Exam^t does not know. That it appeared to him that neither M^{rs} Taylor nor her Daughters knew the Money was bad. That when the Exam^t went to pay Col: Humfrey the last Bill, Evert Vosburgh observed to him that he Imagined the Bill was bad, notwithstanding which he paid it to Col: Humfrey, that thereupon the Exam^t return'd to M^{rs} Taylor & informed her of it, and it appeared to the Exam^t that this was the first Time that either M^{rs} Taylor & her Daughters knew the Bills were Counterfeit

ARCHIBALD M CAY

Resolved, That Col: Cornelius Humfrey be authorized to put such persons & upon such Terms as he shall think proper, in possession of the Several Farms & Stocks of Christine Taylor, & John Hoff till the further order of this Board, or the Legislature of this State, And that Col: Humfrey be also Authorised to demand & receive of the Persons who shall have the same in possession the Horses or other Stock of the said Christine Taylor & John Hoff or Either of them

Resolved, That Cap^t Martin Beebe detain the Horse which he now has in his possession belonging to Archibald M^c Coy till the further Order of this Board, and that he be further Authorized to demand & receive of the Persons who shall have the same in Possession other Effects of the said Archb^d M^c Coy and detain them also till the further Order of this Board.

Resolved that Cap^t Beebe & Lieu^t Phelps make a return of the Men under their respective Commands in pursuing & apprending the Persons who committed the Robbery at M^r Grippens to M^r Cantine one of the Members of this Board who is hereby Authorized to Audit & discharge the same.

Cap^t Beebe Informed the Board, that he had taken at the house of Christine Taylor, Five half Joannes's & Ten Guineas in specie, belongs to the said Christine Taylor.

Resolved that he detain the same till the further order of this Board, or the future Legislature.

Board Adjourned

Thursday Augst 28th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine Jun	

Whereas it appears to this Board, that the several Detachments of the Militia who apprehended the Persons who Committed the Robbery at Jabez Grippens, exerted themselves in an Extraordinary manner, as a reward

therefore for their spirit & Activity in this Instance, and as an Encouragem^t to Exert themselves in like manner upon future occasions, The Cap^t be allowed 12/, the Lieu^{ts} each 8/, Serj^{ts} Each 6/, Corporals Each 5/, & the Privates each 4/ ^{per} Day Exclusive of Subsistence, and that M^r Cantine be intructed to Audit their pay Rolls accordingly. Cap^t Beebe produced his pay Roll made out agreeable to the above Resolution, amounting to £ 9. .9. .—, & an acco^t of £2. .7. .— for 47 meals for the Detachment under his command, & 12/ for the hire of a Waggon to convey the Women Prisoners to this place.

Resolved that the above Pay Roll & Acco^{ts} amount^s in all to £ 12. .8. .— be paid.

Resolved that Archibald M^c Coy, John Hoff Christine Taylor, Ann Taylor, Catharine Taylor Mary M^c Kenzy & Mary Fairchild, Charged with Committing a Robbery at the House of Jabez Grippen on Monday night last, be Committed to Dutchess County Goal at Poughkeepsie, and the Keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to receive & detain them in close Custody (the said Archibald M^c Coy, & John Hoff in Irons) till they shall be thence delivered by due Course of Law. And the Keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to Subsist the said Prisoners at the Cheapest rate possible, and that this Board will defray the Expen^{ce} thereof.

Abraham Van Alstyne produced his Acco^t amount^s to £ 0. .17. .4.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Cap^t Ezekiel Cooper produced his Acco^t of Contingent Expences Since leaving Red Hook amount^s to £ 18. .19. .6. .

Ordered that the same be paid

Ordered, that the Sum of Sixty Pounds be advanced to Cap^t Cooper, on Acco^t of his Comp^y of Rangers.

Resolved, that a Proclamation be Issued by this Board and distributed in & about the Districts of Kings, & Kinderhook, offering a free pardon & a Reward of £ 40, to such Person who shall first discover to any of the Field Officers of Kings, or this district, the perpetrator

or perpetrators or their accomplices of the Robberies Committed at the houses of Mess^{rs} Abraham Van Alstyne & John Van Ness also of the Murder committed at the House of the latter so that they or any one of them may be apprehended.

ROUNDOUT CREEK, ULSTER COUNTY, Board met on
Board the Hudson, Cap^t Henry Benson,

Wednesday, Sep^r 3^d 1777.

Present, Egbert Benson Esq^r

The Board with the assistance of Robert Harpur & Peter Van Zandt Esq^{rs} Two of the Members of the Council of Safety, who attended for that purpose,⁴² proceeded to the Examination of the several Cases of the following Seventeen Persons, now Prisoners on Board the Fleet Prison by order of this Board, whereupon, with the approbation of the above Two Gentⁿ it was

Resolved that,

William Kelder
Frederick Kelder
Henry Filkins
Frederick Rous
John Marks
Joseph Marks
Ebenezer Marks
Isaac Austin
Caleb Carr

David Pearce
Timothy Biggs
Abraham Bovee
Jacob Letcher
Zebulun Jones
Amos Sweet
John Moon
&
Cary Clark

Be discharged

Board adjourned.

Friday, Sep^r 5th 1777 Board met at Kingston

Present, Egbert Benson Esq^r

The Board being Informed that the Rev^d M^r Beardsley was returned from New York.

⁴² In compliance with an order of the Council of Safety passed Sept. 3, 1777. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 1054.

Resolved that he appear before this Board at this Place on Monday next.

Resolved, that if the said Rev^d M^r Beardsley should in any wise appear reluctant to obey the above Summons, that M^r Stephen Hendrickson be authorized to take him into Custody, and convey him on Board the Fleet Prison at this Place, and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof.

Board adjourned.

KINDERHOOK

Ordered that the Sum of Thirty Pounds be advanced to John Van Ness Jun. towards supplying the Company of Rangers in the Service of this Board. Augst 28th 1777.

SQUAMPANACK September 1st 1777.

Present, Peter Cantine Jun^r

Ordered, that the Sum of Four Dollars be paid to Col. Peter Van Ness for the use of his Waggon &ca. to Red Hook

RHINEBECK, Sep^r 8th—present as above

Ordered that the Sum of £ 10..16.. be paid to Will: Stuart & Dan^l Willson for their Services & Expences in Apprehending & bringing to this Place four Prisoners

Ordered that the Sum of Eight Pounds be paid Sam^l Hopkins for his secret Services.

Sep^r 9th—present as above

Ordered that the sum of £ 1..4.— be paid to Aaron Lyon for apprehend^s & bringing to this Place Two Prisoners

Abraham Kip produced his Acco^t amount^s to £ 3..18.—

Ordered that the same be paid

Sep^r 10th—Present as above

Jacobus Kip produced his Acco^t amount^s to £ 14..19..3

Ordered that the same be paid

Sep^r 19th—Present as above

Ordered that the sum of £ 1 . 4— be paid to Stephen Hogeboom for the hire of an Express to Red Hook

MANOR OF LIVINGSTON Sep^r 20th—Present as above

Ordered, that the Sum of £ 10, be advanced to Harman Knickerbaker as Commissary for the Comp^a of Rangers

Ordered that the Sum of £ 1 . 8 . .— be paid to Jacob Bowers for going Express to Pompoonack

Sep^r 22^d—Present as above

Melancton Smith Esq^r produced his Acco^t amount^s to £ 3 . 3 . . 2.

Ordered that the same be paid

Sep^r 23^d—Present as above

Ordered that the Sum of £ 1 . 12 . .— be paid to Herman Hoffman for the hire of an Express from Red Hook to Poughkeepsie

Cap^t David Vanness appeared, & produced, his payroll of the Guards attend^s the Prisoners from Claverack to Esopus amount^s to £ 21 . 3— Also his Acco^t of Disbursement on said Occasion Amount^s to £ 50 . 5 . 8, is in all £ 71 . 8 . 8.

Ordered that the same be paid.

September 14th 1777.

Present

Peter Cantine Jun^r

Ordered that the Sum of Fifteen Shillings & Six pence be paid to Coenradt Elmendorph for keeping a Prisoner & hire of an Express.

Sep^r 15th 1777 present as above

Ordered that the Sum of Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Six pence be paid to Cap^t David Van Ness for Services & Expences of a Guard for apprehending & bringing Prisoners to Rhinebeck Land^s Peter Kilmore & Joh^s Rypenbergh

Sep^r 16th Present as above

Johanis Moul appeared, & produced a Certificate from Lieu^t Fulmore, for Subsistence & Entertainment of Eighteen Men of the Rangers One night & part of a day amounting to 18/.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Ordered, that the Sum of £12.— be advanced to Harman Knickerbaker for supplying the Company of Rangers now on Duty in Manor Livingston with Provisions.

RHINEBECK Sep^r 8th 1777

Board met

Present

Melancton Smith } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Aaron Lyon appeared and informed that by order of Cap. Samuel Smith he had apprehended and brought Prisoners Abraham Freligh Jun^r Thomas Whiley & James Whiley (who by a Letter from Cap. Smith) it appears have concealed themselves in the Woods, & refused to render obedience to their Militia Officers.

The said Lyon produced his Acco^t for himself & another in guarding the said Prisoners amounting to £1..4..0.⁴³

Ordered that the same be paid

Lieu^t Schoonmaker appeared and informed that he had apprehended & bro^t prisoners by order of this Board the following Persons Viz^t

Johannes Freligh

Jack a Negro

Leiu^t Kip bro^t Prisoners Teunis Peer and Johan Joes Weder, charged with being concerned in or privy to a conspiracy to Fire the Buildings of certain Persons in this Precinct.

⁴³ See App. II, p. 457.

Cap^{ts} Wilson & Stuart appeared before the board and informed that they had apprehended and bro^t before the Committee of Rynbeek Precinct, Jacob Hagedoorn, Andrias Houg[h] Rich^d Holly and John Drom, Prisoners. The said Committee in Consequence of an order of this board Sent said Prisoners to this place.

Samuel Hopkins appearing before the board and being duly sworn saith, that on his way from New Perth (from whence he had been driven by the enemy) to the Nine Partners, he fell in company with a Stranger at Canaan, with whom he Travelled to the little Nine Partners, that in disc[o]urse with the s[aid] Stranger he discovered that he wa[s] a Prisoner of War, a Serjeant in the 17th Reg^t of British Troops, and had deserted with a View to go to New York where he had a Wife with three Children, that upon their arrival in the little Nine Partners, they went to the house of Charles Ross, to whom the Serg^t discovered himself & his intentions and the said Ross informed him that he might tarry in that Neighbourhood securely until an oppertunity offered to go to the enemy that John Drum told him the Same but Cautioned the Serjant as well as the Depo^t (who feigned himself to be in the Interest of the King of Britain) not to discover him as he had lately taken an oath of fidelity to this State, and in case of a discovery his life would be in danger. That they went from thence to the House of Zachariah Philip who also aided and assisted them and sent his son to Conduct them to the House of Peter Kilmore, that when they came there Kilmore told them they had notice of their coming, who also assisted them, and directed them to Andrias Hough, to whom they had also been directed by the other of the above persons, as a proper person [to] conduct them on their Journy. that they arrived at s^d Houghs early in the Morning & continued there that day. that about breakfast a Person Came there whom he since found was Named Christopher Sipperly, who asked the deponent to engage with him in the British serv[i]ce & Shewed him his inlisting orders. that the Said Sipperly told the deponent, that he ex-

pected to be ready to Set off on Wednesday next to Join the enemy That Provided they would Continue there until that time he would conduct them down, however advised them if a convenient oppertunity offered before that time to embrace it. That Hough undertook to conduct them to the House of Jacob Hagedoorn. that accordingly, the Serjant & this deponent with Hough Set off in the evening for that Place. that they lay concealed near the house some part of the night that they were all three apprehended at the close of the night by Cap^t Wilson agreeable to a Plan Previously concerted between the depo^t & Wilson.

The depo^t farther saith that Hough told him that he had formerly conducted above ten Parties from his house to s^d Hagedoorns & Wertembergh Land, that Sipperly advised this deponent that previous to his going off in the hearing of Hough to steal from Cap^t James Wilson & John Wilson Two guns Two Silver Mounted Swords & a span of Horses & further this deponent Saith not.

SAMUEL HOPKINS

The above depo^t being further examined saith that the said Sipperly informed him he was going to Manor Livingston where there were five men who had partly promised to engage with him, & that ther[e] was a Person there who had lately come from New York & was lame, that the depo^t afterwards learn[ed] from Hough that this Person was named John Rypenbergh

SAMUEL HOPKIN[S]

Ordered that the Sum of Eight pounds be paid to Samuel Hopkins for Secret Services ⁴⁴

Ordered tha[t] the Sum of Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings be paid to Cap^ts Wilse & Stuart for their Services & Expences of themselves & others for apprehending & bringing to this place the four above Prisoners
Board Adjourned

⁴⁴See App. II, p. 457.

Tuesday Sep^r 9th 1777. Board met.

Present

Melancton Smith

Peter Cantine

Whereas it appears to this Board by the Evidence of Samuel Hopkins, that Andries Hough, Jacob Hagedoorn & John Drum have been aiding & assisting Emissaries from the Enemy, therefore

Resolved that they be sent under Guard to Esopus Creek there to be Confined on Board the Fleet Prison, until the further Order of this Board, or other Proper authority of this State.

Whereas it appears to this Board that Rich^d Hawley a Prisoner of War, has deserted from Canaan in the State of Connecticut with an Intention to make his Escape to New York

Resolved that he be sent under Guard to Kingston & be deliver'd over to Abraham B Banker Esq^r Commissary of Prisoners of this State.

Ordered, that Lieu^t Schoonmaker Convey the above prisoners to Esopus, and deliver them agreeable to the above Resolutio[n]

Lieu^t Abraham Kip, appear'd & produced his Acc^t of himself & Guard attending this Board amount^s to £3.18.—

Ordered, that the same be paid.

Jack (a Negro belonging to Hendrick Freligh) being Examined, saith that on the morning after the Burning of his Master's Barn, Teunis Peer came to the house of the said Freligh, & met with this Exam^t standing by where the Barn was bur[n]t, together with Jacob Freligh That the said Peer said to them, that Freligh had met with a great loss whereupon he went into the house, where he tarried about half an hour, when he returned to this Exam^t who was standing near where the Barn was burnt. That the said Peer winked to this Exam^t and desired him to walk with him into the field, and that he wanted some Conversation with him, whereupon this

Exam^t walked with the said Peer a little distance behind a Stack of Hay, & said to him—Now this Barn is burnt, 'tis a pity but Cap^t Sheldon's Barn was burnt to night also, to answer that, for that would Scare them (meaning the Whigs as this Exam^t understood) That the said Peer then desired this Exam^t to take a Coal of fire the follow^g night and throw it on the Thatch of said Sheldon's Barn and said, that he (the said Peer) would be a good person to set fire to it himself, but he was too near a Neighbour. That the said Exam^t answe^d Peer, that he did not Choose to be concerned in any such Business, but if he chose to have it done, he might do it himself. Whereupon Peer replied, that he did not tell him to do it, but if he would, it wou^d be best for himself. That upon the ending this discourse, the Boy, Jacob Freligh came up, upon which Peer told the said Jacob that he had best go away from his Uncle, for that a great Accident had happened, and he wou^d be Damned if that would be all, for that a worse thing would befall his Uncle Hendrick Freligh. That on the Day after this Discourse with Peer, this Exam^t looked upon it his duty to inform his Master & M^r Sheldon of the Conversation he had had with Peer, and discovered his intention of doing it, to Jacob Freligh who advised him against it, alledging that it would make a great disturbance. That he, notwithstanding did inform his Master & Cap^t Sheldon, who directed him on the following day to have some more conversation with Peer, respecting burning of Sheldon's Barn. That he accordingly went to Peer in Comp^a with Jacob Freligh, and pretended to him, that upon farther consideration, he was willing to undertake firing Cap^t Sheldon's Barn agreeable to the said Peer's request the Day before; But Peer made Answer, that the Matter was now about coming out, that he had not bid this Exam^t to fire the Barn, and would now have nothing more to do with it, but that he might use his pleasure, and at the same time desired him to say nothing of the Conversation that pass'd between them. That Peer then took him & the Boy down into his Cellar & ga[ve] them a drink of [c]ider, & they departed.

This Exam^t further Saith that before the burning of the Barn, Peer used frequently to be at his Master's house and call for Liquor and treat this Exam^t, That he also used to be very frequently with him in the fields where he was at work and repeatedly urged and advised him to run away from his master who he said was a Damn'd Rebel, and endeavour to get to his old Master in New York. That this Exam^t frequently told Jacob Freligh the Conversation that Peer had with him. This Exam^t further saith that some time since Jack, a Negro belonging to Johannis Freligh was at his (the Exam^{ts}) Master's, mowing of Hay. that upon the said Jack's finding that this Exam^t had belonged to a disaffected Person, he told him that he knew a Person who would convey him to New York to his old Master, provided he was disposed to go. that this Exam^t replied that he had been once taken up on the Road, and would not venture again, unless it was with a very safe hand. That the said Jack told him that he could not have a safer hand than John [*Hough*] Haak, who had already conducted two parties down, and was acquainted with every private road on the way to New York. That the said Hough had a party now ready to go, but was waiting to hear whether a party was arrived safe who had lately gone off. That this Exam^t ask'd Jack whether he had a mind to go, that he said no, that [*Hough*] Haak did not chuse to take him, as his master was a Tory, but would take this Exam^t as his Master was a Rebel. That this Exam^t asked him how he should know when [*Hough*] Haak went off. That Jack engaged to let him know, provided this Exam^t would promise to go with him. That the Exam^t told Jack, he chose to see the man himself, upon which Jack promised to bring him to [*Hough*] Haak, provided he would come some Sunday to his Master's. That accordingly this Exam^t on Sunday last, went to the house of Johannis Freligh, when he came there, Jack was not at home, that about half an hour after upon the blowing of the Horn, Jack came home, & brought with him Tho^s Whiley, one of the Persons that was to go off with

[*Hough*] Haak. That the said Jack then carried this Exam^t to the house of Abraham Freligh, where he found the said [*Hough*] Haak. That he ask'd Hough whether he was going down, who told him he was, & ask'd this Exam^t if he would go with him. The Exam^t engaged to go, and desired to know of [*Hough*] Haak when they were to set off, who told him that he was waiting to hear from the party that set off to Join the Enemy on Friday Se'net. That [*Hough*] Haak had understood from a Regular who lately attempted to get [down] that our Guards were so posted, as rendered it very difficult for them to pass, the said Regular had therefore returned and [*Hough*] Haak had concluded to defer setting off til Monday next. That [*Hough*] Haak could not tell the place at which they should rendezvouse, as he said they might possibly be alarmed & scattered in the Woods, but that Abraham Freligh, & the aforesaid Jack engaged that one or the other of them would let the Exam^t know where they were to meet. That Jack informd the Exam^t that Abraham Freligh intended to go with the party but would be obliged to go privately as his mother was much against it. The said Jack further informed the Exam^t that the said Abra: Freligh had a Chest of Clothes hid under a Heap of Stones in the Woods among which was a Regim^t Suit, that the Exam^t had also heard this before of Jacob Freligh. That this Exam^t then left Abra: Freligh's in Comp^a with Jack in order to go and see [*Hough*] Haak in order to have some further Conve[r]sation with him, and Jack went with him to a house about two miles & a half distant from Johannis Freligh's, where the said [*Hou*] Haa[k] had worked the week before. That while they were there, Th[os] Whiley came in and said something in private to Jack, upon which Jack refused to go any further with this Exam^t an[d] this Exam^t not knowing where [*Hough*] Haak lived, he returned ho[me]

Jacob Freligh being Examined under Oath, saith that about Eight Days before the burning of his Uncle's Barn, Teuni[s] Peer came to the Barn, where he & Jack was

Threshing, and the [said] Peer told Jack, that if he wanted to part with his Master, he wo[uld] give the same Money for him which his Master paid, for that he[torn] that Jack & his Master were not of One Opinion, but that he the said Pe[er] & his Old Master were. That the day after the Barn was Burnt, Peer ca[me] to his Uncle's house, that he came up to the Dep^t & Jack near to where the Barn had stood, and said it was a bad accident, that h[e] then went into the house, where he tarried some time, when he ca[me] out and had some conversation with Jack behind the Hay stack, That this Dep^t came up to them while they were standing there, [&] Peer told him, that he had best leave his Uncle, for a bad accide[nt] had happened to him, and that it would not be the worst that [torn] happen. That after Peer had left them, Jack told this Dep^t Peer had solicited him to take a Coal of fire & put it on the thatch of Cap^t Sheldons Barn and [torn] Burn to Ete[rn]it[y] That Jack told this Dep^t he did not like [torn] discourse, and that he would make his master acquainted with it. That the Dep^t desired him not to do it, for it would make a great disturbance. That the following Day this Dep^t & Jack went back of Peer's house, that they saw Peer at some distance, and Jack becken'd to him, upon which he came to them, that Jack said to him, That he had considered of what he had said to him the Day before, about burning Sheldon's Barn, and as he found this Dep^t faithful, he was willing to undertake it, and asked him if he continued of the same mind. That Peer answered, the matter was like to come out, therefore he would have nothing more to do with it, but that Jack might stil use his own pleasure. That Jack then asked Peer what he should do, as this dep^t was now in the secret, whether he should run away or stand his ground,—Peer answered, he might do either, as he pleased; and told Jack & the Dep^t to say nothing about the Conversation they had,—That he then invited them into the Cellar and treated them with Cider, & upon parting, cautioned them again to mention

nothing of what had been said. And this Dep^t further saith, that some time about Harvest, he was at his Father's (Johannis Freligh) on a Visit that he understood there were a Number of People which kept concealed in the Woods. That Old M^r Whiley & his son Jacob & this Dep^t went in the Woods to them, that Jack, his Father's Negro, also went another way, that they all met together where these People kept. That there were then in the Company, Abra: Freligh, James Whiley, Tho^s Whiley, Dan^l Sleght, and Christian Haaver. That Jack & Young Jacob Whiley informed the Dep^t there were 18 or 19 that kept thereabout in the Woods, that Jack inform'd this Dep^t he was Commissary to furnish them with Provision. That this Dep^t asked him where he got the Provision, & Jack replied, you will find out when the People drive up their droves of Sheep & Creatures in the Fall

his
JACOB X FRELIGH
mark

Ordered that the Sum of £ 1 . . 4 . . — be paid to Aaron Lyon for Expences in conveying Isaac Freligh & Christian Haaver to this place, as Prisoners ⁴⁵

Boa[rd a]djourned

Wednesday Sep^r 10th 1777. Board met
Present

Melancton Smith }
Peter Cantine Jun^r } Esq^{rs}

Whereas it appears to this Board from the Testimony of Jack, a Negro Slave belonging to Hendrick Freligh, as well as from other Concurring Evidences, That Teunis Pier of [*this Precinct*] Rhinebeck, has been endeavouring to Excite the said Jack to destroy by Fire the Barn, now in the Possession of Cap^t Isaac Sheldon, and also to the Commission of other Crimes & Misdemeanors against this State.

⁴⁵See App. II, p. 458.

Resolved therefore, that the said Teunis Pier be confined on Board the Fleet Prison at Esopus Creek til the further Order of this Board or other proper authority of this State.

Whereas it appears to this Board that Abraham Freligh, Thomas Whiley, & James Whiley, [*& Jack a Slave*] have for some Time past concealed themselves in the Woods, and neglected or refused to obey the Orders of their Militia Officers and there is great reason to believe have aided & abetted Emissaries from the Enemy. And Whereas it appears, that Jack a Negro Slave belonging to Johannis Freligh has been employed by the above persons while in concealment and been privy to their resigns.

Resolved, that the said Abraham Freligh, Thomas Whiley James Whiley, & Jack a Slave be confined on Board the Fleet Prison at Esopus Creek til the further order of this Board, or other proper authority of this State

Johannis Jost Weder, appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Samuel Whiley having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Christian Haaver having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

Johannis Freligh having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegian[ce] to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Isaac Freligh having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Cap^t Jacobus Kip produced his Acc^t of his Expences for himself & Guard Amount* to £ 14. .19. .3.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Serj^t Coenradt Lasher appeared, & informed that he

had bro^t Prisoners, Johannis Ripenbergh, & Peter Kilmore apprehended by order of this Board.

On their Examination it appeared that the said Ripenbergh was not the person intended to have been apprehended by said Ord[er] and it appear'd also, that the Charge alledged against the said Peter Kilmore, as well as his gen^l Character, were not so dangerous a Nature as to merit confinement.

Ordered that they be discharged

ON BOARD THE HUDSON, Cap^t Henry Benson at Esopus Creek

Thursday, Sep^r 12th 1777.

Present

Peter Cantine Jun^r

Ordered, that Luke Schermerhorne be discharged from his Confinement on Board the Fleet Prison, & permitted to return to his place of abode, on his paying the Expences attending his Imprisonment

David H Wyatt, having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

John Dott having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Mills Sly having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

ON BOARD THE SLOOP HUDSON IN ESOPUS CREEK

Thursday October 2^d 1777. Commissioners Met

Present

Melancton Smith

Andrew Billings

Peter Cantine Ju^r

Resolved That Thomas Waters be permitted to Return to his place of Abode Near Albany on his Parol to Appear

again before this Board or any other proper Authority appointed for that purpose by this State, when thereunto required, he having deposited into the Custody of this Board the Sum of £300 for his faithful performance hereof, & for his peaceable demeanor in the mean time.

Resolved that Joshua Haight, Trip Mosher, Jonathan Deane Elijah Hoag, & Silas Dewel be permitted to return home on their parole there to remain until the further order of this Board or other proper authority of this State.

Resolved that Jabez Thorne be permitted to reside with his Brother Joseph Thorne at Filkin Town, to work with him at the Coopers Trade, he conducting as a good subject of this State, until the further order of this Board or other proper authority of the State.

Ordered that Jack a Negro Man belonging to Joh^s Freligh be deliver'd to his Master.

Abraham Freligh, Thomas Whiley & James Whiley having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be discharged.

James Lister & John Filkins having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that they be discharged.

James Hooghteelingh having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Daniel Waters appeared before the Board & became Surety for William Sanford, that he should appear before this Board or other proper authority of this State, whenever he shall be thereunto required or as soon as his present indisposition will permit, and that in the mean time he the said Sanford shall in all things behave and demean himself as a good subject of the State of New York.

I Daniel Waters do acknowledge myself indebted to the people of the State of New York in the Sum of two hundred Pounds lawful Money of said State to be levied on my goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements, in

case the said Sanford shall make default in the above Condition

DANIEL WALTERS

Ordered that the said Sandford be accordingly discharged.

John M^c Cagg appeared before the board to give Surety for Cornelus Mc Cagg, that he should appear before this Board, or other proper Authority of this State whenever he shall be thereunto required, and that in the mean time he the said Cornelius M^c Cagg shall in all things behave and demean himself as a good subject of the State of New York.

I John M^c Cagg do acknowledge myself indebted to the People of the State of New York in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds lawful Money of Said State to be levied on my goods and Chattles Lands & Tenements, in case the said Cornelius M^c Cag shall make default in the above Condition.

JOHN M^c CAGG

Ordered that the Said M^c Cagg be accordingly discharged.

Peter Relyea having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Nicholas Vrooman having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Board Adjourned.

Friday Oct: 3^d 1777. Board met

Present

Melancton Smith	} Esq ^{rs}
Peter Cantine Jun.	
Andrew Billings	

Ordered that Thomas Leggett be permitted to go to Albany on his Parol, to appear again before this Board,

or other proper Authority of this State, whenever thereunto required.

Nathan Clark appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged, & to go to the Nine Partners

Angus M^c Donald appearing before the Board & producing his Commission from under the King of Great Britain, as a Lieu^t in the 60th or Royal American Reg^t of foot

Ordered that he be permitted on his Parol, to reside in the Town of Hurley, Ulster County, within the Compass of Six Miles from the House of John Van Deursen, Resident there.

Ordered that Josiah Disberry be permitted to go to Esopus in order to get Employ, & to continue there until the further order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

Ordered, that Samuel Wood be permitted to pass from this to the Fish Kill, and there to remain with his Brother, on his Parol 'til the further Order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

Ordered, that David Barenhart is permitted to return home, to Hoosack, & there to remain 'till the further Order of this Board or other proper Authority of this State.

William Wallace is permitted to go from this to Major Melancton Smith's in the Nine Partners, to remain in his Custody until the further Order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

[*Traver appeared*]

Ordered, that John Traver be permitted to return to his place of abode, there to remain until the further order of this Board, or other proper authority of this State.

Johannis Klyne appeared and became Surety for Christian Fisher, that he should appear before this Board, or other proper Authority of this State, whenever there-

unto required and that in the Mean Time he should Conduct himself as a Good Subject of the State.

I Johannis Klyne Acknowledge myself Indebted unto the People of the State of New York in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be levied on my Goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements, If the said Christian Fisher shall make default in the above Condition.

JOHANNES KLEIN

Ordered, that the above said Christian Fisher be delivered unto the above Johannis Klein.

Board Adjourned.

Saturday Oct: 4th 1777. Board met.

Present

Melancton Smith	} Esq ^{rs}
Peter Cantine Jun ^r	
Andrew Billings	

Haning Nicholas Keister appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

John Mosher, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Order that he be discharged

Edward Bumpus, appeared before the Board, & stipulated with them upon Oath, that he will proceed from this forthwith to the House of Major Robert Hoffman near Poughkeepsie, and there remain within the Limits of his Farm & not depart thence without the leave of the said Rob^t Hoffman or this Board.

Ordered that he be dismissed from his Confinement on Board the Fleet Prison accordingly.

Richard Turner appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Angus M^c Donald appeared, before the Board, & became Surety for Jotham Bemus, that he shall appear before this Board or other proper Authority of this State

whenever thereunto required, and that in the mean Time, conduct himself as a good Subject of this State.

I Angus M^c Donald acknowledge myself indebted to the People of the State of New York in the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds to be levied on my Goods & Chatels, Lands & Tenements, if the said Jotham Bemus shall make default in the above Obligation

ANGUS M^c DONALD

Ordered, that the above mentioned Jotham Bemus be discharged accordingly.

Abraham Miller appeared before the Board and produced a Pass from Daniel Drummond Aid De Camp to Lieu^t Gen^l Clinton purporting that he was permitted on his Parol to return from New York to Rye to be Exchanged for Thomas Butler now a Prisoner on Board the Fleet at Esopus Creek, or otherwise to return immediately.

Ordered that the said Thomas Butler be discharged accordingly

Moses Wooster, Asa Beebe & Benj^a Ingrum having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that they be discharged

Josiah Dean, & Daniel Dean, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that they be discharged.

James Mather, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

William Mash appeared before the Board, and engaged with them upon Oath that he will proceed forthwith to the House of Melancton Smith Esq^r in Charlotte Precinct and to remain there until the further order of this Board, or the permission of the said Melancton Smith

Ordered that he be discharged accordingly

Nehemiah Gates, appeared before the Board, & engaged with them upon Oath that he will immediately proceed to the House of Henry Den Mark at Esopus, &

be under his Direction, until the further Order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

Ordered that he be discharged accordingly

Benjamin Spendelow is permitted to go to Rhinebeck & is recommended to the Care of Doct: Annanias Cooper, to act in the Capacity of a Schoolmaster, on his Parol, not to depart from thence without leave from this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

John Caswell who was admitted on his Parol in the Town of Kingston is permitted to return to his place of abode

Parvus[?] Mestin[?] appeared before the board is permitted to go to Walomschock & from thence to his family.

Resolved that Samuel Titus be permitted to return to his place of abode there to remain until further order of this Board or other proper authority of this State.

Resolved that Cap^t Henry Benson be authorized to permit Robert Burdick, Joseph Holloway, Ebenezer Hurd & Joseph Mabbett, to return home on their Parol to appear before this Board, or other proper Authority of this State when thereunto required.

Matthew Van Amburgh appeared, & having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Ordered, that Jacob Krankhaight be discharged

Ordered that Enoch Lester be permitted to return home on his parol to appear again before this Board or other proper authority of this State when thereunto required

Ebenezer Washburn is permitted to repair to the house of his Father Simeon Washburn living in Keen, in the State of New Hampshire.

Nicholas Cole appeared & having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

John Ashton having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Ephraim Mallery (one of the People called Quakers)
having Affirmed his Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Board Adjourned

KINGSTON ESOPUS.

Monday, October 6th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine Jun ^r	
Andrew Billings	

Resolved, That Harman Knickerbacker be appointed Commissary to provide Cap^t Cooper's Comp^y of Rangers and the Prisoners Confined on Board the Fleet, with provisions & Necessaries (Beef Excepted) That he be allowed Twelve Shillings ^{per} Day for his Services; and that he observe such Directions & Instructions as he shall from Time to Time receive from Cap^t Henry Benson

Resolved that William Lewis one of the Prisoners now confined in the Goal of this Town, be released from Confinement on his Parol that he will not depart this Town, & will remain in the Service of M^r Holt Printer.

Resolved that Robert Nicholson (now confined in Goal in this Town, be permitted to go on his Parol to Lawrence Wilsey's in the Nine Partners & remain there until the further Order of this Board.

Ordered, that Jacob Scouten be discharged.

A Petition being presented to this Board in behalf of John Crab, signed by John Crane, David Smith James Cock, James Crawford, Zebulon Townsend, Daniel Knap Benjamin Heyder, John M^c Lean, Ebenezer Cole, and Jonathan Stokum.

Ordered that the said John Crab be discharged on his taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

John Hames appeard & produced his Acco^t for Services done, amount^g to £ 13. .4.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Resolved, that Roeliff J Eltinge be confined on his parol to the Farm of Jacobus Hardenbergh ⁴⁶ in the Township of Hurly, not to depart from thence without the leave of this Board, or other proper authority of this State.

I do hereby Promise upon the Faith & honour of a Gentleman to observe the above Parol.

ROELOF JOSIAS ELTINGE

Isaac Sniffin, a Prisoner in this Goal, appeared, & having Examined into his Case.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Harman KnickerBacker produced his Acco^t as Commissary to Cap^t Cooper's Company of Rangers while in the Manor of Livingston, & on their March to this place amounting to £86..11..1. The same was audited & allow'd by the Board.

Board Adjourned

Tuesday Oct^r 7th 1777. Board met on Board the Hudson

Present

Peter Cantine } Esq^{rs}
Andrew Billings }

Ordered, that Cornelius C Elmendorph, late Commissary to the Prisoners confined on Board the Fleet Prison, Deliver unto Harman Knicker-Baker, Commissary appointed by this Board, all such Quantity of Flour, Salt & other provisions purchased by him for the use of Prisoners, as remains now in his possession.

Robert Gilmore appeared before the Board, & engaged with them upon Oath, that he will proceed forthwith to the house of Abraham Delamater in Kingston & to remain there until the further order of this Board, or other proper authority of this State, and to be under the direction of the said Delamater, he allowing him Customary wages

⁴⁶ Cf. Hardenbergh's petition to the Council of Safety, June 17, 1777, in *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, II, 186.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Thomas Collins appeared before the Board & engaged with them upon Oath, that he will proceed forthwith to the house of Tjerk K Dewitt in the Township of Kingston, & there remain under his directions until the further order of this Board, or other proper authority of this State the said Dewitt making him Customary allowance for his Services.

Ordered that he be discharged

William Read appeared before the Board, and it appearing that on his arrival to this Country, an Oath was Exacted from him not to take up Arms against the King of Great Britain; And having voluntarily taken an Oath before this Board, not to take up Arms against this Country.

Ordered, that he be permitted to repair forthwith to Col: Anthony Hoffman, or to Egbert Benson Esq^r, and to put himself under their, or either of their Care & Directions, to be put out to Labour to such person as they shall think proper.

Smith Simmons appeared, to give surety for his Brother Edward Simmons that he will remain within the Limits of the Farms of the said Smith Simmons & John Simmons and that he shall appear before this Board or other proper authority of this State whenever thereunto required, and that in the mean time he the said Edward Simmons shall in all things behave and demean himself as a good subject of the State of New York.

I Smith Simmons do acknowledge myself indebted to the People of the State of New York in the Sum of One hundred Pounds Lawful Money of the said State to be levied on my Goods & Chatells, Lands & Tenements in Case the said Edward Simmons shall make default in the above Condition

SMITH SIMMONS

Ordered that William Read be permitted to repair from hence to the House of Matthew Cantine at Marble Town, to be put out to Labour & to remain under his Directions,

until the further order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

Ordered, that Cap^t Henry Benson be directed to Issue One Pound of Bread, Three Quarters of a pound of Beef ^{per} Day, One Pint of Peas ^{per} Week, with such proportion of Salt as he shall think necessary, to Each Prisoner on Board the Fleet

Ordered, That Johannis Drom be discharged from on Board the Fleet Prison & permitted to return home

M^r Egbert Benson having some time past given directions to Cap^t H Benson to discharge, Richard Wrag, Conradt Ham, Thomas Miller & Jacob Seimon.

Resolved that the Board approve of the same.
Board Adjourned

Transactions of the Board when met at Kingston on the 6th of Oct^r 1777.

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine Jun.	
Andrew Billings	

John Hames appeared & produced his acco^t of Services done &ca amount^s to £ 13. . 4.

Ordered that the same be paid.
Board adjourned

Board met Oct. 9th 1777.

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Peter Cantine	

Egbert Benson Esq^r paid into this Board the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, which he had Drawn from the Treasury of this State, & for which the Treasurer has his rec^t

Henry Peckwell appeared & produced his acco^t for Services as Secretary to this Board, amount^s to £ 103. . 13. . 4.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Nov^r 8, 1777.

On the 20th of Sep^r last, appeared before this board & produced his acco^t of Services done, amount^s to £ 12. .19. .2³/₄

Ordered that the same be paid

On the same day appeared also, Joseph Smith & produced an Acco^t & other authenticated Papers from Lieu^t Col: Josiah Welsh of Plaistow, for Expences of keeping Sundry Prisoners from this State, & other incidental Charges respecting them, whereby there appears a Balance due to the s^d Col: Welsh of £ 58. .1. .11¹/₄

Ordered that the same be paid.

A Resolution of the Council of Safety for this State, was rec^d which is in the words following, Viz^t

In Council of Safety for the State of New York.

KINGSTON Oct: 8th 1777.

Resolved that the Commissioners for Detecting & Defeating all Conspiracies formed in this State or any one of them be Authorized and required to Superintend the removal of the Prisoners from this Place to Hartford in Connecticut, to call out Detachments of the Militia of this State to Guard the said Prisoners; and to impress such Teams and Provisions as may be necessary for the said Prisoners and the Guard conducting them.

By Order

WILL^M FLOYD Presd^t Pro. Tem.⁴⁷

In Consequence of the above Resolution, the Superintendence of the Removal of the Prisoners of this State, was committed unto Peter Cantine Esq^r with full Power from this Board to Act therein as he should think most prudent & conducive to the safety of this State, & whose Proceedings are as follows, Viz^t

RHINEBECK PRECINCT, FLATS, Fryday Oct: 10th 1777.

John Maffett appeared & offered to become Surety for the good, Loyal & Peaceable behaviour of Tunis Pier, towards the good People of this State.

⁴⁷ Cf. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 1064.

I the said John Maffett Do hereby acknowledge myself indebted to the Good People of the State of New York in the Sum of Two hundred Pounds to be levied on my Goods & Chatells Lands & Tenements in case of Default of the above Condition

as witness my hand

a Copy

JOHN MAFFETT

Abraham Oostrander having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, is permitted to repair to the house of Cotlob Martin, & there to remain under his direction until the further Order of this Board or other proper authority of this State.

Jeremiah Seimon, Coenradt Seimon David Seimon, Bastian Loun, Andrew Loun & Abraham Wederwax, having Severally taken an Oath that they will not during the present War, take up Arms against any of the United States of America, or in any other respect, aid or Assist it's Enemies, Are permitted to return to their respective places of abode & there to remain till the further order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

Andrias Hough, having taken the above Oath, is permitted to return to his place of abode, there to remain under the Care & direction of Wilhelmus Beckker until the further order of this Board or other proper authority of this State.

Coenradt Ring having taken the above Oath, is permitted to remain with his Father, not to depart thence till the further order of this Board or other proper authority of this State.

Jabez Mosher is permitted to return to his place of abode at little White Creek.

William Douglass having taken the above Oath is permitted to return from hence to Albany, to Cap^t Fisher of the Carpenters and to remain in his Employ with leave to pass previous thereto, to the house of his Father.

Robert Gifford, John Bain, William Ackerman, &

Rufus White, having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, are permitted to return from hence to their several Places of abode.

Barent Weager having taken an oath that he will not take up arms against this State &c is permitted to remain at the House of Everhart Weager, and not to depart thence until the further Order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State

James Ackerman having taken an Oath that he will not take up Arms against this State, is permitted to return home.

Hugh M^c Couen, Daniel Lighthart, Jacob Wederwax, David Wederwax & Jacob Broest, having also severally taken an Oath that they will not during the present War, between the King of Great Britain & the United States of America, take up Arms, nor in any other way aid or Assist the said King against the Said States, are permitted to return to their respective places of abode, there to remain until the further Order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State

Richard Oakley is permitted to return to his place of abode at Marletown, there to remain till the further Order of the Executive Authority of this State.

Robert Mathew is permitted to repair to the house of his Brother in Kinderhook District, & not to depart from thence without leave from this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

(N.B. this permission was afterwards extended to his own place of Residence at White Creek)

Elihu Gilford is permitted to return to his place of abode.

Jacob Snyder is permitted to reside with Jacob Moul & to remain under his Direction till the further Order of this Board, or other proper authority of this State.

At the Widow Westfall's, Saturday Oct: 11th 1777.

Daniel Halenbeck, Daniel Halenbeck Jun, Abraham Lake, Francis Cummings, Nicholas Snyder, Christopher Snyder, John Lucas, John Wood, Christian Kroot, Dan^l Shipman, David Shipman, William PenderGrass,

and Nich^s Luyck, having respectively taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State are permitted to return to their respective places of abode.

John Romer producing a Paper from Robert Benson Esq^r Secretary to the Council of Safety, Certifying that he was discharged & permitted to pass to Cocksackie, was thereupon discharged.

Josiah Talmage is permitted to return to his place of abode at Walloomscock Albany County.

Matthew Freligh is permitted to return to his place of abode in the Manor of Renselaerwick there to remain till the further Order of this Board, or other proper authority of this State.

William Cheeny & Samuel Whiteman, having taken an Oath not to take up arms against any of the United States of America, are permitted to return to their respective places of abode.

Hendrick Plank having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, is permitted to return to his place of abode.

At the House of Joel Sutherland, Sunday Oct: 12th
1777.

Frederick Finkle having taken the oath of Allegiance to this State, is permitted to return to his place of abode.

David Beard, being indisposed, & unable to travel & being of the People called Quakers, made affirmation of Allegiance to this State, is permitted to reside with Rich^d Easter, & to remain under his Care & Direction until the further order of this Board, or other proper Authority of this State.

Joseph Newman (an Indian) brought up in the Christian Religion, having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, is permitted to be and remain under the Care & direction of Cap^t Stewart & William Cash.

A Letter received from Egbert Benson Esq^r Inclosing Sundry Resolutions from the Council of Safety, which are in the Words following, towit,

In Council of Safety for the State of New York.

KINGSTON Oct: 11th 1777.

Resolved that the Commissioner for Conspiracies &ca Superintending the Removal of the Prisoners from this Place to Hartford in Connecticut is authorized to discharge such Individuals of the said Prisoners as he may think proper.

Resolved that it is inexpedient that the said Commissioner should exercise such discretionary Power in future.

Resolved that the said Commissioner be authorized to discharge such of the said Prisoners only as have been Confined upon a General Charge of Disaffection.

Extract from the Minutes

ROBERT BENSON Sec^y 48

Novem^r 8th 1777.

Peter Cantine paid into the Board, the Sum of One hundred Pounds, which he drew from the Treasury of this State, by an Order from the Council of Safety for that Sum, which Order he filed with the Treasurer.

Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r having returned from Hartford, reported to the Board, that agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions of the Council of Safety he had delivered into the Care of His Excellency Governor Trumbull, the Residue of such of the Prisoners as were not by him discharged, or Escaped, & delivered into the Board a List of their Names with a Rec^t for the same, from Ezekiel Williams Esq^r Comm^y of Prisoners for the State of Connecticut, also a receipt from the said Commissary for the remainder of such provisions which remained on hand at his arrival at that place, Viz^t 385 lb hard Bread, 357 lb Loaf D^o & 50 lb Boiled Beef. Also another Rec^t from Lynde Lord Esq^r Sheriff of the County of Litchfield in said State, for Augur Hawley, a Prisoner confined at his own Expence in the Goal of said County.

Harman Knickerbaker produced his Acco^t & Vouchers for his Services & Money Expended as Commissary to

* Cf. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 1067.

the Prisoners & Guard in removing them to Hartford, Amount^s to £166.. the same being Examined & audited, was paid as th his rec^t of the 25th Oct last.

M^r Peter Cantine also produced the following Acco^{ts} & Receipts, for Money Expended in Removing the Prisoners, &ca

To Smith Simmonds for 1175 lb of Beef...	£ 44.. 1.. 3
To Joel Sutherland, as th rec ^t	3..11..—
To Lieu ^t Samuel Crandle as th Acc ^t	9..15..—
To John Pinnier Jun. as th rec ^t	1.. 8..—
To Lieu ^t Hustead as th Acc ^t	8.. 9..—
To John Marsh 3 ^d as th rec ^t	6..16..—
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Carried forward	£ 74.. 0.. 3
Brought forward	£ 74..—.. 3
To Lieu ^t Barce as th rec ^t	5..11.. 4
To Joshua Peirce Jun. th d ^o	6..13.. 4
To Peter Cantine Jun. Esq ^r th Acc ^t & rec ^t ..	32..—.. 9
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	£ 118.. 5.. 8

November 12th 1777.

Present

Melancton Smith } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine Jun. }

Henry Peckwell appeared, and Produced his Acc^t of Services as Secr^y &ca amount^s to £ 12.. .8..—

Ordered that the same be paid

MARBLE TOWN December 16th 1777.

Present

Peter Cantine Ju^r

Thomas Waters appeared & produced a Certain Writing from John Barclay Esq^r Chairman of the General Committee of the County of Albany dated at Albany December 12, 1777, Certifying that the said "Thomas Waters 'had' entered into bond for his Appearance and 'future behaviour, and that this Board are requested

“to Return him the mony Lodged with them on the 2^d October last, for the performance of Certain conditions then entered into as may appear by the Minutes of that date,—In Consequence of which the said Mony being the Sum of £ 500 was returned & he thereupon discharged from his Obligation to this Board

[*Serjeant John Baylis Produced an Acc^t for provision found for a guard of 11 Men in Manor Livingston for 5 days amounting to £ 3. .2. .4.*]

POUGHKEEPSIE October 7th 1777

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine

Alexander Litch Miller, appearing, produced an order from Zephaniah Platt Esq^r Commandant of the Exempts from Dutchess County then at Poughkeepsie for the removal of the Prisoners Confined in that Goal and also his Account for Charges & expences in that Business amounting to £ 7. .13.

Ordered that the Same be paid

POUGHKEEPSIE November 20th 1777

Present

Egb^t Benson Esq

Peter Cantine Ju^r

Ordered that the Sum of Thirty four Pounds be paid to Stephen Hendrickson on Acc^t

POUGHKEEPSIE November 25. 1777

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine Ju^r

Serjeant John Baylis appeared and produced an acc^t for provisions found for a guard of Eleven men for 5 days amounting to £ 3. .2^s. .4^d.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Jan^y 15. 1778

Board met

Present

Peter Cantine

Cap^t William Readlift produced an Acc^t of Leu^t Abraham Kip for Services of himself & guard in removing the prisoners from this State to Hartford amounting to £ 10.

Ordered that the same be paid

POGHKEEPSIE April 29th 1778

Board met

Present

M^r BensonM^r Cantine

The Following accounts were produced and Laid before the Board Viz^t

Nathaniel Babcock.....	£	5..	8..	0
John Hames.....		2..	0..	0
Deliverance Smith.....		2..	4..	0
Silas Curtiss.....		1..	12..	0
Henry Buringer.....		0..	12..	0
Jasper Fulmer.....		19..	14..	9
Herman Knickerbacker.....		89..	17..	0
Lewis De Lavergne.....		8..	7..	6
Sundry Accounts for the Services of the Militia in Fredericksburgh ⁴⁹		143..	8..	0
James Talmadge.....		1..	16..	0
Moses Cantine.....		12..	0..	0
John Hames.....		80..	0..	0
Samuel Tudor.....		11..	1..	0
Christian Henneberger.....		9..	19..	0
Jabez Berry.....		26..	0..	0
John Carpenter.....		140..	0..	0
Zacheus Newcomb.....		38..	0..	0
Jabez Berry.....		1..	13..	0

⁴⁹ See App. II, p. 458.

Accounts Continued

Jabez Berry.....	£	3..	4..	0
James Attwater.....		4..	8..	0
Committee of North East Precinct.....		33..	12..	6

And the said Accounts having been paid by the Several Members during the recess of the Board, and proper receipts and Vouchers taken, for the same,

Resolved that this Board do approve of such Payment, and this State be Charged with the Amount of the above Accounts

The following Accounts, were also produced before the Board, Viz^t

John Van Ness.....	£	41..	14..	0
William Clarke.....		9..	9..	3
William Jackson.....		4..	0..	0

Resolved that the [space left blank] accounts be paid

POGHKEEPSIE May 2nd 1778. Board met
 Present
 M^r Benson
 M^r Cantine

Lieut Ray appeared before the board, and produced an account of moneys advanced by him for the subsistence of himself and others, belonging to Cap^t Coopers Company and other Incidental Charges Amounting to £38..16..0⁵⁰ Also an Account from Dirck Johnson, for Necessaries Supplied the rangers while in the Manor Livingston Amounting to £10..3..6.

Ordered that the above Accounts be paid

The Account of the Committee of Worcester was laid before the Board by which it appears that there is a Ballance of £12: 1: 11 lawful Money of the State of

⁵⁰ See App. II, p. 459.

Massachusetts Bay due to them for the Expence of the Prisoners sent to that Place.

Ordered that the said Ballance be paid and sent to the said Committee by the first safe Conveyance.

May 8th 1778. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

Philip Cooper produced his account, Amounting to one Hundred and Eighty four pounds, one Shilling and eight pence.

Resolved that the same be paid

Egbert Benson Esquire, produced his Account of wages due to him as one of the Commissioners for Conspiracies, Viz^t from the 8th day of August to the 30th August both days Inclusive at 12/ p^r day Amounting in the whole to £ 13. . 4. . 0

Resolved that the same be paid

M^r Benson Informed the Board that he had paid the sum of £ 200, drawn from the Treasury By Virtue of a Resolution of the council of Safety of the 2nd of September last, to the person Employed by the late Committee for Conspiracies, and this Board as an Emissary, Agreeable to the directions of the Honorable John Jay Esq., in pursuance of the said resolution

Resolved that the State be Charged with the above Expenditure

M^r Stephen Hendrickson paid into the Board £ 30 the Amount of the two Express Horses purchased by the Board last Summer by Virtue of a Resolution of the Council of Safety for that purpose and which Horses he sold at Vandue afterwards by order of the Board

Resolved that the State be credited with the said Sum

M^r Stephen Hendrickson also produced his Account for Cash Expended for provision &ca by Order of the Board, with a Ballance due to him of £ 507. . 7. . 9

Resolved that the said Ballance be paid

Board met. Poughkeepsie May 16, 1778

Present

Peter Cantine Ju^r

M^r William M^c Neal paid into the Board the sum of Fifteen Pounds being for the Nett proceeds of a quantity of Pork Seized and disposed of by order of this board as may appear by a Resolution on the Minutes of the 15th of May last.

Board met Poughkeepsie, May 14th

Present

Egb^t Benson

Harry Ellis appeared before the Board & produced his Account amounting to Six pounds

Lieu^t Samuel Willson appeared and produced his account amounting to £ 3: 2: 0.

Resolved that the said Accounts be paid

M^r Isaac Bloom appear'd before the Board and produced his Account for two Barrels of Pork amount^s to £ 40.

Cap^t Thomas Storm appeared before the Board and produced his Account for apprehending Benjamin Smith and William Clark amounting to Six pounds

Resolved that the same be paid

M^r Benson paid into Board the Sum of Nine pounds received from M^r Solomon Haynes for the Monies advanced by this Board for the Subsistence of Daniel Haynes while in Confinement at this place.

June 4th 1778. Board met at Poughkeepsie.

Present

Egb^t Benson.

George Smart appeared before the Board and produced his Account amounting to £ 22: 8.

Resolved that the same be paid.⁵¹

⁵¹ See App. II, p. 459.

June 8th 1778. Poughkeepsie. Board met.

Present

Egb^t Benson

Andrew Billings Esq^r Produced the Account of himself and the other assistant Commis^r amounting to £ 53: 1: 8.

Resolved that the same be paid.

June 22nd 1778, Poghkeepsie

Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson

Lieu^t Silas Germond appeared before the Board and produced an Account, for Apprehending and Conveying to Goal Sundry disaffected Persons by Order of the Commissioners, Amounting to £ 10. .15. .0.

Resolved that the same paid.

Mem. £ 52 advanced to D^r Cooper on Acc^t July 3^d

Augst 12th 1778 Poughkeepsie

Board met

Present

M^r Benson & M^r Cantine

Ezra Theeler appeared before the Board and produced an Account from Leiu^t Comfort Shaw for Services & Expences of himself and Guard ordered out into Service by the Committee of Pauldings Precinct, amounting to £ 24. .2.

Resolved that the same be paid

Board met Poughkeepsie Augst 21st 1778

Present

Peter Cantine Ju^r

M^r Caleb Trip appeared before the Board and produced an account for his Services and expences in discovering

& Securing a quantity of pork ordered to be Seized by this Board by their Resolution of the 15th May 1778 [*sic* for 1777] amounting to £ 8. .8.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Board met Poughkeepsie Sept^r 2^d 1778

Present

Peter Cantine Ju^r

M^r Paul Schenck appeared before the Board and Produced and Acc^t for 5 bbls flour & 91 lb pork delivered to the order and for the use of this Board amount^s £34. .6. .4.

Ordered that the same be paid.

M^r Morris Hazard appeared and produced an Acc^t for Three bbls flour amounting to £ 16. .3

Ordered that the same be paid

Board met Sept^r 10th 1778

Present

Egb^t Benson

Peter Cantine Ju^r

Nicholas Carmer appeared before the Board and produced an acc^t for a Bushel Salt amounting to £ 8.

Ordered that the same be paid

Board met Sept^r 23^d 1778

Present

Benson

Smith

Cantine

Cap^t Hendrick Wyckoff produced an acc^t of £ 28 for 7 bbls Beef & his acc^t of £ 40 for his services as Commissary to this Board

Ordered that the same be paid ⁵²

Ordered that the sum of Forty Shillings be paid to Tho^s Henderson for his Services as an Express.

⁵² See App. II, pp. 459-460.

Major Andrew Hill appeared and produced his Account of Services amounting to £ 85: 10: 6½

Ordered that the same be paid

Two Accounts of Doctor Annanias Cooper the one Amounting to £ 101—8— & the other to £ 12: 3: 0 were produced to the Board.

Resolved that £ 18: 11: 0 be deducted from the Amount of the said Accounts and that the Remainder £ 95 be paid in full discharge thereof.

Cap^t Cooper produced his Pay Rolls & Billeting Rolls and Account of Contingencies amounting to £ 2346: 6: 4¼ and he having been advanced Cash at five several Times amounting to 2255: —

Ordered that the Ballance of £ 91: 6: 4¼ be paid to him.

M^r Smith produced his Account for Attendance amounting to £ 25: 16.

Ordered that it be paid.

M^r Cantine produced his Account amounting to £ 117

Ordered that it be paid.⁵³

⁵³ App. II, p. 460.

The commissioners closed their accounts on this day, (September 23, 1778) and returned a balance of £47: 17: 4 to the state treasurer. See accounts of the State Treasurer, printed in *Minutes, Albany Co. Board, Commissioners for Conspiracies*, II, 824.

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX I

LETTERS

AND OTHER COLLATERAL MATERIAL

*From William Duer to the Pennsylvania Council of
Safety*¹

State of New York,
Fishkill, Oct^r 11, 1776.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Committee, appointed by the Convention of this State for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all Conspiracies formed in the State of New York against the Liberties of America, to inform you that they have sent into your State thirty-three Prisoners, most of whom are charged with treasonable Practices against the State, and the others too Dangerous to be suffered to remain within the same, in its present critical Situation.

This Committee lament the necessity which obliges them to trouble their sister State with Persons of this Stamp; but, they trust that the peculiar and dangerous Situation which the State of New York is in at present will apologize for a Measure dictated by the most cruel necessity.

I shall forbear to enlarge on this subject, referring your honorable Body for further Information to the Delegates of this State in continental Congress.

In full Confidence that the usual Zeal which the State

¹ *Pennsylvania Archives*, 1st ser., V, 40.

of Pensilvania has always shewn to promote the public Cause, will be extended to this suffering State.

I have the Honor to be,
with Respect, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient humble Servant,
WM. DUER, Chairman.

[Directed:]

To the Hon^{ble} the Council Safety for the State of Pensilvania, Philadelphia.

From John Jay to the General Court of New Hampshire ²

Fishkill, October 31, 1776.

Gentlemen: The Committee appointed by the Convention of this State for the purpose of inquiring into, detecting, and defeating all conspiracies which may be formed therein against the liberties of America, find it indispensably necessary to remove a number of dangerous and disaffected persons, some of whom have been taken in arms against America, to one of the neighbouring States.

On conferring with Lieutenant-Colonel Welch ³ relative to sending them to New-Hampshire, he was of opinion that the zeal which your honourable body have uniformly manifested for the American cause, would induce you cheerfully to receive and dispose of them, in such manner as to prevent the further execution of their wicked and malicious designs.

The Committee desire that all such of the prisoners as are not directed to be confined, and not in circumstances to maintain themselves, be put to labour and compelled to earn their subsistence. And they have directed the bearer, Egbert Benson, Esquire, chairman of the Committee of this County, to pay you two hundred

² Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th Ser., II, 1314; also in *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 389-390, *Correspondence of Jay*, I, 90-91.

³ Cf. letter of Col. Joseph Welch to the General Court of New Hampshire, in *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 388-389; and in Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th Ser., II, 1313-1314.

dollars on account of the expenses you may be put to by complying with their request.

The Committee beg leave to recommend this gentleman to your notice and confidence. He will communicate to you the instructions given him by the Committee, and readily give you any information that may be necessary to enable you to form a judgment of the characters of the several prisoners and the degrees of restriction proper to enjoin.

By order of the Committee, I am, gentlemen, your most obedient, humble servant,

JOHN JAY, Chairman.

To the honourable the General Court of the State of New-Hampshire.

From William Duer to General James Clinton ⁴

Fish Kills Nov^r 6th 1776.

Dear Sir

I have received undoubted Intelligence that two Companies of Men purpose setting out this Evening with an Intent to join the Enemy. They will be assembled about Day Light to-morrow Morning, or rather before it at a certain House in the Highlands, about five Miles from New Windsor, where a Party will be ready to intercept them if possible. For fear however that they should escape I have to request the Favor of you, that will you have out as many Scouting Parties as possible under the Command of Spirited and intelligent officers in the Clove. I think if these Parties were to lie in Wait, and be properly concealed, in the Neighbourhood of a Tavern kept by one Smith which is 12 Miles from New Windsor, they would in all Probability take many of them. As all these Persons have either procur'd, or have forged Passes from the Committees in different Parts of the State, it will be necessary to Seize every Man passing along the Road, and to detain them till further orders

⁴ Emmet Coll. of MSS., no. 4188, New York Public Library.

from this Committee—every man so seized must be immediately search'd, and his Papers carefully examin'd. It is of the utmost Consequence to the public Safety that these Persons should be seized, as they have undoubtedly a Regular Officer amongst them, who has been conceald for some Time in the Country.

The Committee relie upon your Prudence and Zeal in this matter, and desire that you'll give an Alarm down the River, and on the Shores that none of them if possible may Escape. They talk of attempting to cross the River at one Dubous, below the Highlands.

I am Sir with Respect

Yours

W. DUER

Gen^l James Clinton

*From William Duer to the General Court of
New Hampshire* ⁵

FISHKILL, December 4, 1776.

Gentlemen: I transmit you, by order of the Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New-York for the purpose of inquiring into, detecting, and defeating all conspiracies formed in the said State against the liberties of America, copies of two resolutions of their Board of this date; the first respects the disposal of sundry prisoners who have been sent into your State for notorious disaffection to the American cause.

It was with great reluctance that this Committee found themselves necessitated to trouble you with men whose principles are so dangerous to the liberties of mankind, and they have adopted with infinite pleasure an expedient which will probably render them useful to the general cause in which we are engaged, and wean them from those poisonous tenets which have been instilled into many of them, by associating with crafty and designing abettors of the wicked usurpations of the British

⁵ Force, *Amer. Arch.* 5th Ser., III, 1075.

King and Parliament. As most of those persons who have been seduced to take part with our open enemies were flattered by the prospect of self-interest, it may naturally be expected that an operation of the same principle will by degrees lead them to support a cause by which their fortunes may be improved.

The other resolution which I have the honour to transmit you, is a tribute justly due to Lieutenant-Colonel Welch, who has been stationed at this place by order of General Washington since the 15th of October last. If a strict attention to order and regularity amongst soldiers and a deference to the civil authority, are qualifications which deserve commendation in the military officers of a free State, this gentleman is happy enough to possess them in a very eminent degree.

It was upon this principle that the Committee over which I have the honour to preside, directed me to return their thanks to that worthy officer; and to transmit you a copy of the same, in full hopes that his services may be distinguished in the State to which he belongs, and that he may have an opportunity of exerting a higher sphere the inclination and abilities he possesses to serve his country.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect, your most obedient and very humble servant,

WILLIAM DUER.

The honourable the Council and the General Court of the State of New-Hampshire

*From Meshech Weare, President of the Council of New Hampshire, to William Duer*⁶

(Draft)

EXETER, December 27, 1776.

Sir: The prisoners sent from your State have been received here, and disposed of agreeable to the resolutions

⁶ Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th Ser., III, 1454; *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 434. Cf. letter to the N. Y. Convention, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th, III, 825.

of your Committee, and the advice of Mr. Benson sent from you. Great uneasiness prevails among them, and their clamours of being sent here without an examination at home and consciousness of their innocence which they assert, has had considerable influence among the people in these parts in their behalf. Three of the prisoners, of the number of those not directed to be confined in jail, have liberty to return to New-York, viz: Timothy Clossen, Joseph Gage, and Elias Doty, to provide necessaries for themselves and other prisoners here; and to return in six weeks, unless they have license from the Convention of New-York or your committee to remain at home. And as a great number of them make such protestations of their not being sensible of their having ever given occasion for any person to suppose them unfriendly to the American cause, we wish an impartial inquiry might be made into their characters, and if any may appear innocent who were taken up, and sent from their homes in the confusion and unavoidable hurry that you was involved in at that time, that an order may be sent for their discharge; also particular directions to this State relative to their future disposal and regulation of the prisoners. Some of the persons who had the liberty of providing their own lodgings have eloped, the number and names we cannot transmit, as this letter is wrote to be forwarded by a person ordered to Philadelphia on urgent business, and cannot be detained. However, one John Vandeburgh, Esq., is among the number. Many more we expect will follow their example. The five hundred dollars sent by your State is expended, and a considerable sum advanced to support the prisoners in jail, which amount to near seventy, and necessaries for some others, who appear poor and naked, though not in prison. As our Treasury is empty and can't be soon supplied with ourselves, it would very much assist us at this time to have such a sum transmitted from you as you think adequate to support the prisoners while they may tarry here. I am, &c.

WILLIAM DUER, ESQ., Chairman of the Committee for Inquiring into, Detecting, and Defeating all Conspiracies formed against the State of New-York.

From Hendrick Wyckoff to Peter Van Gaasbeek ⁷

S^r [December 30, 1776?]

According to Orders Rec^d I have 300 lb Beef Ready Cook'd and 200 lb Bread Ready for y^r Company which will be Delivered whenever Called for.

Yours &c

HEND^k WYCKOFF

To Cap^t P: Van Gausbeck

Peter Van Gaasbeek's Account of Provisions ⁸

[December 30, 1776?]

An Aco^t of Beef & Bread DD to me by M^r Wyckoff Comiss^r by Order of John Jay Esq^r Viz^t 300 lb Beef & 200 lb Bread for which give him my receipt & have DD it out to the follow^g Men Viz^t

	Beef	Loaf		Beef	Loaf
	lb	Bread		lb	Bread
Will ^m Hoff	6	1/2	Jacob Ham	6	1/2
Peter Shaver	6	1/2	[torn] Freen	6	
Ab ^m V. Steenbergh	6	1/2	Coenraedt Rosman	6	1/2
Fredk. Prosser	6	1/2	Josiah Loop		1/2
Fredk Meyer	6	1/2	Paul Dick	4	1/2
Hendk: Blass	6		Wilh ^s Post	2	1/4
W ^m Smith	6	1/2	Bartell Hendricks	2	1/4
Jan Shuts	6	1/2	Joh ^s Stael	5	
Leon ^d Decker	6	1/2	Hendk Stael Jun ^r	2	
W ^m Blass	6		Lodewyck Snyder	5	
Joh ^s Shuts	6		James B Decker	3	
Jacobus B Decker	6	1/2	Ab ^m V Steenbergh		1/2

⁷ Manuscript in the Library of the N. Y. Historical Society.

⁸ N. Y. Historical Society.

	Beef Loaf			Beef Loaf	
	lb	Bread		lb	Bread
Gerrit Decker	6	1/2	Jacobus B Decker		1/2
Aug ^t V. De Water	6	1/2	W ^m Hoff		1/2
Th ^s Codman	6	1/2	Peter Shaver		1/2
Michael Blass	6	1/2	Leon ^d Decker		1/2
W ^m Wheeler	6	1/2	Jan Shuts		1/2
James Decker	6	1/2	Th ^s Codman		1
Benj ⁿ Decker	6	1/2	Joh ^s Shuts		1
Hendk. Spikerman	6	1/2	Coen ^t Rosman	2	1/2
Iury Decker Jun ^r	6	1/2	W ^m Smith		1/2
James B. Decker	6	1/2	Fredk. Meyer	2	1/2
And ^s Decker	3	1/2	W ^m Blass		1/2
Jacob Power		1/2	Paul Dick		1/2

*From Nathaniel Sackett to Peter Van Gaasbeek **

Dear Sir

I had almost forgot to give you directions to Give our friend an oportunity of making his Escape Upon our plan you will Take him prisoner with this partie you are now wateing for his Name Is Enoch Crosbey Alias John Brown I could wish that he may escape before you bring him Two miles on your way to Committee you will be pleased to advise with Mess^{rs} Cornwill and Cap^t Clark on this Subject and form such plan of conduct as your wisdom may direct but by no means neglect this friend of ours I am Sir

your Humb^e Serv^t

NATH^l SACKETT

Cap^t Gaasbeek

FISHKILL Jan^y 10th 1777

[Addressed:]

To Cap^t Gaasbeek Now [torn]

House of M^r Sackrider

[Endorsed:]

From Nath^l Sacket Esq^r

Member of Convention

* New-York Historical Society.

*From John Jay to Meshech Weare, President of the
Council of New Hampshire*¹⁰

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York for inquiring into detecting and defeating all conspiracies which may be form'd in the State of New York against the Liberties of America:

FISHKILL, Jan^y the 10th [18th?] 1777.

Sir—It is with great pleasure that this Committee observe from the Papers given to Griffin Mercy and Benjamin Chace who were lately removed to Exeter, that proper security was taken for their return.

The attention paid by your Honourable House to the detention of the dangerous and disaffected persons recommended to their care by this Committee is very agreeable to the Friends of Liberty in this State and has been attended with happy effects.

The Committee have directed me to transmit to you the enclosed Resolution respecting Benjamin Chace.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, your most obed^t Ser^{vt}

JOHN JAY, Chairman

Hon^o Meshech Weare.

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Chace (being one of the people called Quakers) be permitted to go and remain at his home in Pawling's Precinct in Dutchess County and be restored to all the Rights and Privileges of a subject of this State and friend to the American Cause.

JOHN JAY, Chairman

(A true Copy)

*Martin Cornell to Peter Van Gaasbeek*¹¹

Dear Sir. I Reic^d Yours Last Evening and M^r Jays, By Yours I find that the Men Under Command, is very Stubborn and Disobedient. I Shall Communicate the

¹⁰ *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 448.

¹¹ N. Y. Historical Society.

Same to the Committee I think it will be prudent for You to Be at the Old Station the Usual time. I Sent to Our Friend E C¹² Last Night, and he had Nothing New, he is this Day to Go Among them and if he Cant Get Nothing, He'll Stay till to Morrow Night Before he Sees Us, as I find by M^r Jays Letter I Must Imediately See the Committee I Shall go from here, I Shall Endeavour to Observe all You Wrote for But Write Short and in haste.

S^r I am Your
Most Obedient Hum^{bl} Serv^t
MART. CORNELL

att Coll. Ludtentons
January 16th 1777

[Addressed:]

To Cap^t Petrus V. Gaasbeck
Poughquage

[Indorsed:]

From Martin Cornwell
Jan^y 16 1777

*From George Clinton to the Commissioners for
Conspiracies*¹³

(Draft)

NEW WINDSOR 18th Feb'y 1777

Gentlemen,

I am favoured with your's of yesterday & woud gladly wait upon you as I wish a speedy Determination respecting the Horses taken from Doremus and others, but being oblided to attend Convention at Kingston Tomorrow & next Day & after the Close attention I shall be oblided to pay to the Business of obstructing the Navigation of the River will prevent it. Major Taylor Assis't Q. Genl. is now at Rammepough; I expect him

¹² The letters *E C* are inserted by a hand other than Martin Cornell's, but apparently contemporary. They undoubtedly refer to *Enoch Crosby*.

¹³ *Public Papers of George Clinton, I, 606-609.*

here on Thursday next & have directed him to attend you on the Business to give you the necessary Information & exhibit the Proof in Behalf of the Public. The following are the state of Facts which induced the seizing the Horses & Cash.

About 3 or 4 Days after the Enemy took Possession of Hackinsack the second Time & with such parade & strength as to induce the Country round it to believe they intended to hold it & give security & Protection to their Friends in that Quarter, Doremus came to my Lodgings at Ramepough & requested a pass to go to Esopus which I at first refused him, as it was suggested to me that sundry Persons had been up in that Quarter & purchased Horses for the Use of the Enemy & because his going there woud create Discontent while the Militia of that Part of the Country were out to defend his Neighbourhood. He assured me his Business was not to purchase Horses, his only Motive being to see his Acquaintances while he could not follow his Business or Live at Home on Account of the Enemy. That he said he had an Aunt or an Old Neighbour Woman who had lost all her Horses but one by the army & if permitted he woud purchase one (he says two be it so) for her to enable her to get Fuel. I refused him a pass if to purchase one Horse alledging Esopus to be a Place where he would get high Priced Horses only which would ——¹⁴ & infallibly fall in the Hands of the Enemy if brought in that Neighbourhood, that for the Purpose she wanted a Horse he could be supplied in the Neighbourhood. Whereupon he promised not to purchase a single Horse. I inquired who his acquaintances were he told me Domine Romyn & Major Gortjn who live at Shawangonk. I informed him that was 20 Miles south of Esopus & gave him a Pass to go to Domine Romyn's & no farther. When giving him the Pass he then first informed [me] that Zabriskie & Ryder were with him & vouched for their good Charecter, & Business being the same of his whereupon I added their Names to the pass. They set out,

¹⁴ Portion of MS. not deciphered by the editors of the Clinton Papers.

passed by Domine Romyn's without calling on him either going or Returning, went to Esopus, Marble Town &ca. purchased 13 Horses at Exorbitant Prices, giving £ 60 for a Pair that was last fall offered for £ 40, giving out they were for Continental service, bought by my order & produced my Pass as an Evidence of the Fact. On their Return, instead of passing my Quarters which was their nearest Way, they went through Goshen & Warrick into Pomptown, where they were taken at a House within 7 Miles of where they were to winter their Horses (as they pretended) having travelled but about twenty Miles that Day.

Is it Credible that they purchased these Horses as they pretend for their own Use, while the Enemy were possessed of their Country & they quite uncertain whether they woud be able to cultivate their Farms in the Spring, & especially at such high Prices & to be kept during the Winter abroad when Forage is so scarce & dear as that the keeping of a Common Horse will amount to more than his real Value? But if their Intentions were honest what coud have induced them to Lie & deceive the public as to the Use for which the Horses were Intended? And why take a different Route to shun me on their Return?

Terhune who furnished them with Cash to purchase Horses lives about a half Mile out of Hackinsack has no farm of his own nor the keeping for Horses. He lived among the Enemy had taken their Protection; these Fellows well knew this yet they became his Agents & as I am informed were to receive high Commissions to purchase Horses for him to the Amount of £ 300 & all the Excuse he had for this Conduct in that he had Money laying Idle by him that he thought Horses woud bear a high Price in the Spring & he had Friends who woud Winter them Gratis for him.

A very improbable story in my Opinion.

Sure no man in senses coud think of making a Penny in that Way. Upon the whole tho, I wish not to influence your Judgments, I am clear from many Circumstances & the Charecters of some of the Persons concern'd that

the Horses were purchased either for the Use of the Enemy or to get rid of Continental Bills as their Credit was very low at Hackinsack at that Time; Indeed the Exorbitant Prices given for the Horses alone tended to depreceate the Currency & unless a stop is put to such Practices much Evil will ensue.

I am informed by Colo. Mc Claghry who commanded at Closter after I left that Quarter summoned Terhune to Come in give up his Protection & swear allegiance to the states; he refused; the Colo. took & confined him & others. He still refused alledging he had taken Protection from the Enemy & he could not be on both sides & he is now a Prisoner on Parole. This Colo. Mc Claghry can prove & I think is alone sufficient to condemn the Case. I am your

Most Obed't Serv't,

*From the New Hampshire Committee of Safety*¹⁵

(Draft)

State of New Hampshire—

In Committee of Safety, Feb^y 21st, 1777.

Sir—Since the Prisoners sent from your State to this arrived here, we have not been Honoured with a line from your Committee (except one for the discharge of Stephen Hunt) altho' we have wrote twice to you. The Prisoners taken in Roger's battle at Marinack, sent here, were by order from Gen^l Washington sent to Rhode Island a few days since and delivered to Lord Piercy. Three of the prisoners, viz. Benjamin Morrill, John Lawson and William Slack, broke out of the Goal in Exeter and made their Escape. The Father of Dr. Francis Weeks, one of the prisoners in Goal, an inhabitant of the State of Mass^a Bay, a man of estate and character, and esteem'd Friend to his country, earnestly soliciting for the liberty of his only son, was permitted

¹⁵ *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 497-498.

to give Bond in the sum of £ 1000 for his son's good behaviour; and having paid all the Prison expences, said Francis was liberated.

All the others directed to be confined in Goal, still remain there; many of whom must have perished with the cold unless they had been provided with many articles of cloathing; which, with Provisions and firewood, has occasioned the advance of a Considerable sum. Several of the prisoners who were allowed to take Lodgings in a limited space on their parole, have absconded without leave: Among whom is Major Ross, and John Vandeburgh, Esq. Some few have had written Permissions to visit their Families, having previously given Bonds to return in a limited time unless otherwise liberated by your Convention or Committee.

This day Mess^{rs} Richard Snedeker, John Cooke, Matthias Cooke, Sam^l Mabbitt Joseph Mabbitt, Stephen Thorn, Jonathan Thorn, Alexander Haise, Solomon Haight, Tim^o Doughty & Elisha Rose, had a permit to visit their Families, having given Bonds as above-mention'd to return by the first of May unless they should obtain leave to reside at home.

We think ourselves bound in justice to the behaviour of most of the last mentioned persons, to say as far as we have had opportunity to observe, they have behaved peaceable & not spoke against the American Cause—in particular Mr. Snedeker & John Cook have done themselves honour by their demeanour in this State.

Great complaint has been made by numbers of these prisoners of the hardship of being sent from their homes without trial, and make solemn Protestation of their innocence; which, together with their continual unwearied applications for liberty to go home, has given great trouble and hindered from other Business the Gen^l Court of the State & this Committee. Perhaps not less than Quires of these Petitions are on file here. We earnestly desire some further direction relative to them, and if you think fit for them to be longer detained that you would send some particular charge of their crimes; espe-

cially those in prison, that we may *poke the same down their Throats*, to stop their petitioning, as they all plead not guilty.

If any money has been sent to this State from your State to supply the prisoners (except Mr. Benson) it has not been deliv^d.

Committee of New York.

*Oath Tendered to Beverly Robinson by the Committee for Conspiracies*¹⁷

We the subscribers do most solemnly swear on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that we do verily believe in our Consciences that no Allegiance is due from us to the King and Crown of Great Britain, and we do accordingly disclaim and renounce all Allegiance to the said King & Crown, and we do further most solemnly [sic] swear that we consider ourselves as Subjects of the State of New York and that we will in all Things demean ourselves as good & faithful subjects of the said State ought to do: and as good Subjects of the said State, will do our duty in promoting its safety Independency & honor. And we do further most solemnly swear, that as good Subjects of the State of New York we will do our Duty in supporting the Measures of the General Congress of the United States of America for the Establishment of the Liberties and Independence of the s^d States in opposition to the Arbitrary Claims, wicked usurpations, and hostile Invasion of the King & parliam^t of Great Britain their Agents & adherents, and that we will make known and as good subjects of the said State of New York do our Duty in suppressing all Treasonable Plotts or Conspiracies against the said American States in General, or the State of New York in particular which may come to our knowledge, and we do further most Solemnly swear on

¹⁷ *Transcripts of the Books and Papers of the Commissioners on Losses and Services of American Loyalists*, XLIII, 219-220. In the New York Public Library.

the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that we severally do take this Oath voluntarily & mean honestly to perform it, without any mental Reservation or equivocation whatever.

a True Copy from the Minutes

HENRY PECKWELL, Sec^y to the Comm^{rs} for
Conspiracies &c

*From George Clinton to the Commissioners for
Conspiracies*¹⁷

NEW WINDSOR 25th Feb'y 1777

Sir,

I received your Favour of yesterday's Date, on the Receipt of your former I wrote you the substance of what I know respecting the Horses &c. taken by Doremus & others & intended to have sent my Letter by Major Taylor to you that he might furnish you with such further Proof & Information as he might be able to procure; he was at Ramepough at the Time; before he returned I went to Kingston to which Place he followed me & from thence went to Fishkill; this Way he missed my Letter but I have since sent it over to him on your side & I doubt not he has before this received it. That Letter contains all the Information I can give respecting the Horses. I was absent when they were taken tho I fully approved it's being done. I thought it Right. I still think so. I am well persuaded these Purchases were made for the Enemy or to get rid of Continental Money the depreciating of which is equally Criminal in my Opinion to taking up Arms in Favour of the Enemy. The Persons for whom the Horses were purchased lived in the Neighbourhood with the Enemy at the Time & in their Power. By Terhune's Account the Enemy made no Ceremony in taking Horses without Asking & which implies without pay yet Doremus under such Circum-

¹⁷ *Public Papers of George Clinton, I, 628-630.*

stances Commissioned these People to buy him an Extra Pair because those he had were too high spirited. Terhune by his Account only intended to traffick the few that were to be purchased for him with Farmers (such I suppose as would not take our Money) for such Necessaries as his Family wanted, butter Eggs &c. For this Purpose also he must have bought the Waggon at Goshen; But why not lay out his Money at once for such Articles as his Family wanted why first turn it into Horses Waggons &c; Not to make a Proffit on them, I am sure they were not so purchased as to admit of this. The Truth is & to me it is Evident, they intended to Convert their Paper Money into Hard Cash & this must be by Traffick either Directly or Indirectly with the Enemy who are alone at this Time Masters of it. By their Conduct our Currency has losst all Credit in that Part of the Country; already you cant now purchase a single Article for it. I suppose they think this is a good Reason for trading in Horses¹⁸ If their intentions were honest in these Purchases why did they take such pains to conceal their Designs?

Why tell they were purchased for the Continental service by my order?

Why take a different Route to keep out of the Way of my Troops on their Return?

Have not those People, or some of them at least, taken Protection under the Enemy? have they come in under Genl. Washington's Proclamation & delivered up their Protections & taken the Oaths of Allegiance to these states?

At any Rate I think these are Things ought to be inquired into. I believe if they are & the Truth known in this respect only It will settle matters or I am wrongly informed. I have only to add that at any Rate unless some Method is devised effectually to prevent such Practices as have been committed by those People, even supposing their Intentions not to have been criminal as I

¹⁸ Portion of manuscript not deciphered by editors of the Clinton Papers.

suppose & believe, much Evil will ensue to the Public. You'll soon have no Money of Course; no Men to fight for you & then I need not add what will be the Consequence. I am your

Most Obed't Serv't,

GEO. CLINTON.

[To Commissioners on Conspiracies at Fishkill.]

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to
George Clinton*¹⁹

FISH KILL—Feb'y 28th 1777.

Sir,

We have at length determined the Case about the Horses Cash &ca. as you will perceive by our Resolutions, and Major Taylor has engaged to wait of you with them for that purpose. We would have furnished you with a Copy but Major Taylor is in haste and the multiplicity of Business leaves Us no time at present, the first convenient Opportunity we will direct a Copy to be made out and transmitted to you.

With respect to the two Horses they rode when they left home you will please to order them (if they are not already) to be delivered to Ryder & Zabriskie.

We shall take the Liberty of recommending Mr. Boyd to you for assistance if requisite and have no doubt but you will readily afford it to him.

We remain Your very humble Serv'ts,

Egb't Benson

Jacobus Swartwout

Melancton Smith

} Commis'rs

[To Gen. Clinton]

¹⁹ *Public Papers of George Clinton, I, 636.*

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies
(to Abraham Ten Broeck)*²⁰

FISHKILL, March 4, 1777.

Sir—A number of persons have, from time to time, been removed from this to the Eastern States, either upon a general charge of enmity and disaffection to our cause, or for treasonable practices, and some of them to be confined in jail; many have left the places they were sent to, and are either gone off to the enemy, lurking privately about the country, or appear openly in contempt of the authority of the State.

Some have been permitted to return, and upon taking the oath of allegiance to remain at home, and we have daily applications and petitions from others offering to submit to a legal trial, or become subjects to the State.

We have not, excepting in a few instances and upon special occasions, given permission to any, and have taken no measures with those who have returned contumaciously, as we conceive it would be improper before some general plan was adopted with respect to all; they having been generally removed upon the same principle and an equally criminal, and with very little discrimination equally dangerous.

It appears to us to be a matter of some moment and deserving the attention of the Convention; you will please, therefore, to lay it before them, and we should be happy in having their advice and direction as soon as possible

We remain, with respect,
Your very huml. servts.
Egbt. Benson,
Melancton Smith, *Com.*

²⁰ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 406-407.

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to
Abraham Ten Broeck* ²¹

FISHKILL, March 5, 1777.

Sir—In the course of our inquiries, we have discovered that almost in every quarter of the country, the estates of persons now with the enemy, are daily sold and wasted without any method taken to secure them, either for the public or their creditors.

Although this is a matter not within our department, we notwithstanding, conceived it our duty to communicate this information to the Convention; and must leave them to direct such measures as they shall think most expedient.

We remain with respect,
Your very huml. servts.
Egbt. Benson,
Melancton Smith, *Comrs.*

To the Honble. Abraham Ten Broeck, Esqr.
President of the Convention of New-York.

*From George Clinton to the Commissioners for
Conspiracies* ²²

(Draft)

NEW WINDSOR 9th March 1777.

Gentlemen,

This will be handed you by William Mitchell of New Burgh who tells me he is to appear before your Honorable Board next week. It is needless for me to mention to you his being apprehended last Fall for Toryism confined at Fishkill a long Time & from thence sent to New Hampshire. His Crime, the Evidences to support it & the Principles the Committee proceeded upon against him you

²¹ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 407.

²² *Public Papers of George Clinton*, I, 653-654.

must fully know. I took some Pains at the Time to inquire but never could learn his Charge or by whom made. I have long known the man I always believed him honest. I have since the Commencement of the present Troubles frequently seen him & conversed with him & know that he has freely expressed himself in Favour of his Country. That he was esteemed a Friend to the Cause is evident from his having been a Member of the Committee in the Precinct in which he lives. That I thought well of him is Evident from my having applied to him before I knew of his Difficulties to attend my Mill in which Case he would have become part of my Family. I cant yet help thinking he is an honest Man he tells me that before he was sent to New England he proffered to take the Oath of Allegiance to the States. That he is yet willing so to do providing it will not barr him of an Enquiry into the Cause & Author of his late Disgrace & Distress. This he feared it might when he was last before you he is now convinced it cant & will readily comply. I have only to add that my Opinion of him is such that had he been a Tory his taking the Oaths of Allegiance to the states will make him Whigg. I am with much Respect,

Your most Obed't,

[G. C.]

[To Commissioners on Conspiracies at Fishkill.]

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to the New Hampshire Committee of Safety*²³

FISH KILL, March 13th, 1777.

Gentⁿ.—

The Convention of this State having very important Business before them, which rendered the attendance of all the members necessary, have dissolved their Committee for conspiracies &c, and appointed us a Board of Commissioners for that purpose.

²³ *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 508-509.

In consequence of our application & the petitions of several persons removed out of this State as disaffected and dangerous, they have lately passed a Resolution (of which we enclose you a Copy) authorizing us to send for all persons not excepted therein and administer to them the oath of allegiance, and upon their refusal, compel them to seek protection from the enemy. Upon enquiry and examining into their respective cases, we find that the only persons within the exception of the Resolution, as such as were to be closely confined in Goal;—the others having been removed upon a General charge of enmity & disaffection to our Cause, whom you will therefore please to release & dismiss and direct them to appear before us immediately upon their return.

With respect to such as are closely confined, having been charged with the particular crimes specified in the exception, you will please still to detain them in Goal, till our Convention shall make provision respecting them, which we have no doubt but will be speedily the case, as the matter is now before them.

The Bearer, Lieut. Brett, a Gentleman whom We beg leave to recommend to your notice and attention, has 500 Dollars which he will leave with you in addition to the like sum, heretofore sent you, and if at any time you should be in advance, you may readily draw upon us and be Assured your Drafts will be immediately honored.

It is with regret that we must trouble you further with this Business, and could wish the Circumstances of our State would permit us to send for all our prisoners, and relieve you from the charge of them. At present it would be extremely improper, as we are not in a situation to try, and if guilty to punish them; besides the danger arising from the vicinity of the Enemy. However, we trust that our Government will soon be happily Established, and Courts erected for the tryal & punishment of Delinquents. In the mean time we must entreat your patience a little longer. Accept our warmest thanks for your care & attention hitherto, and be assured we enter-

tain the highest sense of your zeal and attachment in this instance to the cause of our Country.

We cannot conclude without an apology for suffering your several Letters to remain so long unanswered, and hope you will not impute it to inattention. The matter was deferred for the advice and direction of Convention, which we could not obtain till very lately, owing to the multiplicity of other important Business before them. This you will easily suppose to have been the case when you reflect upon our critical situation for some time past, and that the whole of our attention must necessarily have been engaged in the immediate Preservation of the State.

We remain most respectfully

Your Very Humble serv^{ts}

Egb^t Benson,

Melancton Smith

Jacobus Swartwout

} Commissioners.

The Honorable Committee of Safety of New Hampshire.

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to Abraham
Ten Broeck* ²⁴

FISH KILL, March 19th, 1777.

Sir—From information we have great reason to believe that many persons, objects of the late resolution of Convention will refuse to take the oath of allegiance, and intend going to the enemy, and that they are making preparations accordingly.

By the terms of the resolution they are to be permitted to take with them their apparel and furniture. We could wish they were restricted to such only as is necessary, and leave us to determine that from the particular circumstances of each person, and that we might be favoured with a resolution, authorizing us to that purpose.

The obstinate and inveterate spirit indicated by such

²⁴ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 398.

a conduct, we conceive has precluded these people from all indulgence, and numbers of them have clothing and bedding more than is requisite for their immediate use, and much wanted in the present exigencies of the country; and we cannot help expressing our own doubts, (though with the utmost deference) respecting the policy of suffering them, or any others to go and join the enemy. We, notwithstanding, readily submit to this with every other measure to the wisdom of Convention, and they may be assured of our utmost exertion to execute the resolution as it now stands.

We remain most respectfully,
Your very humble servts.

EGBT. BENSON,
JACOBUS SWARTWOUT,
MELANCTON SMITH.

ABRAHAM TEN BROECK, ESQ.

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to John
Mc Kesson and Robert Benson*²⁵

FISH KILL March 31st 1777.

Gent^m There are four prisoners of War sent to our care this Day by Gen^l M^c Dougall and understanding that you are appointed Commissaries for Prisoners we take this first opportunity of informing you of the matter with a request that you will appoint some Person to take charge of them and make a necessary provision for their support. Our Guard here is very weak and the number of persons confined in the Guard House great, so that we should be glad to be relieved from the care of these prisoners as soon as possible.

We remain Your very humb^l Serv^{ts}
 EGB^t BENSON,
 JACOBUS SWARTWOUT, } *Comiss^{rs}*
 PETER CANTINE, JU^r

²⁵ *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, II, 60.

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to Abraham
Ten Broeck* ²⁶

FISHKILL, April 2d, 1777.

Sir—Upon examining our accounts, we find that we have advanced £ 700 more than the sums which we have from time to time received from Convention, besides several accounts against us and the late committee, which remain unpaid to a considerable amount. For, notwithstanding we endeavour to conduct the business with the utmost parsimony, the expenses that daily accrue are exceedingly great; and we have been obliged, in consequence of repeated letters for that purpose, to transmit to the eastern States upwards of £ 350 to subsist our prisoners confined there. Our best friends are frequently employed, and they generally leave us discontented, insisting that we not allow them a proper compensation.

The smallpox begins to prevail so much here, that we fear we shall soon be under a necessity, for the security of our guards and prisoners, to remove, and could wish to have it in our power to discharge all our accounts before we leave the place.

The sum we have in hands at present will be very inadequate for that purpose. We have therefore to request that you will please to lay this matter before Convention, and that they will direct about £ 1000 to be sent us by the first safe conveyance.

We remain, respectfully,

Your very humble servts.

EGBT. BENSON,

JOSE. STRANG

PETER CANTINE JR.

Commissrs.

Honourable ABRAHAM TEN BROECK,
President of the Convention.

²⁶ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 434-435.

*From Pierre Van Cortlandt to the Commissioners for
Conspiracies* ²⁷

(Draft)

KINGSTON, April 14, 1777.

Gentlemen—The Convention have received information that John Henry, the commissary of clothing for this State, is about going to New-York, which they fear will be attended with dangerous consequences; and have therefore directed me to write to you, and desire that you will take measures to prevent his going till he shall first have settled his accounts with the State, and obtained leave from the Convention.

I am, gentlemen,

Your mo. obt. servt.

To Egbert Benson, Esq. Chairman,
and the Commissioners at Fishkill.

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies
(to Abraham Ten Broeck)* ²⁸

POUGHKEEPSIE, April 28th, 1777.

Sir—The small quantity of ammunition which the late committee procured has long since been expended, and we are now, except a few rounds for our guards, destitute of any. In case of an insurrection or alarm, we shall be obliged to depend on our friends; and I could wish to have it in our power to provide them with a proper quantity of ammunition.

You will please to lay this matter before Convention; and we should be glad to have about 300 lbs. of powder, and a proportionable quantity of lead sent to us. We shall have the whole made up into cartridges immediately, and

²⁷ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 880.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, II, 428.

the Convention may be assured that it shall be distributed to such persons as we can fully confide in.

We remain

Your very huml. servts.

EGBT. BENSON,
MELANCTON SMITH.

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to
George Clinton*²⁹

POUGHKEEPSIE—May 9th 1777.

Sir,

From the inclosed Resolution, you will perceive the Convention have opened a new Scene of Business for Us and in order effectually to execute it we have need of a proper Guard at this Place.

Since the time of our Company expired (the 1st Inst.) we have been almost destitute of a Guard, except a few Friends in the Neighbourhood, who voluntarily attended at Night, and notwithstanding we have for some time been endeavouring to raise another Company we fear we shall fail, the Bounties and Encouragements to enlist in the Continental Regiments or the three Months Levies being so great, as to prevent Men from entering into the Ranging Service.

We had at first intended to have sent for Belknap's Company again, but as they cannot be spared from the Works without great Inconvenience, we had determined to try some other Expedient.

Circular Letters have already been sent to the Commanding Officers of the Militia in this County, and to the Committees of Albany, Ulster & Orange Counties to execute the Resolution; and have no doubt that Numbers will be apprehended and sent to be confined in this place til the Vessels are prepared to receive them; we have, therefore, ventured to detain a Lieut't with about 18 Privates of Col. Graham's Regiment as a Guard to the Goal til the Business can be accomplished.

²⁹ *Public Papers of George Clinton*, I, 812-813.

We have taken this Step without Your previous Concurrence; however, we were impelled by the most pressing Necessity, and if you still disapprove of it, they shall be immediately sent forward. Tho we imagine we shall not be able to compleat a ranging Company, yet we shall doubtless have a few Recruits in a Week or two and should be happy if you will indulge us with this Party til that time. You will readily perceive we shall if deprived of them be reduced to great Difficulties while the present Business is in hand.

You will please to keep the Contents of the Resolution private.

We are with Respect your most obed't Serv'ts,

EGB'T BENSON

PETER CANTINE, JU'R.

Commiss'rs.

GEN. GEO. CLINTON.

*Resolution of the Commissioners for Conspiracies*³⁰

State of New York, ss.

By the commissioners for Conspiracies &c Poughkeepsie May 27 1777

Resolved that Capt Rob^t Castle be requested to Dismiss Petrus Soefelt from his confinement of Board the vessels in order for his immediate attendance before this board.

EGB^t BENSON,
PETER CANTINE, JR., } *Commiss^{ers}*

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to
Robert Benson*³¹

POUGHKEEPSIE, June 17th, 1777.

Sir—Your letter enclosing a resolution of the Council of Safety, of the 6th instant, respecting Messrs. Crannel,

³⁰ *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, II, 174.

³¹ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 468.

Snedeker and Beardsley, did not come to hand until this day: In obedience thereto, we beg leave to inform the Council that Messrs. Snedeker and Beardsley have returned home. The former has not been with the enemy, but with his friends at Tappan, where he was apprehended by order of Genl. Clinton and sent to Peekskill, from whence he was sent by Genl. McDougall to us, and has taken the oath of allegiance to the State. Mr. Beardsley confesses he has been to New-York and Long island; he refuses to take the oath, and we had determined to send him with his family to New-York, provided the commanding officer at Peekskill would have permitted. For that purpose we wrote to Genl. McDougall on the subject, whose answer we this day received and enclose you a copy thereof. We have ordered him, in consideration of his being indisposed, to be confined, for the present, to his house.

Mr. Crannel is not returned, as we can learn. The commissioners of sequestration sold such of his personal estate as they could find last week.

We remain, with respect,

Your very humb. servts.

MELANCTON SMITH,

PETER CANTINE, JUR.

Commissioners.

ROBERT BENSON, ESQ.

*From the Commissioners for Conspiracies to Pierre Van Cortlandt*³²

POUGHKEEPSIE, June 18th, 1777.

Sir—A number of the people called Quakers, have lately been to Long island without permission, to attend their annual meeting at Flushing; as soon as we received information of it, we issued the necessary orders to have them apprehended, and we have now several detained

³² *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 467.

as prisoners at this place; they aver that they attended the meeting solely for religious purposes, and that they have not in the least intermeddled in political matters; we are not possessed of any evidence either that they have or have not. As there are upwards of twenty in this predicament, we conceive it a matter of too much importance to determine it until we had previously communicated the state of it to the Council of Safety, for their advice and directions; you will please therefore to lay the same before the Council, and we shall be happy in their speedy instructions.

We remain, respectfully,

Your very hble. servants,

EGBT BENSON,

MELANCTON SMITH,

PETER CANTINE, JUNR.

Commissioners.

To the Hon. Pierre Van Cortlandt.

*From the Council of Safety to the Commissioners for
Conspiracies* ³³

(Draft)

[August 19, 1777.]

Gentlemen—We received yours of the 18th. We approve of your removal to Claverack, the necessity of which is very apparent; though as you observe, every call for the militia should regularly be through the Governor, yet in the present situation of our affairs, we are obliged to step out of the strict line that the constitution prescribes, and to trust for our justification to the necessity of the measure.

You will therefore issue such orders to the militia as you think necessary, advertising us or the Governor thereof. We have passed an order for one thousand

³³ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 1045.

cartridges in favour of Mr. Heermanse, agreeably to your request.

We are, gentlemen,
Your most obedt. humb. servt

MESSRS. BENSON, SMITH AND CANTINE,
Commissrs.

From Andrew Billings to Pierre Van Cortlandt ³⁴

POUGHKEEPSIE, August 25th, 1777.

Sir—When the commissioners left this, they left directions with Messrs. John and Paul Schenck, Peter Tappen and myself, to act (as far as consistent) in their places; which we have, for the immediate safety of the State, although we are convinced our authority is not altogether legal. We have now confined in jail one Jacox, who left this early last spring, and has served ever since in the enemy's army; he left Morisena last Wednesday, and we have reason to believe meant to deliver himself up to the commissioners, as he came directly here. He informs us that a number of them have come, and many more may be expected, as they are much dissatisfied with their situation. Several are now skulking about a little below. We are much at a loss in every thing we do, for want of proper authority. Several little circumstances lately indicate some wicked design of the tories. A mulatto wench has lately passed through this place from New-York; she brought intelligence to the inhabitants from their friends in New-York, and in all probability she has gone to Burgoyne's army. Counterfeit money is detected, and all like to centre in one place if followed. Our unhappy friends, who are driven from their possessions above Albany, are insulted by being told by a noted tory that if they had not been rebels, and had but taken a protection from Genl. Burgoyne, they might have re-

³⁴ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 497-498. Cf. letter of Zephaniah Platt, *Ibid.*, II, 497.

mained in peaceable possession of their estates, &c.; but now they must beg their bread, &c. They are frequently seen in companies, late in the night. Our committee live scattered out of town, which makes it difficult for them to detect many who really ought to be, and indeed it is impossible, unless some of them live in town. I have written this at the request of the gentlemen above mentioned, and have sent the bearer to convey it.

I have the honour to be,

With the greatest respect, sir,

Your most obedt. very hble. servant;

ANDREW BILLINGS

HONL. PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT.

*From Pierre Van Cortlandt to the Assistant
Commissioners for Conspiracies*³⁵

(Draft)

[August 28, 1777]

Gent.—The Council of Safety have appointed you assistants to the commissioners for detecting conspiracies, &c. and have not the least doubt but you will exert yourselves in detecting and defeating the pernicious designs of the disaffected. The Council are of opinion that those who desert from the enemy and surrender themselves, offering to take the oath of allegiance to the State, ought to be admitted to that privilege, and their persons protected.

I am, gentn. your most obt. humble servt.

To Messrs. T. [*sic* for J.] Schenk, Tappen, Billings and P. Schenk.

³⁵ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 1050.

*From the Assistant Commissioners for Conspiracies to
the Council of Safety*³⁶

POUGHKEEPSIE, December 4, 1777.

Gentlemen—Enclosed you have a paper found upon our door two mornings past, which will in some measure give you an idea of the dangerous seeds of faction creeping amongst us; it seems chiefly on account of Mr. Berdsley and Mr. Vandeburgh. The former seems willing to go to New-York, and the latter much rather go than to remain where he is. To let him out on his parol we fear may be attended with pernicious consequences. We are at a loss respecting the propriety of sending them down: and indeed we know we have no authority to do it. We beg the House would give us some explicit directions concerning them if it should appear consistent. Meantime,

We are, with respect, gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble servts.

ANDREW BILLINGS,
PETER TAPPEN.

N. B. We had yesterday a number sent us by the committee of Charlotte, who have lately deserted from and near New-York; brought with them their arms, &c. and others who were with Burgoyne when he capitulated, ordered to Canada; all of whom we have put on their parol. Should be glad the enclosed paper may be sent back.

The Honourable President of the
Council of Safety at Hurley.

*From the Assistant Commissioners for Conspiracies to
Egbert Benson*³⁷

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 4th, 1777.

Dear Sir—When you were here last, we understood there would be an order for the removal of Mr. Beardsley and

³⁶ & ³⁷ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 354.

family to New-York; the spirits of the people are up so that I fear they may injure him in his person. His conduct since he has been on parol, has been unexceptionable; but it is not in our power to ease the minds of a set of men who are exceeding troublesome in this place, and therefore think it advisable to send him to New-York. Beardsley himself thinks he is in danger here; desires that if he is to be sent to New-York, that it may be soon, and that he may be permitted to carry with him his household furniture. We would have permitted Van Den Burgh upon parol, but are afraid lest some of those men may injure him. Capt. Meatcham will wait your determination respecting Mr. Beardsley and Van Den Burgh. We hope the Council may direct something concerning them immediately.

We remain your humble servt.

PETER TAPPEN,

ANDREW BILLINGS.

EGBERT BENSON, Esq.

*From the Assistant Commissioners for Conspiracies to the Council of Safety*³⁸

POUGHKEEPSIE, 9th December, 1777.

Gentlemen—We have before acquainted you of the dangerous seeds of faction springing up in this place; we are sorry farther to acquaint you that it increases to an amazing and dangerous degree. Last night about nine o'clock, they assaulted and stopped in the public highway with presented muskets, a young man that lives with Mr. Crab; about half an hour after they did the same to Doctor Tappen, who had with him in the wagon his wife and sister, searched the wagon, &c. What they want is not in our power to say, unless to destroy all government and authority, which we fear is their view. We ordered the small guard in this place (consisting only

³⁸ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 354-355.

of a sergeant and six,) to apprehend the assaulters, when, to our amaze, we found they had been tampering with them, and it was with the utmost difficulty we prevailed on them to turn out, but were not able to apprehend them, as they have secreted themselves. The whole clan, consisting of about ten persons, mostly the carpenters from New-York, we think not above two or three inhabitants. Mr. Livingston seems of opinion that we ought immediately to acquaint your House of their turbulence, and to do the same to His Excellency the Governor, which we have done. This moment the two assaulters, viz. Alexander L. Miller and Jno. Mc Daniel, came and surrendered themselves, and appear very penitent, pleading that they only suspected wagons carrying away tory effects, though we doubt it; yet we have consented to take bail until we have the opinion of the House, and pray their sentiments on the matter, and advise whether Mr. Berdsley and Van De Bergh are at liberty to sell effects to pay just debts due to the inhabitants where the bargains were made previous to the order for their departure, as application has been made to us, and what we are to do with such goods as can be made appear were the property, or given to the children of Mr. Berdsley some years past. We expect they will depart in two or three days.

We have the honour to be, gentlemen,
 Your most obedient humble servants,
 ANDREW BILLINGS,
 PETER TAPPEN.

From the Council of Safety to the Assistant Commissioners for Conspiracies ³⁹

(Draft)

IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY,
 HURLEY, 11th Decr. 1777.

Gentlemen—The Council of Safety are surprised you should be at a loss to determine the two questions you

³⁹ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 1097.

have raised on Messrs. Birdsley and Vandenberg's case. With respect to the question, whether they are at liberty to sell effects to pay just debts due to the inhabitants, it is evident they can have no such indulgence; for besides the danger of covering their property by sale and payment of feigned debts, all the property they are to leave behind, must be subject to disposition by the authority of the State. In that case, honest creditors can be no losers; because there is justice enough in Government to discharge the demands of such creditors, as far as the property left behind will extend. Besides, to permit them to sell their effects and pay debts at their discretion, would be the most direct means to enable them to defraud their honest creditors. With respect to such effects as are claimed to be the property of Mr. Birdsley's children, the Council are of opinion that they can not be considered as exempted from seizure, because the father, who is an enemy to the State, can not be the proper guardian of their effects, especially as he is no longer a subject of this State, and is on the point of being sent out of it. If the children should hereafter become subjects of this State, and can make out their title to the moneys arising from the sale of the goods claimed in their behalf, those moneys will be found in the treasury to answer their demand in a course of equity. In short, as you are to send off the two families, except male servants and slaves, and to permit them only to take off their wearing apparel and necessary bedding and provisions for their passage, and no other goods or effects whatsoever, the express terms of the resolution of the 5th inst. might, we conceive, with a little attention, have removed all doubt.

With respect to the dangerous seeds of faction, which you suppose are springing up at Poughkeepsie, the Council hopes that the removal of the two disaffected persons above mentioned will be an effectual means of preventing their growth, especially, as in addition to this reason, it appears that the two ringleaders have delivered themselves up, with marks of great penitence. However, we

think this matter properly lies with the committee, who may bail or commit them at their discretion.

We are, gentn.

Your humble servts.

To Andw. Billings and Peter Tappen, Esqrs.
Poughkeepsie.

APPENDIX II

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS ¹

Fish Kill Oct^r 25. 1775 [*sic* for 1776] Receivd of W^m Duer Esq^r Chairman of the Committee for detecting Conspiracies the Sum of thirty pounds in Advance towards the Pay of the Militia under my Command for the Expenditure of which I promise to be accountable to the above mentioned Committee

ROB^T V^N RENSAELAER

£ 30-0-0

[Endorsed:]

RENSELAER

Receipt for £ 30-0.

Oct^r 25. 1776 ²

[Badly charred fragment:]

Due to myself & Guard for guarding prisoners [charred] —ted persons at Fishkill from Oct^r. 18th to the [charred] Oct^r 1776 both days included by order [charred] for detecting Conspiracies &c

Monday November 1776. The Committee for inquiring into and detecting conspiracies formed against the

¹Unless otherwise stated these bills and receipts are in the archives of the N. Y. State Library, Albany, N. Y., in vol. 40 of the Revolutionary MSS., much of which was burned in 1911. A list of the original contents of the MSS. volume, in *N. Y. in the Revolution, Supplement*, (ed. by Frederick G. Mather, Albany, 1901, p. 281) shows that the fire destroyed a quantity of valuable collateral material. An editorial résumé (*ibid.*, pp. 227-238) of the information in the Revolutionary MSS. relating to the committee and commission for conspiracies contains additional data of interest, but must be used with care, as it is written in partial ignorance of the history and character of the boards.

²Original in the Manuscript Room of the New York Public Library, New York City, filed under *Commissioners for Conspiracies*.

State of New York, to Henry Ludington Dr. To 4 days service riding with Nathaniel Sackett in order to collect evidence, 4 days at 21 S. 4 d. £4-5-4.³

The Committee for detecting Conspiracies &c
To Melancton Smith, D^r

1776

Nov^r To 6 Days Service in going over the
River & at Fishkill @ 7/12..... 2: 2: 9
To Expences of myself & Horse 6/ pr
Day 1: 16: —

£3: 18: 9

Rec. of W^m Duer Esq^r the Contents of the above Acc^t
in full

MELANCTON SMITH

[Endorsed:]

N^o 26

Melancton Smiths
Acc^t & Receipt
£3. .18. .9
not Enterd ⁴

The Committee for Enquiring into detecting and De-
feating all Conspiraces that may be form'd in this State,
Against the Liberties of America

To Petrus Van Gaasbeek D^r

[January 20, 1777.]

For Necessary Expences, in a private Expedition Ap-
pointed by the Committee aforesaid

To 4 Days service of a Horse @ 4/	£ ..16..
Keeping of D ^o @ 2/	—.. 8..
Oats ⁴ day..... @ 1/6	—.. 6..

£ 1. .10. .

³ Pelletreau, *History of Putnam County*, (1886), p. 693. Paraphrase in Johnson, *Colonel Henry Ludington*, p. 136.

⁴ N. Y. Historical Society.

To 5 Days Hire of a Horse.. @ 4/	1..—..
Keeping th Night.....	2/ 10..
Oats th day.....	1/6 .. 7..6
Lodging 5 Nights.....	6/ .. 2..6
10 Meals Diet for 5 Days....	1/3 ..12..6
1 bole Toddy th Day being 5 boles [torn]	..12..6
	<hr/>
	£ 4..15..— ⁵

Received March 17th [or 19 ?] 1777 the above balance of one h[undred] and five pounds four shillings and ten pence half penny [at the] hands of Egbert Benson Esq^r In behalf of my Brother Sam^l

MELANCTON SMI[TH]

£ 105..4..10¹/₂

FISHKILLS March 27th 1777

Receiv'd of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &c the Sum of One pound twelve Shillings in full for Expences and Services in Conducting George Smith to this place
CORNELIUS FONDA

[Endorsed:]

Cor^s Fonda's

Rec^t

N^o 30.^o

FISH KILL Apl. 1st 1777

Recd. of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &c the sum of six pounds sixteen shillings the remainder of £ 8..12..— belonging to me, in their hands, after deducting there out £ 1..16..— my part of the expences in apprehending & [illegible] subsistance

[illegible] HUGHSON ⁷

⁵ N. Y. Historical Society.

⁶ N. Y. Historical Society.

⁷ Nathaniel Hughson. See the *Minutes*, supra, under April 1, 1777.

[First part burned]	
To 1 Ditto.....	2..8
To 3 Ditto.....	8..—
To 1 Ditto.....	2..8
To 2 Ditto.....	5..4
To 1 Gill Rum.....	1..4
To 1 Bowl Toddy.....	2..8
To 2 Ditto.....	5..4
To 2 Ditto.....	5..4
To 2 Ditto.....	5..4
To 3 Ditto.....	8..—
To 6 Ditto.....	16..—
To 2 Ditto.....	5..4
[To] 2 Ditto.....	5..4
[To 1] Ditto.....	2..8
[To 1 Ditto].....	2..8
	<hr/>
	£ 14.. 3..4

[Fis]H KILL April 4th 1777.

[Co]mmissioners for Conspiracies &ca
 [Four]teen Pounds, three Shillings & four
 [pence]

HUGH CONNOR

The Commissioners for Conspiracies &c.

To the Detachment under Lieut. Humfrey
 To Lieut Humfrey's 17 Rations @ 10 d. [burned]
 To 2 Sergeants & 16 Privates in lieu of small
 rations 1/ each [burned]

FISH KILL April 11th 1777

Received the full contents of the above acct.

JAMES HUMFREY Lieut.

Received Poughkeepsie April 15th 1777 from the Com[missioners] of Conspiracies &c. the sum of five dollars for secret [services]

HENRY WOOD[EN]

£ 2—

POUGHKEEPSIE May 7th 1777

Received of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &c twenty shillings for secret services in full

JOHN MAXFIELD

The Commissioners for Conspiracies &c.

To expences for apprehending & conducting to [this place] 3 prisoners, Vizt. Hendrick Younkhanse, Co^o—^s [illegible] & Lewis Bryant.

1 Lieut.....	3 days	@ 12/
3 privates.....	3 days	@ 10/

POUGHKEEPSIE May 13, 1777

Received the full Contents of the above [remainder illegible]

The Commissioners for Conspiracies &c Dr.

To expences of a guard in apprehending John Cook, Cornelius Lyster & Joseph Canniff & conducting them to this place

1 Captain.....	1 day at 40 Dollrs. per mo...	£ ..10..8
1 Ensign.....	1 do. 18 do.....	.. 6..0
4 Privates.....	1 do. each at 4/ each.....	..16..—
To cash expended for dinner &c.....		..12..—

£ 2.. 4.. 8

POUGHKEEPSIE May 14th 1777

Recd. the full contents of the above

Per MATTHEW VAN BUNSHOOTEN Capt.

* Coonradt Smith. See *Minutes*, under May 13, 1777 .

In Council of Safety for the State of New
York June [burned]

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State advance to
Peter Cantine Esq one of the Commissrs. for detectg.
Conspiracies &c. the sum of three hundred pounds for
the use of the said Commissrs.

By order PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT Presdt.
£ 300 attest ROBT. BENSON Secry.

Recd. June 12th 1777 from P. V. B. Livingston by the
hands of Gerard Bancker three hundred pounds pursuant
to the above order.

£ 300

PETER CANTINE JUR.

RED HOOK Augst 13th 1777

Recd of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &ca the
sum of one pound four shillgs in full for apprehending
James Bryan & bringing him prisoner to this place

Per E [illegible] INGALLS

RED HOOK Augst. 13th 1777

Recd from the Commissioners for Conspiracies &ca 7
shillgs. for my services as express.

[Signature illegible] *

RED HOOK Augst. 15th 1777

Recd. of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &ca. the
sum of eleven shillings for carrying Henning Nichs.
Kister to Esopus, as a prisoner

ISRAEL SMITH

* John Jerry Siggler. See *Minutes*, Aug. 13, 1777.

RED HOOK August 19th 1777

Received of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &c
the Sum of Five pounds for a musket.

EPHRM. BRASHER

Received August 21st. 1777 from the Commissioners
[burned] Conspiracies &c. the sum of twenty shillings
fo[r] services as express

Recd per me JACOB R—¹⁰ [burned]

NEW CANAAN, Augt 23, 1777

Received of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &ca
the Sum of Five Pounds Six Shillings & eight pence for
the expences of the Committee & Field Officers of this
District, while they attended the Board.

Per [illegible] WARNER

Received Rynbeck Sept. 8th 1777 from the C[ommis-
sioners] for Conspiracies &c the sum of one pound four
[shillings] for expences for apprehending and bringing
to this [place] three prisoners

[Signature burned] ¹¹

Received Rynbeck September 8th 1777 from the [Com-
missioners] for Conspiracies &ca the sum of eight pounds
for [burned] services

SAMUEL HOPKINS

¹⁰ Jacob Riesdorph. See *Minutes*, Aug. 21, 1777.

¹¹ Aaron Lyon. See *Minutes*, Sept. 8, 1777.

RHINEBECK PRECINCT Sept. 9. 1777

Recd of the Commissioners for Conspiracies &ca. the sum of one pound four shillings for conveying two prisoners Isaac Freligh & Christian Haaver to this place

AARON LYON

The expenses and charges for victuels this Committee is at on acc^t of the following prisoners
Henry Gorrelman. Tho^s Murffice Alex^r Vanblacker
Joseph Trane and Richard Williams.

Eliven meals at 3 Sh. per meal £ 1: 13: 0
To Egbet Benson Attorney Gen^t

Sir. Plese if Consistant to pay the above to the bearer hereof Sergant Jabez Berry

I am Sir your humble serv^tELNATHAN GREGERY
Chairman

Per order of Committee

FREDERICKSBURG April 3d 1778

Received Poughkeepsie April 4, 1778 from the Commission[ers for] Conspiracies the above acc^t in full.

JABEZ BERRY

[Beginning burned]

Capt Myrick 3 days..... at 16/	£ 2.. 8..0
Lieut Oakley 1 day..... at 12/	0..12..0
Lieut Tryon for his Costs in victualing Gidion Simkins 4 days, 10 meals at 3/	1..10..0
To Eleazer Baker Sergt. Major 3 days and Horse..... at 13/	[burned]

£ 143 [burned]

Received the 9th day of April 1778 of the late C[om-]missioners for Conspiracy &c. the above sum of One hundred and forty three pounds eight shillings in full of the [above] account

Per me ELNATHAN GREGORY
(of the Committee of Fredericksburgh Precinct)

Received the 2nd day of May 1778 of Egbert Benson and Peter Cantine Jun. Esquired Late Commissioners for Conspiracies &c. the above mentioned sum of thirty eight pounds sixteen shillings, in full of the above account

MARTIN RAY

[Beginning burned]

1 April To bording Robin [burned]
 [n]egro with house and fire-
 room 21 weeks at 40/.....£ 42.
 To nurssing him 12 weeks at 20/.. 12.
 To doctring Robin with Medicens
 salve & dressing..... 40.
 To 1 pair shoes..... 1.
 To 1 shirt second handed..... 1.
 12 May To Bording him 6 weeks at 16/... 4.

£ 101.[burned]

May 12th 1778 Received of Messrs. Smith, Benson & Can[tine] Commissioners for detecting conspiracies, in full of the above acct.

per me ANANIAS COOPER

£ 101: 8: 0

[Beginning and right margin burned]

28th to taking two men out of Irons
 May 6th to taking six men out of Irons

New York Currency £ 22: 8: 0

Received June 4th 1778 of Egbt. Benson, Melancton Smith and Peter Cantine late Commissioners for Conspiracies &c the sum of Twenty two pounds eight shillings in full for the above account

GEORGE SMART

Recd. Fishkill Septr. 22nd 1778 of Mess. Egbt. Benson Melancton Smith and Peter Cantine Junr. late Commis-

sioners for Conspiracies &c. the sum of forty pounds N York money in full for my service as Commissary to the late Committee of Convention and to the Commissioners, Recd. by the hands of Thos. Henderson

HENDK. WYCKOFF

£ 40—

[burned] the several sums [burned] advanced and paid for necessaries amou— [burned] sixty four pounds, sixteen shillings [burned] before the Commissioners [burned] Conspiracies this 23rd day [Se]p[te]mber 1778
TEUNIS TAPPEN JUR. ANDRE— [burned]

Received Poughkeepsie Sept. 23rd 1778 [burned] Melancton Smith and Peter Cantine Jun. late [burned] Conspiracies, the within mentioned sum of Eig— [burned] shillings and six pence half penny, in full of the [burned] : 10: 6½

ANDREW H—¹² [burned]

The State of New York. To Peter Cantine Jur. Dr. 1778 To my services as a member of the late board of Commissioners 195 days @ 12/ £117. .0. .0

Received Poughkeepsie Sept 23 1778 from Messrs. Egbt. Benson and Melancton Smith the above acct in full

PETER CANTINE JUR.

£ 117

By the Commissioners for Conspiracies &c
POUGHKEEPSIE, August 4th, 1778

Capt. Wilson produced a pay Roll for the Service of himself and a Detachment of his Company called out by

¹² Andrew Hill. See *Minutes*, Sept. 23, 1778.

the Order of the Late Committee for Conspiracies &c the 14th of February last to apprehend the Rioters concerned in the Rescue of John Mc Alpine, Amounting to £ 59. .4. .10.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Extract from the Minutes.

PETER CANTINE JU^R one of the Commiss^s

The Receipt for the above Sum is either lost or mislaid but I imagine it must be among my Papers at Red Hook, as I took the Receipt at that place and therefore it cannot be produced as a voucher upon the Auditing of the Accounts of the Commissioners this day—Sep^r 23^d 1778.

EGB^T BENSON one of the Com^{rs}

[illegible] 16th. 1778

Received of the Commiss. for Conspiracies the sum of twelve shillings [illegible] services as express from Rhinebeck [illegible] Livingston's Manor to Exeter [illegible] the remainder of Capt. Cooper Company when the prisoners were sent to Hartford in Octor. last

his X mark

[name illegible]

The Commissioners for Conspiracies &c. Dr. for the following services performed in August 1777 at the request of the then Commissioners

Coll. Whiting	6 days.....at 20/	£ 6. .0. .0
Lieut Col. Waterman	7 do.....at 18/	6. .6. .0

£ 12. .6. .0

Received Poughkeepsie March 16th 1779 of the Commissioners for Conspiracies [illegible] the above sum of Twelve pounds Six shillings in full.

[illegible] WHITING

Committee for detecting &c Conspiracies in the State
of New York to Abr^m W Depuister Dr

To Services as Secretary to the said Committee
from Oct^r 4 to Nov^r 24 1776 being 50 days @ 20/ 50
Audited Feb 16, 1784.¹³

State of New York D^r to Joseph Strang One of the Com-
missioners for detecting & defeating Conspiracies in
Dutchess County Days

To my Services as Commiss^r from 19th March to
May 5th 1777 both days included 15
To ditto from 23 June to 4 July 1778 7
* * * * *

Audited 19th October 1785—¹⁴

¹³ Audited Accounts of the N. Y. State Auditor, A: 34, in the Archives
of the N. Y. State Library.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, A:284. Entire bill cited by Paltsits, in *Minutes, Albany Co.
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MINUTES
OF THE
COUNCIL OF APPOINTMENT
APRIL 4, 1778-MAY 3, 1779

INTRODUCTION

The Council of Appointment was established in 1777 by the first constitution of the state of New York to appoint all state officers, both civil and military, whose appointment was not provided for in some other way. The members were four state senators, one from each great district, openly nominated and chosen every year by the Assembly. The governor was the presiding officer and had only a casting vote.¹ During the period covered by the minutes on the following pages, George Clinton was president of the Council. The first members, appointed by the Assembly on September 16, 1777, were John Morin Scott, senator for the southern district, Jesse Woodhull, for the middle district, Alexander Webster, for the eastern district and Abraham Yates, Jr., for the western district. They were succeeded on October 17, 1778, by Jonathan Lawrence, Zephaniah Platt, Ebenezer Russell and Dirck Wessel Ten Broeck.²

On March 16, 1778, a law was enacted providing "that the Secretary of this State . . . shall, *ex officio*, be clerk of the Council of Appointment, and shall exercise the said office in person, or by his sworn deputy. That on all nominations and appointment to offices, within this State, by the Council of Appointment, the order or orders of the said Council, thereupon, shall be fairly written and entered, in the Minutes of the Proceedings of the said Council; (which are hereby declared to be public records of this State) and shall be subscribed by such majority of the said Council, as shall agree to each respective

¹ N. Y. State Constitution of 1777, art. XXIII.

² *Votes and Proceedings of the Assembly of the State of New York at their first session*, (Kingston, 1777, printed by John Holt), p. 13; *idem*, *at their second session*, (Poughkeepsie, 1779, printed by John Holt), p. 13.

order.”³ In accordance with this law, the engrossed minutes of the Council, in 14 volumes, from 1777 until it was abolished by the Constitutional Convention of 1821, were deposited in the office of the Secretary of State. The first volume, for the years 1777 through 1786, was removed to the State Library in 1881, and there destroyed by the fire of 1911, together with about ten thousand papers, the files of the Council for the entire period of its existence.⁴ These engrossed records were considered unique until recently, when the original draft of a portion of the first volume came to light at the public sale, May 25, 1923, of the historical collections of the late Roswell Randall Hoes. The manuscript was purchased and is now owned by the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, N. Y., through whose courtesy the New-York Historical Society is permitted to publish it.

The manuscript consists of one hundred and forty closely written pages, in two sections. The first, of thirty-six numbered pages, begins with the last paragraph of the minutes of April 2, 1778, and contains all the minutes for April 4, and several pages for May 23, ending abruptly in the middle of a sentence. The second part is enclosed in a contemporary heavy paper cover, on which is written “No: 3 Council of Appointment Minutes.” This section contains the complete proceedings from June 16, 1778 through May 3, 1779.

These minutes correct, and are supplemented by, the printed list of military officers, compiled by Berthold Fernow from the burned first volume of the engrossed minutes of the Council, in *New York in the Revolution*, (N. Y. State Archives, vol. I, Documents relating to the colonial history of the state of New York, vol. XV, Albany, 1887.) The subsequent military appointments

³ N. Y. Laws of 1778, ch. XII, An Act further to organize the Government of this State, art. VIII.

⁴ “Annotated List of the Principal Manuscripts in the N. Y. State Library,” *State Library Bulletin*, (History No. 3), June, 1899, p. 220; “N. Y. State Library Report of the Director, 1911,” in *University of the State of N. Y. Bulletin*, no. 545, June 15, 1913, p. 25.

were compiled and edited by Hugh Hastings, State Historian, in *Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York 1783-1821*. (4 vol., Albany, 1901-1902.)

DOROTHY C. BARCK

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of 2d April continued

RESOLVED that Daniel Griffen be appointed Captain of the armed Vessel called the Revenge That John Ingraham be Captain of the armed Vessel called the Retaliation and that Titus Conklin be Captain of the armed Vessel called the Refugee.

April 4th 1778. Present as before pursuant to Summons.

RESOLVED, that William Wills, Soverinus Cock, and James McMasters Esq^{rs} of the County of Tryon, John M. Beekman, Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Isaac Fonda, Matthew Vischer, Hugh Mitchell, Cornelius Humphry, John McClung, & Peter Wyncoop, Esq^{rs} of the County of Albany, Cornelius E. Wyncoop, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker and Peter Cantine (son of Matthew Cantine Esq^r) of the County of Ulster Esq^{rs}, Israel Honeywell, Jonathan G. Tomkins, and Joseph Strang Esq^{rs} of the County of West Chester, Zephaniah Platt, Egbert Benson and Israel Thompson of the County of Dutchess Esq^{rs}, Henry Wisner Thomas Moffat and Gilbert Cuyper of the County of Orange Esq^{rs}, and Alexander Webster, Alexander McNitt, & Ebenezer Clerk Esq^{rs} of the County of Charlotte be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners, for detecting and defeating Conspiracies within this State

RESOLVED, that all such persons as are or shall be appointed Judges of the inferior Courts of Common Pleas be deemed esteemed and be of the Quorum of Justices.

RESOLVED that the following officers be and they are hereby appointed in the Regiment in the County of Charlotte commanded by Colonel John Williams to wit,

John Williams Esq^r Colonel, Alexander Webster Esq^r Lieutenant Colonel, Thomas Armstrong Esq^r Major, Ruben Turner Adjutant, Aaron Fuller Quarter master, John Armstrong Captain, Daniel McClary 1st Lieut. John Martin 2^d d^o Alexander McNish Ensign, John Barnes (vice Capt. Beaty disaffected) Capt., Nehemiah Seely Capt, Elijah Tozer Capt., John Hamilton Capt., George McKnighton 1st Lieut. James Wilson 2^d d^o Samuel Crosset Ensign [blank space] Childs Capt. Edward Long Capt. Robert Stewart 1st Lieut. Alexander Turner 2^d d^o James Stewart Ensign.

RESOLVED that the following persons be Officers in the Regiment in the County of Albany commanded by Colonel Garret Vanderbergh who begs Leave to resign to wit, Henry Quackenboss Esq^r Colonel, Volkert Veeder Esq^r Lieutenant Colonel, Coenradt J. Ten Eyck Esq^r Major, Abraham Veeder Captain, James Burnside first Lieuten^t Myndert Legrange 2^d d^o, Ephraim Hudson Ensign, Peter Witbeck Captain, Daniel Van Antwerp 1st Lieu^t Cornelius Degroot 2^d d^o Conradt T. Ten Eyck Ensign, Philip Luke Captain, Thomas Easmey 1st Lieu^t Peter D. Winne 2^d d^o Henry Sheaver Ensign, John Van Wie Cap^t, Teunis Vandenberg 1st Lieu^t Henry Van Ostrander, 2^d d^o Hezekiah Schoonmaker Ensign, Teunis W. Slingerlandt Captain, Teunis Slingerlandt 1st Lieuten^t John Leonard 2^d d^o John Wans Ensign, Jurian Hogan Capt., David Hoghteling 1st Lieutenant, Matthew Flensburgh 2^d d^o William Van Alen Ensign

RESOLVED that the following persons be officers of the Regiment in the County of Albany commanded by Colonel Lewis Van Woert to wit, Lewis Van Woert Esq^r Colonel, John Blare Esq^r Lieu^t Colonel, James Aston Esq^r Major first, John Young Love Esq^r second major, John McClung Adjutant, Joseph Younglove Quarter Master, Joseph Wells Captain, Gashem Woodworth 1st Lieut, Samuel Clarke, 2^d d^o James Morrison Ensign, George Gilmore Capt, Jonathan French 1st Lieu^t, John Miller 2^d d^o Archibald Robertson Ensign, John McKillip Capt, Andrew Thompson first Lieut. James Bolton 2^d d^o

Hugh Thompson Ensign, John Whiteside Captain, William Whiteside 1st Lieu^t Admiral Burch 2^d d^o Henry Loop Ensign, Cornelius Doty Captain, Garret Van Ness 1st Lieu^t William Powel 2^d d^o Daniel Moore Ensign, William Brown Cap^t, Isaac Prine 1st Lieu^t Benjamin Tiffany 2^d d^o Abraham Wright Ensign

RESOLVED that the following persons be officers of the Regiment in the County of Albany commanded by Colonel Jacob Lansing, to wit, Jacob Lansing Jun^r Esq^r Colonel, Dirck Ten Broeck Esq^r Lieu^t Colonel, Abraham Cuyler Esq^r first Major, Harmanus Wendel Esq^r 2^d d^o Hendrick Van Veghten Adjutant, Gerrit Rykeman Quarter Master, John Price Capt. Abraham Yates Jun^r first Lieu^t, John Scott 2^d d^o, Thomas D. Hun Ensign, Nicholas Jeroliman Cap^t, Isaac Lansing Jun^r 1st Lieu^t. Bernardus Halenbeck 2^d d^o William Hilton Jun^r Ensign, Isaac De-foreest Captain, Gerrit Groosbeck 1st Lieu^t. Abraham Schuyler 2^d d^o Jacob H. Wendel Ensign, Hendrick Hogan Capt, vice John Williams resigned, John G. Marselis (vice Barent Van Alen resigned) first Lieu^t Jacob Roseboom Jun^r 2^d d^o Garret Van Schaick, Nicholas Marselis Capt. vice John N. Bleecker resigned, Jacob Bleeck Jun^r 1st Lieu^t William Groesbeck 2^d d^o Anthony Egbertse Ensign, William Hun Cap^t, John Ouderkerk, 1st Lieu^t, Martin Beekman 2^d d^o Anthony Groesbeck Ensign.

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[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 ABⁿ YATES JUN^r
 JN^o MORIN SCOTT
 ALEX^r WEBSTER

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County May 28th 1778

Present his Excellency Governor Clinton

Abraham Yates Jun ^r	} Esq ^{rs} Members
Jesse Woodhull	
John Morin Scott	

RESOLVED that David Monnel be second Lieu^t in Cap^t Hendricus Van Kuren's Company of Militia in

Colonel McClaghry's Regiment of Militia in Ulster County (vice William Watson heretofore appointed thro' Mistake but not commissioned

RESOLVED that Ebenezer Allen be second Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany commanded by Colonel Van Woert vice John Younglove, heretofore appointed in his stead upon false Suggestion, and that the said John Younglove be restored to the Adjutancy of the said Regiment vice John McClung who was appointed adjutant upon the af^d promotion of John Younglove. No commission having issued to either of them.

RESOLVED that Thomas Thomas Esquire be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Westchester whereof he was heretofore Colonel, that Gilbert Budd Junior be Lieut: Colonel, Thaddeus Crane Major, Edward Thomas Adjutant (vice Jon^a G. Tompkins resigned) and Timothy Brundige Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

That Richard Sacket be Captain of the Grenadier Company in the said Regiment and that Joseph Miller be first Lieutenant and Moses St. John second Lieutenant of the said Company.

His Excellency the Governor being determined (on application) to consolidate the two Companies of the said Regiment which were lately commanded by Nathan Olmstead and Jesse Holley. RESOLVED that the Officers of the said Consolidated Company be as follow viz^t Josiah Miller Captain, Zephaniah Miller first Lieut: Nathan Canfield second Lieutenant and Hezekiah Miller Ensign.

That Marcus Moseman be Captain Silas Miller first Lieutenant, Gabriel Higgen second Lieutenant and Eli Tyler Ensign of the Company, in the said Regiment commonly called Bedford New Purchase Company. That Ebenezer Scofield be Captain (vice William Fanshier resigned) Daniel Bouten first Lieutenant (vice Bouten resigned) David Fanshier second Lieutenant (vice Jacob Travis disabled in Service) and Samuel Lewis, Ensign

(vice late Ensign resigned) of the Company of the said Regiment commonly called Poundrige Company. That David Pardee be Captain (vice Abijah Gilbert resign'd) Jonathan Lowder first Lieutenant, Josiah Hays second Lieutenant (vice late Lieut. resigned) and David Smith Ensign (vice late Ensⁿ resigned) of the Company in the said Regiment commonly called South Salem Company.

That Jesse Trusdale be Captain, Joseph Dewlittle first Lieutenant (vice Ebenezer Holley resigned) Abraham Smith second Lieutenant (vice Solomon Close resigned) and Abijah Wallace Ensign (vice late Ensign resigned) of the Company in the said Regim^t commonly called North Salem Company.

That David Hobby be Captain, Gilbert Lyon first Lieutenant, Wright Carpenter second Lieutenant and William Mosier Ensign of the Company, in the said Regiment, commonly called Middle Patent Company.

His Excellency the Governor being determined (on Application) to consolidate the two Companies, of the said Regiment, which were lately commanded by Benjamin Ogden and Benjamin Green. RESOLVED that the Officers of the said Consolidated Company be as follow viz^t Jacob Purdy Captain, William Wright first Lieut: and David Lyon second Lieutenant and Nathaniel Tucker Ensign.

His Excellency the Governor being determined (on Application) to consolidate the two Companies of the said Regiment which were lately commanded by John Thomas Junior and Anthony Miller RESOLVED that the Officers of the said Consolidated Company be as follow viz^t John Thomas Junior Captain, James Miller first Lieutenant, Thomas Carpenter second Lieutenant and John Faulkner Ensign.

That Caleb Lawrence be Captain, Abraham Miller first Lieutenant (vice Alexander Hunt removed) and James Brundige second Lieutenant (vice Israel Seaman deserted to the Enemy) of the Company in the said Regiment commonly called Rye Company.

RESOLVED that the Officers of Colonel Henry Lud-

dington's Regiment be as follow viz^t Henry Luddington Colonel, Reuben Ferris Lieut Colonel, William Gee first Major, Ebenezer Robinson second Major, Hosea Hamilton Adjutant and Eleazer Baker Quarter Master.

That George Lane be Captain of the Company (in the said Regiment) in the beat in which he resides and that Daniel Willsey be first Lieutenant (vice Reuben Drake) John Drake second Lieutenant (vice Moses Dusenbury removed) and Henry Willsey Ensign of the said Company

That Joel Mead be Captain of the Company, in the said Regiment (in the Beat wherein he resides) heretofore commanded by Elijah Townsend, promoted, and that David Porter be first Lieutenant, Stephen Luddington second Lieutenant and David Hill Ensign of the said Company.

That David Waterbury be Captain of the Company of the said Regiment in the beat wherein he resides and that Isaac Townsend be first Lieutenant Timothy Delivan second Lieutenant and James Egleston Ensign of the said Company.

That John Crane be Captain of the Company of the Beat, in the said Regiment, wherein he resides and that David Smith be first Lieutenant, John Berry second Lieutenant (vice Elijah Townsend promoted) and Joseph Gregory Ensign (vice John Berry promoted) of the said Company.

That Hezekiah Mead be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides and that Solomon Hopkins be first Lieutenant Elijah Fuller second Lieutenant and Josiah Baker Ensign (vice Ebenezer Washburn deserted to the Enemy) of the said Company.

That Nathaniel Scribner be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that David Merrick be first Lieutenant (vice Dan^l Maline removed) William Martine second Lieutenant (vice Nath^l Finch resigned) and Caleb Hazen Ensign of the said Company.

And that John Haight be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides and that Israel Knap be first Lieutenant, Joseph Garrison second Lieutenant and John Nelson E[n]sign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Elijah Townsend be a Captain in the Detachment of Militia employed in the Defence of this State under the Command of Colonel Morris Graham and to continue in Service for one Year from the first Day of January last.

RESOLVED, on Application to his Excellency the Governor for consolidating the two Regiments lately commanded by Col^o A. Hawkes Hay and Col^o Lent in Orange County and the Companies commanded by Cap^{ts} Gerrit Ackerson and Arie Blauvelt belonging to the said Regiments or one of them, which his Excellency is determined to consolidate, that the Officers of the said Consolidated Regiment be as follow viz^t

A. Hawkes Hay, Colonel. Gilbert Cuyper Lieut. Colonel, John Smith first Major, John L. Smith second Major, Jacobus De Clark Adjutant and Gerrit Onderdonck Quarter Master.

That Hendrick Tournour be Captain of the Company of the Beat, in the said Regiment, wherein he resides, and that Walter Van Orden be first Lieutenant, Thomas Blauvelt second Lieutenant and John Meyer Ensign of the said Company.

That Arie Smith be Captain of the Beat in the said Regiment wherein he resides, and that Teunis Talman be first Lieutenant (vice Jacob Polhemus) Dirck Van Derbelt second Lieutenant (vice Walter Cure) and Harmanus Talman Ensign (vice Teunis Talman) of the said Company.

That Jacob Onderdonck be Captain of the beat in the said Regiment wherein he resides, and that Resolvert Van Houten be first Lieutenant, Andries Onderdonck second Lieutenant and Resolvert T. Van Houten Ensign of the said Company.

That Johannes J. Blauvelt be Captain of the Company

in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Mattheus Concklin be first Lieutenant of the said Company.

That John Bell be Captain of the beat in the said Regiment wherein he resides and that John Sitcher be first Lieutenant William Graham second Lieutenant and Daniel Onderdonck Ensign of the said Company

That Gerrit Ackerson be Captain of the said consolidated Company, and that Roger Osborn be first Lieutenant Paul Van Dervoort second Lieutenant and John J. Coe Ensign (vice Albert Smith) of the said Company.

That John Gardiner be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment (lately commanded by Capt. Kiers promoted) and that Richard Ackerson be first Lieutenant John Waldron second Lieutenant (vice John Gardner) and William Concklin Ensign (vice Richard Ackerson) of the said Company.

And that William Sickles be Captain of the beat in the said Regiment wherein he resides and that John Hogencamp be first Lieutenant, Cornelius Blauvelt second Lieutenant and Jacob Sickles Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that John L: Dewit be Captain of the beat (in Colonel Snyders Regiment) wherein he resides, and that Petrus Oosterhout be first Lieutenant, Tobias Meyer second Lieutenant and Petrus Brinck Ensign of the said Company. That Gerardus Hardenbergh be Captain of the Beat (in Colonel Snyders Regiment) wherein he resides and that Simon Le fever be first Lieutenant, Samuel Schoonmaker second Lieutenant and Aert Van Wagenen Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Stephen J. Schuyler be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany whereof he was heretofore Colonel, That Henry Van Renselaer be Lieutenant Colonel, John Fonda first Major Floris Bancker Second Major, Jacob Van Alstyn Adjutant and Daniel Toncray Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

That George Sharp be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that

John Fonda be first Lieutenant George Baninger Second Lieutenant and John Riley Ensign of the said Company.

That Christopher Tillman be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Jonathan Sever [Lever?] be first Lieutenant Henry Denker Second Lieutenant and John Clark Ensign of said Company.

That Cornelius Lansing be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Jacob Wager be first Lieutenant (vice Lodywick Snyder superannuated) Hugh McMannus be Second Lieutenant (vice Andrew Stoll disaffected) and James Padget Ensign (vice Jacob Wager promoted) of said Company.

That Caleb Bentley be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides And that Samuel Shaw be first Lieutenant, David Hewstet be second Lieutenant and Thomas Crandall Ensign of the said Company.

That Jacob Defreist be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Martinus Sharp be first Lieutenant, Andreas Miller Second Lieutenant and Rynier V. Every Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that the following description of Capt. Andrew Heermanse in Colonel Morris Graham's regiment be inserted in his Commission to wit Captain of the Company lately commanded by David Van Ness Esq^r

That Ryer Heermanse be second Lieutenant and Andrew Heermanse Ensign (who in a former Entry was named second Lieutenant thro mistake) in the Company Commanded by John Klum

RESOLVED, that Robert Harpur and Thomas Weeks Esq^r be and hereby are appointed additional Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies within this State.

RESOLVED, that Albert Pawling Esq^r be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Detachments of the Militia under the Command of

Colonel Morris Graham for the Defence of the State to continue in Service for one Year from the first day of January last

RESOLVED That Peter Van Ess Esquire be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany whereof he was heretofore Colonel, That Jacob Ford be Lieutenant Colonel, David Pratt first Major, John McKinstry second Major, Bartholomew Heath Adjutant and Zachariah Gerwyck Quarter Master of said Regiment.

That Philip Bartel be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Cornelius Hoogeboom be first Lieutenant, Benjamin Allen Second Lieutenant and Francis Delong Ensign of the said Company. That Abner Hawley be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment That Jonathan Pitcher be first Lieutenant, Eleazer Spencer Second Lieutenant and Amaziah Philips Ensign of the said Company. That Jonah Graves be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Charles McArthur be first Lieutenant Stephen Graves Second Lieutenant and John Crippen Ensign of the said Company. That Bartholomew Barrett be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Abner Killogg be first Lieutenant Daniel Barnes Second Lieutenant and John Mattoon Ensign of the said Company. That Jonathan Bixby be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Joseph Heath be first Lieutenant Abel Wheland Second Lieutenant and Abraham Blass Ensign of the said Company. That John McKinstry Junior be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment And that Joshua Whitney be first Lieutenant David McKinstry Second Lieutenant and Edward Vaughan Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED That Peter R. Livingston Esquire be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the Manor of Livingston in the County of Albany whereof he was heretofore Colonel That Henry Livingston Jun^r Esquire be

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Ten Broeck Esquire first Major and Dirck Jansen Esquire Second Major, Philip Rockefeller Adjud^t and Petrus Wynkoop Quarter Master of the said Regiment. That Leonard Ten Broeck be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Andries A Bartel be first Lieutenant, Peter Best Second Lieutenant and Thomas Hops Ensign of the said Company. That Joseph Elliot be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that John McArthur be first Lieutenant Philip Viele Second Lieutenant and John Loomis Ensign of the said Company. That Markis Blatner be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Christopher Blatner be first Lieutenant, Mindert Vandebogart Second Lieutenant and Johannis Blass Ensign of the said Company. That Coenradt Klyne be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that John L. Decker be first Lieutenant Bastian Bain Second Lieutenant and Wilhelmus Turner Ensign of the said Company. That John A. Fonda be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Peter Pulver be first Lieutenant Fite Rossman Second Lieutenant and John Shaver Ensign of the said Company. That Jacob F. Shaver be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment And that Peter Vandebogart be first Lieutenant, John Best Second Lieutenant and Philip Knickebacker Ensign of the said Company That Adam House-dradt be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Henry Irwin be first Lieutenant, Anthony Snyder Second Lieutenant and Markis Coone Ensign of the said Company. That Philip Smith be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment, and that Casparus Shultz be first Lieutenant Christian Volkenburgh Second Lieutenant and Bartle Hendricks Ensign of the said Company. That Hendrick Pulver be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides

in the said Regiment and that Nicholas Power be first Lieutenant, Johannis Stall Second Lieutenant and Nicholas Power Jun^r Ensign of the said Company And that Diel Rockefeller be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment and that Jacob Hagadorne be first Lieutenant Henry Will Second Lieutenant and Collin McDaniel Ensign of the said Company

The Council of Appointment having received a Complaint from John Rowan Esquire Member of Assembly for Charlotte County in Person and a Number of the Inhabitants of the said County by their Petition to the Governor against Colonel John Williams of the said County conceive themselves bound to take notice of it, not as a Court of Judicature; being fully satisfied that they have not authority to try any Man upon any Charge whatsoever: But from a Conviction that where the Constitution of this State has subjected Officers for the duration of their Commissions to the Pleasure of the Council of Appointment; they are thereby reduced to an absolute Necessity in point of Duty, to hear every Complaint of Misbehaviour in Officers of the Militia and to displace where there are just Grounds for it. Complaints exhibited to the Council of Appointment against Colonel Williams as an Officer commanding a Regiment of Militia in the County of Charlotte to wit.

1st That the Colonel has ordered regimental Courts Martial for the Trial of Persons upwards of 50 years of age and others and for offences not cognizable before any Court Martial of the Militia, authorized by the Law of this State; In which Cases the supposed Delinquents have been fined in different Sums from four shillings up to thirty Pounds, and that in consequence thereof their personal property has been distrained and sold at an under value to their great Loss and Impoverishment, and without being duly convened at such Court and furnished with the opportunity of defending themselves.

2^{dly}. That Lieut. Colonel Webster of the aforesaid Regiment, was not only not consulted about the Appoint-

ment of such Courts Martial, but was never appointed or requested by Col^o Williams to sit in or attend at either of them; altho' he Col^o Williams had frequent and ready Admission at the said Courts Martial.

3^{dly}. That he not only subjects Persons by the Means of such pecuniary Punishments as aforesaid to heavy forfeitures; but also for effectually levying them threatens many of the Inhabitants of the County to try them for their Lives unless they submit to the penalties imposed by such Courts Martial as aforesaid, declaring to their great Distress that he has it in his Power to strip them of all their Property.

4^{thly}. That he has made false pay abstracts for the Militia who have been in actual Service under him Whereby he has to the prejudice of the Continent received much greater Sums, than it was ever conceived were due to such Militia; and has withheld from Persons belonging to his Regiment pay that was actually due to them and received by him for their Use.

5^{thly}. That in the Trial of sundry Persons before such Courts Martial as aforesaid for supposed Offences he has caused the said Courts to inquire into facts which if they ever happened must have been perpetrated long before the Militia Law took Place; thus making a Law, which was only intended to apply to Cases posterior in their Occurrence to the Law itself retrospects to Facts which if real must have occurred before the passing thereof

6^{thly}. That when the continental Troops abandoned Ticonderoga and retreated from the Enemy, and they advanced into the Country, Colonel Williams sent one Jonathan Baker to Major Skene in the Enemy's Service and furnished him with hard money to bear his Expences. That Baker returned from Major Skene with a manifesto and Proclamation from Burgoyne calculated to enforce the Submission of the Inhabitants which Manifesto and Proclamation were brought into the Committee and by them suppressed.

7^{thly}. That afterwards when the Enemy had advanced

as far as Fort Ann and the Danger of the Inhabitants thereby increased Col^o Williams called the People of his Regiment together and told them they must take care of themselves, intimating thereby his declining to command them and that afterwards having collected them in his Barn he told them they had but one of three Things to chuse to wit either to fly for their Lives or take up Arms and fight the Enemy, or submit to them and take Protections; and that afterwards when Captain McCracken a continental Officer arrived on the Spot, Col^o Williams abandoned the Command of his Regiment to the said Officer.

RESOLVED that this Council will hear the Proofs of the Complainants in support of the above Articles of Charge in the presence and hearing of Colonel Williams if he shall chuse to attend the same, and that as soon as they shall be able to attend on this Council for the Purpose after the opening of the next Meeting of the Legislature on the second Tuesday in June next; and ordered that the Clerk of this Council do furnish Colonel Williams and Mr. Rowan each with a Copy of the foregoing Articles of Charge.

RESOLVED that the honorable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the honorable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires puisne Justices of the said Court, John Haring, William Allison, Elihu Marvin and Teunis Cuyper Esquires be and they are hereby appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery in and for the County of Orange of which Justices of the said Courts respectively either the said John Jay or the said Robert Yates or the said John Sloss Hobart shall always be one and the duration of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for three Months from the date thereof; and that Commissions issue accordingly.

RESOLVED that the honorable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State the honorable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart

Esquires puisne Justices of the said Court, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Ten Broeck, Henry Bleecker, Petrus Van Ness Christopher Yates, John Barclay, Abraham Yates Junior, John Roorback, John Price, Jacob J. Lansing, Abraham Cuyler, John M. Beekman and Harmanus J. Wendel Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery in and for the County of Albany of which Justices of the said Courts respectively either the said John Jay or the said Robert Yates or the said John Sloss Hobart shall always be one; and the duration of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for three Months from the Date thereof, and that Commissions issue accordingly.

The following Charges against the Officers hereunder named are collected from sundry Affidavits and other Papers laid by his Excellency the Governor before this Council.

Jellis Fonda Esquire one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Tryon County is charged as follow to wit. The said Jellis Fonda about a year ago advised sundry subjects of this State to forsake the Measures of Congress and submit to Taxes by authority of Parliament declaring they would not be so heavy as was represented, and that the People of this Country had not sufficient strength to oppose the King and that some time in the last Winter the said Jellis Fonda owned that he had given such Advice and made such Declaration and added that perhaps it might yet be found to be best. That the said Jellis Fonda about three Days before General Herkeimer marched against the Enemy, advised a Person who was to go under his command not to fire on the Indians and desired him to dissuade others from firing on them.

Colonel Frederick Fisher and Lieutenant Colonel Volkert Veeder of the Militia of Tryon County charged with Cowardice quitting the Fight and the command of their Men and concealing themselves from Danger in a Hole, in the heat of the late General Herkeimers Action

with the Enemy. Note this was before the Government was organized and regular Courts Martial could be formed.

George Herkeimer Esquire a Justice of the Peace in Tryon County is charged with countenancing certain Subjects of this State and offering them Assistance some time last summer to go off to the Enemy.

William Tygert Esquire a Justice of the Peace of Tryon County is charged with declaring his own Resolution and advising other Subjects of this State when Butler and Ten Broeck Persons in the Enemy's Service came as Emissaries into Tryon County to seduce the Subjects of this State from their Allegiance and to take part with the Enemy, to get Relief by applying to Butler.

Thereupon RESOLVED that a Copy of the said Charges and of this Resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of this Council to George Nellice and Moses Younglove and also of the several Parts of the above Charges to the several Officers whom they respectively concern and of this Resolution and the third Tuesday of June next is assigned to the Parties and their Witnesses to appear before this Council on the Subject Matter of the said Charges; to the end that the Council may be able to determine whether it be proper to continue the said Persons in Office.

RESOLVED that the following Persons be Officers in Colonel Freer's Regiment of Militia in Dutchess County viz^t Theodorus Bayley Adjutant and Daniel Smith Quarter Master. That Samuel Smith be Captain of the Company in the Beat in the said Regiment wherein he resides and that Jonah Weeks be first Lieutenant and Siremus Newcomb second Lieutenant of the said Company. That Isaac Concklin be Captain of the Company of the beat, in the said Regiment, wherein he resides, and that Josiah Burton be first Lieutenant, Jacob Schriver second Lieutenant and Reuben Spencer Ensign of the said Company.

That John Van Kleeck be Captain of the Company of the Beat in the said Regiment wherein he resides vice

Peter Low resigned; and that Jacobus Freer be first Lieutenant, Simon Laroye second Lieutenant and Jacobus Van Debogert Ensign of the said Company.

That Bernardus Swartwout be Captain of the Company of the Beat, in the said Regiment wherein he resides; and that Abraham Fort be first Lieutenant vice Peter Lassing resigned; Simon Lassing second Lieutenant and Abraham Van Keuren Ensign of the said Company.

That Luke Stoutenburgh be Captain of the Company of the Beat in the said Regiment wherein he resides, and that Elijah Herrick be first Lieutenant and Henry Jersey Ensign of the said Company.

That Hugh Van Kleeck be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides and that Stephen Hendrickson be first Lieutenant, Elias Freer second Lieutenant and Felix Lewis Ensign of the said Company.

That David Oostrum be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, lately commanded by Frederick Stryt, and that Hugh Montgomerie be first Lieutenant, Joseph Harris second Lieutenant and Anthony Badgly Junior Ensign of the said Company.

And that Lemuel Concklin be Captain of the Company in *

* End of the first section of the manuscript. The following additional appointments were made on May 28, 1778:

Lemuel Concklin, Captain, vice Joseph Hegeman, resigned.

Eliphalet Platt, first Lieutenant, vice Paul Van Enden, resigned.

Henry Kipp, Ensign.

(Fernow, ed., *N. Y. in the Revolution*, p. 281.)

No. 3

COUNCIL OF APPOINTMENT MINUTES

At A Meeting of the Council of Appointment at Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County (pursuant to Summons) on the 16th day of June 1778

Present

His Excellency Governor Clinton President

The Hon^{ble} { John M. Scott
Abr^m Yates } Esq^{rs} Members
Alex^r Webster }

RESOLVED, That William B. Whiting Esq^r be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia (in the County of Albany) heretofore Commanded by him the said William B. Whiting.

That Asa Waterman be Lieutenant Colonel, Martin Beebe First Major (vice Aza Douglas removed out of the State) Phillip Frisby second Major (vice Daniel Bouck resigned on Account of Bad health)

That Elijah Bostwick be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, in the Beat wherein he resides,—That William Hollenbeck be First Lieutenant, Elijah Toles Second Lieutenant, and Samuel Allen Ensign.

That Aaron Kellogg be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides. That William Warner be First Lieutenant, Pollecarpus Smith Second Lieutenant, and Samuel Olmstead Ensign.

That Ebenezer Cady, be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment (vice Phillip Frisbee promoted) in the Beat wherein he resides. That Josiah Warner be First Lieutenant (vice Ebenezer Cady promoted) Ezra Murry be Second Lieutenant (vice Josiah Warner promoted) and Elijah Cady Ensign.

That Nehemiah Fitch be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides. That Gideon King be First Lieutenant (vice Sam^l Hogly dece^d) John Smith Second Lieutenant and Peter Burker Ensign.

That John Davis be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment (vice Ebenezer Benjamin resigned) in the Beat wherein he resides. That Nathaniel Rowley be first Lieuten^t (vice Jonathan Ford resigned) William Caswell Second Lieutenant (vice John Munsey dece^d) and Elisha Cady Ensign.

That Daniel Herrick be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, in the Beat wherein he resides. That Nathaniel Herrick be First Lieutenant, Edward Wheeler Second Lieutenant, and Simon Lothrop Ensign (vice Samuel Goodfellow, Displaced

That Jacob Vasbrough be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment (vice Elijah Hudran Displ^d) in the Beat wherein he resides. That Samuel Thomson be First Lieutenant, Lemuel Tubbs Second Lieutenant, and Nathaniel Miles Ensign, vice others resigned.

That Elisha Gilbert be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, in the Beat wherein he resides. That John Yuile be first Lieutenant, John Gillit Second Lieutenant, and James Marvin Ensign.

That John Salsburry be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, in the Beat wherein he resides That James Phelps be First Lieutenant, John Kalender Second Lieutenant and Benjamin Ford Ensign.

That Eleazer Grant be Quarter Master and Jonathan Warner Adjutant of the said Regiment.

RESOLVED that Silvester Salisbury Esquire be Captain of the Company of Horse in the Regiment of Militia in the County of Ulster whereof Johannis Snyder Esquire is Colonel. That Cornelius Newkerk be first Lieutenant, James Roe Second Lieutenant and Abraham Van Gaasbeek Jun^r be Cornet of the said Company.

RESOLVED That Benjamin Tusten Jun^r be and he is hereby appointed Surrogate for the County of Orange.

RESOLVED that Gilbert Livingston Esquire be and

he is hereby appointed Surrogate for the County of Dutchess.

RESOLVED That Alexander McNitt (being the Person recommended) be and he hereby is appointed Captain of the voluntary associated Company in the County of Charlotte, and that Alexander Simson (the Person recommended) be and he hereby is appointed first Lieutenant of the said Company

RESOLVED that Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond be Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of West Chester commanded by Joseph Drake Esq^r That George Comb be Captain vice Claude Requaw resigned, That Cornelius Van tassel be first Lieut^t Jacob Van Tassel second Lieu^t and Thomas Buice Ensign of the Company heretofore commanded by the said Claude Requaw in the said Regiment That Daniel Martling be Cap^t vice Cap^t Dutcher of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment, Gershom Sherwood first Lieut^t John Van Wart second Lieut. and Peter Paulding Ensign of the said Company. That Gabriel Requaw be Capt. of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides vice Capt. Dean John Baker first Lieut. William Veal second Lieut. and Jonathan Knap Ensign vice James See resigned. That Jonas Arser be Capt. of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides vice Capt. Ledouw, John Oakley, first Lieut. Henry Lambert second Lieutenant and Benjamin Brown Ensign of the said Company. That Israel Honeywell Jun^r be Capt. of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides, that Teunis Lent be first Lieut., Daniel Williams second Lieut. and Stephen Sherwood Ensign of the s^d Company.

RESOLVED that Isaac Requaw be Adjutant of the said Regiment

At a Council of Appointment held at Poghkepsie in Dutchess County 18th June 1778.

Present His Excy^l the Gov^r President

Abraham Yates Jun ^r	} Esq ^{rs}
Alexander Webster	
& John Morin Scott	

} Members

RESOLVED that Samuel Cole Esq^r be Cap^t of the Company lately commanded by Jacob Cole in the Regiment in the County of Orange commanded by Colonel Allison that Samuel Knap be first Lieut of the said Company vice the said Samuel Cole, that John Whitaker be second Lieut. of the said Company Vice the said Samuel Knap & that Jacamiah Fergerson be Ensign of the said Company vice the said John Whitaker

At a Council of Appointment held ut supra 20th June 1778

Present ut Supra

RESOLVED that Peter J. Van Valkenburgh be Ensign in the Stead of Anthony Tenbroek appointed thro' Mistake Ensign of Jeremiah Mullers Company in Colonel Robert Van Renselaer's Regiment in the County of Albany.

RESOLVED that Abraham Wempel Esquire be & is hereby appointed Colonel of the Regiment of Militia (in the County of Albany) heretofore commanded by him; and that Christopher Yates be Lieutenant Colonel, Abraham Swits first Major, Myndert M. Wempel second Major, John Van Driesen Adjutant and Christopher Peake, Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

That John Van Petten be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides and that Teunis Swart be first Lieutenant, Philip Veder second Lieutenant and Daniel Toll Ensign of the said Company.

That Jellis Fonda be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that Andries Van Petten be first Lieutenant, Myndert A. Wempel second Lieutenant and Nicholas Yates Ensign of the said Company.

That John Mynderse be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides and that Lawrence Mynderse be first Lieutenant, Jacobus Peake second Lieutenant and Abraham Truex Ensign of the said Company.

That Thomas B. Bancker be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that John B. Vroman be first Lieutenant, Arent S. Veder second Lieutenant and Freeman Schermerhorn Ensign of the said Company.

That Thomas Wassen be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that John Little be first Lieutenant, John Thornton second Lieutenant and Jacob Solivan Ensign of the said Company.

That Abraham Oothout be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that John Roseboom be first Lieutenant, Nicholas Barheyt second Lieutenant and Cornelius Van Santford Ensign of the said Company.

That Abraham Van Eps be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that Jellis Yates be first Lieutenant, Philip Van Vorsh Jun^r second Lieutenant and Arent J. Van Antwerpen Ensign of the said Company.

And That Jesse Van Slyck be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides; and that Walter Jacob Vroman be first Lieutenant, Francis Veeder second Lieutenant and Jellis Abraham Fonda Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Anthony Van Bergen Esq^r be & he is hereby appointed Colonel of the Regiment of Militia (in the County of Albany) heretofore commanded by him; and that Cornelius DuBois be Lieutenant Colonel, Ignatius Van Orden first Major John Bronck second Major, Albartus Van Loan Adjutant and Benjamin Van Orden Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

That Thomas Hooghteling be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that Hendrick Van Bergen be first Lieutenant, Richard Hardenbergh second Lieutenant and Cornelius Conyn Ensign of the said Company.

That Myndert Van Schaick be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he

resides; and that Leonard Bronck be first Lieutenant Jochem Trayon second Lieutenant and John Van Schaack Ensign of the said Company.

That John Whitbeck be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that Francis Salisbury be first Lieutenant, Wessel Salisbury second Lieutenant and Peter Van Bergen Ensign of the said Company.

That Benjamin C. DuBois be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides, and that Jacob Van Veghten be first Lieutenant Benjamin J. DuBois second Lieutenant and John Persen Ensign of the said Company.

And that David Abeel be Captain of the Company of the Beat (in the said Regiment) wherein he resides and that William Snyder be first Lieutenant, Anthony Abeel second Lieutenant and Christian Meyer Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Benjamin Elmendorph be third Lieutenant of the Company of Grenadiers in Col^o Snyders Regiment of Militia in the County of Ulster.

RESOLVED that Isaac S. Davis be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat which Comprehends the Settlements of Woodstock, & Little, and Great Shandakan in the Regiment whereof Johanis Snyder is Colonel and that Philip Miller be first Lieutenant, Johannis Van Elten second Lieutenant and Zacharias Short Ensign of the said Company.

According to Notice Mess^{rs} Fonda, Visscher and Veeder attended this Council and offered several Affidavits to exculpate Colonels Visscher and Veeder from the Charges exhibited against them; and Major Fonda gave such an Account of the Matters charged against him as entirely changed their Complection And as the Complainants did not appear; and as with whatever View they have omitted the prosecution of their Complaints, the Council hope they may have been directed by a laudable Desire of putting an end to a Contention that must keep up a

Disunion in the County when Union is so necessary at this critical Juncture

RESOLVED therefore that the Consideration of the said Complaints be postponed and the Council recommend it to the Complainants as they have done to the Parties complained of, that as they esteem the good of their Country, they forbear from any further Disputes that may tend to disunite the Inhabitants of Tryon County and heartily to assist each other in the most vigorous Exertions to repel the common Enemy.

Ordered that the Clerk transmit a Copy of the above Resolution to the Complainants and that he deliver a Copy thereof to the Party complained of.

At a Council of Appointment held at Poghkepsie the 22^d June 1778. Present ut supra

Resolved, That John McCrea Esq^r be Colonel of the Regiment in the County of Albany lately commanded by him

That Cornelius Van Veghten Esq^r be Lieutenant Colonel thereof

That Daniel Dickeson Esq^r be first Major and Jacob Van Schaick Esq^r be second Major thereof

That Elisha Andries be adjutant & Michael Beedel be Quarter Master thereof

That Peter Van Woert Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, in the Beat wherein he resides; and James Storm first Lieutenant Joshua Wheeler second Lieutenant and Garret Van Buren Ensign thereof

That John Thompson Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; Josiah Benjamin first Lieutenant, Joseph Row second Lieutenant and Isaac Fonda Ensign thereof.

That Peter Winne Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; and that Benjamin Guiles be first Lieutenant, Isaac Doty second Lieuten^t and Jonas Putnam Ensign thereof.

That Ephraim Woodworth Esq^r be Captain of the

Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; and that Thomas Ballard be first Lieutenant, Abel Belknap second Lieutenant, and Philip Rodgers Ensign thereof

That Hezekiah Dunscomb Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides John Davis Jun^r first Lieutenant, Richard Hilton second Lieutenant and William Green Ensign thereof

That Ephraim Lake Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; and Samuel Sheldon first Lieutenant Jabez Gage second Lieutenant and Benajah Sheldon Ensign thereof

That Michael Denning Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; and Stephen Benedict first Lieutenant Ashbel Andries Second Lieutenant, and Nathaniel Grummin Ensign thereof

RESOLVED that Peter Yates Esq^r be Colonel of the Regiment in the County of Albany lately commanded by Colonel John Knickerbacker, John Van Renselaer Jun^r Esq^r Lieutenant Colonel, John W. Groesbeck Esq^r first Major Jacob Van Valkenbergh Adjutant and Abraham Vielle Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

That Wouter N. Groesbeck Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; and that Peter Davenport be first Lieutenant, Jacob Yates second Lieutenant, and Stephen Vielle Ensign thereof

That Garret Teunis Bradt Esq^r be Capt. of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; and that Matthew Brewer be first Lieutenant, Henry Bress Second Lieutenant & John Van Wormer Ensign thereof. That Matthew de Garmo Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides; and that Yesse Toll be first Lieutenant, Oliver Rowland second Lieutenant and Jacob Van Wormer be ensign of the said Company

That Thomas Brown Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the beat wherein he resides,

Jacob Van Ness first Lieutenant of the said Company, Eldert Fonda second Lieutenant of the said Company and Gamaliel Waldo Ensign thereof

That Henry Van der Hoff Esq^r be Capt. of the said Company in the said Regiment, in the Beat wherein he resides, that Nathaniel Ford be first Lieutenant Jacob Hallenbeck second Lieutenant and Simon Vandercook Ensign of the said Company

That James Hadlock Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, in the Beat wherein he resides Joel Abbot first Lieutenant John Ryne second Lieutenant and Samuel Shipman Ensign of the said Regiment.

That Cornelius Wilsey Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the beat wherein he resides Abney Van Amy first Lieutenant Ezekiel Halsted second Lieutenant and John Harvey Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED That John Field be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Dutchess heretofore commanded by him the said John Field Esq^r and that Andrew Morehouse Esquire be Lieutenant Colonel, Jonathan Paddock be first Major Isaac J. Talman second Major, Solomon Crane Adjutant & Reuben Crossby Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

That Ichabud Ward Esquire be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides That Andrew Morehouse Jun^r be first Lieutenant Gideon Thompson second Lieutenant and Ezra Ruddy Ensign of the said Company

That James Martin be Captain of the Company in the Beat wherein he resides (in the said Regiment) That Benjamin Elliot be first Lieutenant, Stephen Akin second Lieutenant and Samuel Garner Ensign of the said Company.

That David Heacock Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides That Joseph Chandler be first Lieutenant, Peter Hatfield Second Lieutenant and John Hatch Ensign of the said Company.

That Benjamin Higgins be Captain of the Company in the s^d Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides & That Azor Barnum be first Lieutenant Thomas Sears Second Lieutenant and Nathan Green Jun^r Ensign of the said Company.

That William Pierce Esquire be Captain of the Company in the s^d Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Stephen Hunt be first Lieutenant, Caleb Haines Second Lieutenant and Benjamin Slockum Ensign of the said Company.

That Joshua Dyckman Esquire be Captain of the Company in the s^d Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Joshua Crosby Jun^r be first Lieutenant Edward Penny Second Lieutenant and Daniel Doan Ensign of the said Company

RESOLVED That Philip P. Schuyler Esq^r be Colonel of the Regiment in the County of Albany lately commanded by Colonel Francis Nicol lately resigned, That Barent Staats be Lieutenant Colonel & Abraham Fonda Major of the said Regiment

That Henry Ostrum Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, Jacob Weaver first Lieutenant Philip Heamstraet second Lieutenant, and Peter Schuyler Ensign of the said Company

That Jacob J. Lansingh Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, Levinus Winne first Lieutenant & Coenraedt Sharp Ensign of the said Company.

That Henry Oathoudt Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, that Levinus Lansingh be first Lieutenant Jacob Lansingh second Lieutenant, and Timothy Hutton Ensign of the said Company.

That John Groat Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the beat wherein he resides Barent Myndersen first Lieutenant of the said Company Levy Van Aaken second Lieutenant of the said Company and Dirck Hamstraet Ensign of the said Company

That Joost Sheever be first Lieutenant of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, William Teets second Lieutenant, and Peter Whitman Ensign of the said Company

That Jacob Van Aernum Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, George Wagenaer first Lieutenant John Eaker second Lieutenant, and John Van Arnun Jun^r Ensign of the said Company.

That John Quackenboss be adjutant and Christopher Lansingh Quarter Master of the said Regiment

RESOLVED That Jacobus Van Schonhoven Esq^r be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany heretofore commanded by him the said Jacobus Van Schonhoven And that James Gordon Esquire be Lieutenant Colonel Ezekiel Taylor Esquire first Major Andrew Mitchel Esquire Second Major, David Ramsey Adjutant and Simon Fort Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

That Johannis Vandenberg Esquire be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Nicholas Vandenberg be first Lieutenant Samuel Ten Broeck be second Lieutenant and William Waldron Ensign of the said Company.

That Nanning Vischer Esquire be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, and that John Van Vranken be first Lieutenant Nicholas Van Vranken second Lieutenant and Moses Van Vranken Ensign of the said Company.

That Jeremiah Vincent Esquire be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Joseph Pinckney be first Lieutenant, Peter Ferguson second Lieutenant and Elias Steenberg Ensign of the said Company.

That Joseph Losee Esquire be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides and that Thomas Hicks be first Lieutenant, William Veeling second Lieutenant and Adrian Hageman Ensign of the said Company

That Tyrannus Collins Esquire be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides That Benjamin Wood be second Lieutenant and David Clarke Ensign of the said Company.

That Stephen White Esquire be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides That Thomas Brown be first Lieutenant Epenetus White second Lieutenant & Nathan Raymond Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED That Robert Wood be first Lieutenant of a Company in the Regiment formed from Detachments of Militia for the defence of this State whereof Morris Graham Esq^r is Colonel.

At a Meeting of the Council of Appointment held at Poghkepsie the 25th June 1778
Present Ut Supra

His Excellency the Gov^r produced to the Council the following List of Officers with a Recommendation subscribed with the Names of sundry Exempts of New Windsor in the County of Ulster certified under the hand of Matthew Dubois, thereby Recommended as Captain of the said Exempts to wit Matthew Dubois Captain James Burnet first Lieutenant and John L. Moffat second Lieutenant of the Company of Exempts at New Windsor and the Council approving of the said Recommendation RESOLVED that the said several persons be and they are severally & respectively hereby appointed to the said several & respective Offices to which they are respectively recommended as aforesaid

RESOLVED that the Honorable John Morin Scott Esquire be and he is hereby appointed Brigadier General of the Militia of the City & County of New York.

RESOLVED that Samuel Drake Esquire be Collonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Westchester Vice Pierre Van Cortlandt Esquire Appointed Lieutenant Governor that John Hyatt Esq^r be Lieutenant Colonel vice Gilbert Drake resigned & Nathaniel Delivan Esquire be Major vice Joseph Strange resigned.

That James Cronkhyte Esq^r be Captain, Benjamin Dykman First Lieutenant, Harmanus Godineer Second Lieutenant and John Porter Ensign

That Ebenezer Boyd Esq^r be Captain, John Mandevil First Lieutenant David Ferris Second Lieutenant and Majour Drake Ensign.

That John Drake Esq^r be Captain, Abraham Smith First Lieutenant, Obadiah Purdy second Lieutenant and Henry Carman Ensign.

That Samuel Haight Esq^r be Captain, Dan^l Mortine First Lieutenant Solomon Purdy second Lieutenant & Isaac Clarke Ensign.

That Henry Strang Esquire be Captain, Daniel Delivan First Lieutenant, John McKeel second Lieuten^t and James Archer Ensign.

That Ephraim Lockwood Esquire be Captain, Isaac Keeler First Lieutenant, Daniel Purdy second Lieuten^t and William Rogers Ensign.

That Samuel Lawrence Esquire be Captain, Joseph Benedict First Lieutenant, Nathaniel Reynolds Junior second Lieutenant and Enoch Benedict Ensign.

That Samuel Delivan Esquire be Captain, Andrew Baker First Lieutenant, Jacob VanWert second Lieuten^t and John Montross Ensign.

That James Taylor Esquire be Captain, John Kudney First Lieutenant, Joseph Vail Jun^r second Lieuten^t and Isaac Vermilier Jun^r Ensign.

RESOLVED that Abraham Brinckerhoff Esquire be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Dutchess heretofore Commanded by Dirck Brinckerhoff Esquire resigned, that Jacob Griffin Esquire be Lieutenant Colonel, Andrew Hill Esquire Major Jacob Brinckerhoff Adjutant and Isaac Sebring Quarter Master

That Isaac Van Wyck Esquire be Captain (vice Evert W. Swart resigned) Abraham Shults First Lieutenant John Cooper second Lieutenant, and Cornelius Adriansce Ensign.

That George Brinckerhoff Esquire be Captain Stephen

Osburn First Lieutenant, Benjamin Rosekrans second Lieutenant and Jacobus Swartwout Ensign.

That John Van Bunschoten Esquire be Captain Robert Todd First Lieutenant, Barnard P. Van Clack second Lieutenant and Charles Hoffman Ensign.

That Thomas Storm Esquire be Captain, John Adriance First Lieutenant, Johannis DeWitt second Lieutenant and Jacob Byse Ensign.

That Matthew Van Bunschoten Esquire be Captain, Abraham Van Wyck First Lieutenant, William Askin second Lieutenant and Abraham Hoghlandt Ensign.

That Johannis Shults Esquire be Captain Francis Way First Lieutenant, William Swartwout second Lieutenant and Jacobus Swartwout Ensign.

That John G. Brinckerhoff Esquire be Captain Christian Dubois First Lieutenant, Daniel Schenk second Lieutenant and Moses Barer Ensign.

RESOLVED that Noah Wheeler Esquire be Captain in Colonel Roswell Hopkins Regiment of Militia (vice Elijah Smith resigned) Isaac Darrow First Lieuten^t (vice Noah Wheeler promoted) Solomon Wheeler second Lieutenant and David Trusdale Ensign

That Rowland Gifford be Ensign of Cap^t Roger Sutherlands Company in the said Regiment

That Gilbert Worden be Ensign of Captain Caleb Haight's Company in the said Regiment.

That Justus Wilson be Ensign of Captain Samuel Waters Company in the said Regiment.

That Elijah Parks be Ensign of Captain Job Meads Company in the said Regiment.

That Reuben Doty be Ensign of Captain Colby Chamberlain's Company in the said Regiment.

That James Mott be Ensign of Captain Jonathan Wellers Company in the said Regiment

That William Woolsey be Ensign in Captain James Talmages Company in the said Regiment.

That George Kortright be Ensign of Captain Henry Humphrys Company in the said Regiment and

That Daniel Shepherd be Adjutant and Samuel Herick Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

RESOLVED that Henry Neely be second Lieutenant of Captain James McBride's Company of Militia in Ulster County in the Regiment whereof James McClaghry Esquire is Colonel in stead of Andrew Neely heretofore appointed second Lieutenant of the said Company And that the said Andrew Neely (at his own Request) be Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED, that the several Captains and subalterns appointed in the two Regiments whereof Samuel Drake & Abraham Brinckerhoff Esq^{rs} are Colonels be & they are hereby declared to be severally officers of the respective Companies of the Beats wherein they respectively reside.

RESOLVED that Robert Lang be Quarter Master and Isaac Poiner Adjutant of the Regiment whereof Samuel Drake Esquire is Colonel.

RESOLVED That Richard Garrison be Quarter Master of the Regiment of Militia in the County of West Chester whereof Joseph Drake Esquire is Colonel.

RESOLVED that John Smith be second Lieutenant and Jonathan Darling Ensign of Cap^t Silas Husted's Company of Militia in Dutchess County in the Regiment whereof Morris Graham Esq^r is Colonel That Jacob Shultz be Ensign of Captain Abraham Kipps Company and John Bull Ensign of Captain Abraham Hartwell's Company in the said Regiment

RESOLVED that Abraham Ten Broeck Esq^r be Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of Albany

RESOLVED that Lewis Morris Esq^r be Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of West Chester

RESOLVED that Jacob Klock Esq^r be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Tryon lately commanded by him, & that Peter Waggener be Lieutenant Colonel of the said Regiment.

That Christopher W. Fox Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, Peter Loucks first Lieutenant of the said Company,

Henry Miller second Lieutenant and Samuel Van Ette Ensign of the said Company

That Soverinus Kock be first Lieutenant of the Company in the said Regiment lately commanded by Andrew Dillenbeck, Richard Coppernol second Lieutenant, and Samuel Gray Ensign of the said Company. That John Bradbick be Captain of the Company in the Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides John Zieler first Lieutenant Jacob Eaker second Lieutenant, and Nicholas Van Slyck Ensign of the said Company

That Nicholas Richter be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat in which he resides John Scholl first Lieutenant, Joost Scholl second Lieutenant and George Fay Ensign of the said Company.

That Christian House be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, John Zimmerman first Lieutenant, and Henry Zimmerman Ensign.

That John Keyser be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, that Adam Bellinger be first Lieutenant and John Van Slyck Ensign of the said Company.

That John Hesse be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment in the Beat wherein he resides, Peter Wagener Jun^r first Lieutenant, and Matthew Warmoed second Lieutenant and Peter Sits Ensign of the said Company.

That Anthony Van Veghten be Adjutant & Jacob Acker Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

RESOLVED that Jonathan Horton Esquire be Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Westchester whereof Joseph Drake Esq^r is Colonel

RESOLVED that James McGee Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in Colonel Killian Van Rensselaers Reg^t in the County of Albany in the room of John Schermerhorne heretofore appointed, that John Schermerhorne be first Lieutenant, Alex^r Hubbs Second Lieutenant and David Sprig Ensign.

That Joseph Fitch be first Lieutenant of Captain Rob-

ert Woodwards Company in the said Regiment, Abraham Oostrander Second Lieutenant & Barent C. Van Debergh Ensign. That Martin C. Van Debergh be Ensign of Captain Nich^s Staats Company in the said Regiment (vice John Van Debergh who refuses to accept)

RESOLVED that Hendrick Schoonmaker Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in Colonel Johannis Snyders Regiment in the County of Ulster that Edward Schoonmaker be first Lieutenant, Edward Whiteaker Second Lieutenant and Isaac Burhans Ensign of the said Company in the Beat wherein they severally reside

RESOLVED that Urier Drake Esquire be Captain of an Associated Company of Exempts in the County of Ulster that Petrus Ostrander be first Lieutenant, Thomas Dunn second Lieutenant and Lewis Slut Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Peter Billinger Esquire be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Tryon heretofore Commanded by him & that Frederick Bellinger be Lieutenant Colonel of the said Regiment.

That Jacob Baselcorn be First Lieutenant of Captain Michael Ettig's Company in the said Regiment that Frederick Frank be second Lieutenant and Patrick Campbell Ensign of the said Company.

That Henry Haster Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides in the said Regiment that John Demoth be first Lieutenant, Peter Ja: Weaver Second Lieutenant and John F. Bellinger Ensign of the said Company

That Jacob Small Esquire be Captain in the Beat wherein he resides, George F. Hellneer Second Lieutenant and Jacob D. Petice Ensign of the said Company.

That Henry Staring Esquire be Captain in the Beat wherein he resides, Theobald Baker First Lieutenant George Weaver Second Lieutenant of the said Company.

That Henry Huber be first Lieutenant of Captain Sovereignus Caselmans Company & Jacob C. Klock Second Lieutenant of the said Company.

That Frederick Gettman Esquire be Captain in the

Beat wherein he resides, Jacob Meyer Second Lieutenant and John Mayer Ensign of the said Company.

That Henry Eckler Esq^r be Captain in the Beat wherein he resides, Coenradt Orendorff First Lieutenant Timothy Frank Second Lieutenant & Adam A. Stairing Ensⁿ of said Company.

That George Demoth be Adjutant and Rudolph Steal be Quarter Master of the said Regiment

RESOLVED that Frederick Fisher Esquire be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Tryon lately Commanded by him, that Volkert Veeder Esquire be Lieutenant Colonel and John Newkirk Esquire Major of the said Regiment.

That Jacob Gardinier Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, Abraham Quackenboss First Lieutenant, William Hall Second Lieutenant and Gideon Marlatt Ensign of the said Company.

That Robert Ab: Yates Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, Joseph Prentup First Lieutenant, Peter Ab: Yates Second Lieutenant and Henry Lewis Ensign of the said Company.

That John Fisher Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, John Wemple First Lieutenant, Myndert Quakenboss Second Lieutenant and Garret Van Brakelen Ensign of the said Company.

That Abraham Veeder be First Lieutenant of the Company of Militia (formerly Commanded by John Davis dece^d) Nicholas Dochsteder Second Lieutenant and Garret S. Van Brakelen Ensign of the said Company.

That William Snoeck be Second Lieutenant of the Company of Militia (lately Commanded by Samuel Pattingall dec^d) and Thomas Van Horne Ensign of the said Company.

That David McMaster Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia, in the Beat wherein he resides, Lawrence Shulter First Lieutenant James McMaster Second

Lieutenant, and David Beverly Ensign of the said Company.

That Emanuel DeGraaf Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, Josiah Swart First Lieutenant, Peter Van Olinda Second Lieutenant and Dirck Van Veghten Ensign of the said Company.

That Abraham Hodge Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, Abel Hunt First Lieutenant, Nathan Kees Second Lieutenant and Ephraim Pierce Ensign of the said Company.

That Samuel Rees Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, John Halenbeeck First Lieutenant, Joseph Stall Second Lieutenant, and William Marinus Ensign of the said Company.

That Andrew Wemple Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, Henry Vroman First Lieutenant, William Lare Second Lieutenant & Adam Dochsteder Ensign of the said Company.

That Harmanus Mabie Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, Francis Pruyn First Lieutenant, Vincent Quackenboss Second Lieutenant and Francis Putman Ensign of the said Company.

And that Peter Conine be Adjutant and Abraham Van Horne Quarter Master of the said Regiment.

RESOLVED that Samuel Campbell Esquire be Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Tryon (heretofore Commanded by Ebenezer Cox dece^d) and that Samuel Clyde Esquire be Lieutenant Colonel.

That Peter S. Dygert Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, Jost Deygert second Lieutenant, and John Windecker Ensign of the said Company.

That John Bowman be First Lieutenant of Captain Michael Grass's Company, and Dederick Hanning Ensign.

That Francis Utt be First Lieutenant of the Company (lately commanded by Robert Crous dece^d) Adam Lipe,

Second Lieutenant and Jacob Mathias Ensign of the said Company.

That Abraham Ropeman Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, George Resner First Lieutenant, Jacob Snyder Second Lieutenant and Abraham Arndt Ensign of the said Company.

That Jacob Diefendorph be Second Lieutenant of the Company of Militia (heretofore Commanded by Henry Diefendorph dece^d) in the Beat wherein he resides, and George Countryman Ensign of the said Company.

That Rynier Van Yeveren Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, John Van Yeveren Second Lieutenant and Henry Schrempling Ensign of the said Company.

That Mathias Brown be Second Lieutenant of Capt. Jacob Millers Company of Militia and Jacob Haines Ensign of the said Company.

That Thomas Whiteaker Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides, John Campbell First Lieutenant Samuel Campbell Second Lieutenant and Samuel Whorfield Ensign of the said Company.

That Nicholas Weser Esquire be Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides Henry Bradt First Lieutenant & Adolph Waldradt Second Lieutenant of the said Company.

And That James Cannon be Adjutant and John Picherd Quarter Master of the said Regiment

Colonel John Williams's Accusers with their Witnesses attended according to the Resolution of this Council, But Colonel Williams did by Letters to his Excellency the Governor (instead of attending) decline it, on pretence of his being unable to withstand the persecution of his Enemies. This Council after waiting several days proceeded to direct the Examination of some of the Witnesses against him And it appearing to this Council by the Testimony of Charles Hutchin and Thomas Armstrong two of his Militia Captains, That he had made

out false Pay Rolls of their respective Companies and certified the same as Sworn to by the said Captains, when in fact and Truth they never Swore to the same, and had recieved from the Continental Pay Office considerable Sums, on the said pay Rolls more than was justly due, This Council thought it needless after such glaring proofs to Examine into the other Charges, against him; And being fully Convinced of his Unfitness to hold either the said Office of Colonel or that of a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of Charlotte County, RESOLVED therefore that the said John Williams be and he hereby is removed from the said Offices, and the pleasure of the people of the State of New York concerning his Tenure of the said several Offices, is hereby Accordingly signified to be Determined.

RESOLVED that Jacobus Swartwout Esquire be Colonel Commandant of the Militia of the County of Dutchess.

RESOLVED that James Moore be First Lieutenant of Captain John Barne's Company of Militia in the Charlotte County Regiment.

[signed] AB^m YATES JUN^r GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 ALEX^r WEBSTER JN^o MORIN SCOTT

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie (pursuant to Summons) on Tuesday the 18th Day of August 1778.

Present.

His Excellency Governor Clinton Presid^t

The Hon^{ble} { John Morin Scott
 Abraham Yates Jun^r } Esq^{rs} Members
 Jesse Woodhull }

RESOLVED that Ebenezer Woodhull Esq^r be Captain of the Company of light Horse in Col^o Woodhulls Regiment of Militia in Orange County, that James Sayre be first Lieutenant, William Heard second Lieutenant and Samuel Seely, Cornet of the said Company.

RESOLVED that James Houston Esq^r be Captain of an associated Company of Exempts in the Precinct of

Hanover in Ulster County and that Samuel Miller be first Lieutenant, James Rea second Lieutenant and Andrew Walker Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Andries D'Witt Esq^r be Captain of the associated Company of Exempts in Kingston in Ulster County, that Oke Sudam be first Lieutenant Henry J. Slegt second Lieutenant and Elias Haasbrouck Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that William Leonard Esq^r be Captain of an Associated Company of Exempts in Rhinebeek Precinct in Dutchess County and that Ephraim Brasher be first Lieutenant, Gerardus Hardenbrook second Lieutenant and Goodlop Mardin Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Alexander Kidd and John Chamberlain Esquires be and they are hereby appointed Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Dutchess.

RESOLVED that Pelatiah Fitch Esq^r be and he is hereby appointed first Judge of the Inferior Court of common Pleas in and for the County of Cumberland and one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County and of the quorum. That John Sessions and James Clay Esquires be the other Judges of the said Court and Justices of the Peace in and for the said County and of the Quorum. That Eleazer Paterson, Hilkiah Grout and Stephen Greenleaf Esq^{rs} be assistant Justices of the said Court and Justices of the Peace in and for the said County and of the Quorum. That Simeon Edwards Esq^r be Sheriff of the said County. That Micah Townsend Esq^r be Clerk of the Inferior Court of common Pleas, Clerk of the Peace and of the Court of Sessions of the Peace in and for the said County. That Samuel Warrener and Oliver Kidder Esq^{rs} be Coroners of the said County, and that James Clay Esq^r be Surrogate of the said County

RESOLVED that Eleazer Patterson Esq^r be Colonel of the southern Regiment of Militia in the County of Cumberland and that John Sarjeant be Lieutenant Col^o, Elkanah Day, Major, Henry Sherburne, Adjutant and Richard Prouty Quarter Master of the said Regiment

That Reuben Field be Captain of the Company (of the said Regiment) in the Town of Hinsdale and that Weightstill Orvis be Ensign of the said Company.

That Asa Rice be Captain of the Company, of the said Regiment, in the Town of Guilford, and that Timothy Root be first Lieutenant and Micah Rice Ensign of the said Company.

That John Pennel be Captain of the Company, of the said Regiment, in the Town of Hallifax, and that Pelatiah Fitch Jun^r be first Lieutenant and Joseph Stewart Jun^r Ensign of the said Company.

That Timothy Church be Captain of the Company, of the said Regiment in the Town of Brattleborough and that James Blakslee be first Lieutenant, Jonathan Church second Lieutenant & Samuel Root Ensign of the said Company

That Josiah Allen be Captain of the Company, of the said Regiment, in the Town of Fulham and that Daniel Kathan be first Lieutenant and Shephard Gates Ensign of the said Company.

That Lucas Willson be Captain of the Company, of the said Regiment, in the Town of Putney and that Daniel Busing be first Lieutenant, James Clay Jun^r second Lieutenant and Nathaniel Lord Ensign of the said Company. And that Michael Gillson be first Lieutenant of the Company, of the said Regiment, in the Town of Westminster and Ephraim Ranney second Lieutenant and Benjamin Whitney Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that the hon^{ble} John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York, the honorable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires puisne Justices of the said Court, Robert Graham Esq^r first Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester Stephen Ward, Gilbert Drake, Ebenezer Lockwood and Jonathan Griffen Tomkins Esquires the other Judges of the said Court, be Justices of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the County of Westchester whereof either the said John Jay, Robert Yates or John

Sloss Hobart is always to be one; and that the Duration of this Appointment be for three Months from the Day of the Date of the Commission to be issued in consequence hereof.

RESOLVED that the honorable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York the honorable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires puisne Justices of the said Court, Ephraim Paine Zephaniah Platt & Anthony Hoffman Esquires Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess be Justices of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery in and for the County of Dutchess whereof the said John Jay or the said Robert Yates or the said John Sloss Hobart is always to be one; and that the Duration of this Appointment be for three Months from the Day of the Date of the Commission to be issued in consequence hereof

RESOLVED that the honorable John Jay Esq^r Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York, Robert Yates & John Sloss Hobart Esq^{rs} puisne Justices of the said Court Jacob Klock Esq^r first Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tryon and Jellis Fonda, William Wills William Schuyler and Frederick Fisher the other Judges of the said Court, be Justices of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery in and for the County of Tryon whereof the said John Jay or the said Robert Yates or the said John Sloss Hobart is always to be one, and that the Duration of this Appointment be for three Months from the Day of the Date of the Commission to be issued in consequence hereof

RESOLVED that the honorable John Jay Esq^r Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esq^{rs} puisne Justices of the said Court, Levi Pawling first Judge of the Inferior Court of common Pleas in & for the County of Ulster and Dirck Wynkoop Jun^r and Matthew Rea Esquires the other Judges of the said Court, be Justices of Oyer and Terminer and General

Goal Delivery in and for the County of Ulster whereof the said John Jay, or the said Robert Yates, or the said John Sloss Hobart is always to be one; and that the Duration of this Appointment be for three Months from the Day of the Date of the Commission to be issued in consequence hereof

RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Council write to the Captains of the associated Companies of Exempts, who have made imperfect Returns, informing them thereof & enclosing to them proper Drafts of association Rolls & Returns, to be subscribed & returned to the Council at their next Meeting that the Appointments may be made without further delay.

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 AB^m YATES JUN
 JN^o MORIN SCOTT
 JESSE WOODHULL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
 24th day of October 1778.

Present his Excellency Governor Clinton President

The Honorable { Zephaniah Plat
 Dirk W. Tenbroek } Esq^{rs} Members
 Ebenezer Russel }

RESOLVED That a Dedimus potestatem issue to Pelatiah Fitch, John Session & James Clay Esq^{rs} Judges of the inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cumberland and Micah Townsend Esq^r Clerk of the said County jointly and several to administer the oaths required by Law to the Officers Civil & military in the said County to which they are hereby severally appointed.

RESOLVED that Moses Wright be Captain of the Militia in the Town of Rockingham in the County of Cumberland in the Regiment whereof Eleazar Paterson is Colonel

That Isaac Read be first Lieutenant and Ashur Evans be Ensign of the said Company

RESOLVED that Eliphalet Spafford be Capt of the

Company of Militia in the Town of Wethersfield in the said County, to be formed into the Northern Regiment in the said County That Oliver Kidder be first Lieu^t and Joseph Douglas Ensign of the said Company.

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 ZEPHA. PLATT
 DIRCK W. TEN BROECK
 EBENEZER RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
 the 30th October 1778

Present his Excellency Gov^r Clinton President

The Hon^{ble} { Zeph^a Platt
 Dirck W. Ten Broek } Esq^{rs} Members
 { Ebenezer Russell &
 Jonathan Lawrence }

RESOLVED that William Smith Scudder be Captain of the Armed Vessell Ranger to Cruize within this State against the common Enemy.

RESOLVED that John Enders be Ensign in Cap^t Christian Stubraghs Com^y vice Jacob W. Enders who declined serving and Nicholas Warner Ensign in Cap^t Christian Browns Com^y vice Johannis H. Scheffer in Col^o Peter Vromans Regiment in the County of Albany.

RESOLVED that Moses Cantine be second Lieutenant (vice Henry J. Sleght) and Peter Van Gaasbeck Ensign (vice Elias Haasbrouck who declined serving) in Cap^t Andrias DeWitt Jun^{rs} Associated Com^y of Exempts in the County of Ulster

RESOLVED that Harme Van Buren be Second Major in Coll. Ab: J. Van Alstyne's Reg^t of Militia in the County of Albany, and that John Van Buren be Ensign (vice Jacob Van Housen removed out of the Beat) in the said Regiment

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 ZEPHA. PLATT
 DIRCK W. TEN BROECK
 EBENEZER RUSSELL
 JON. LAWRENCE

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
the 4th day of November 1778

Present

His Excellency Governor Clinton President

The Hon ^{ble}	{	Jonathan Lawrence Ebenezer Russell Dirck W. Ten Broeck & Zephaniah Platt	}	Esq ^{rs} Members
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RESOLVED that James Wilkin be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the Precinct of Wall-kill County of Ulster, that Samuel McCord be First Lieutenant David Currin second Lieutenant and Peter McClaughlin Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that David Pratt be and is hereby Appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany whereof Peter Van Ness Esq^r is Colonel vice Jacob Ford Esquire resigned and that John McKinstry be Major of the said Regiment

RESOLVED that Tuenis Vroman be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the District of Schohary County of Albany, that Peter Sneider be first Lieutenant Martinus Vroman second Lieutenant and Jacob Lawyer Jun^r Ensign of the said Company

RESOLVED that Elias Van Bunshoten be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the Precinct of Poughkeepsie and including the Beat of Captain John Van Bunshotens Company in the Precinct of Rumbout in the County of Dutchess. That Zephaniah Platt Junior be first Lieutenant and Ezekiel Cooper Second Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Rufus Herrick be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the Precinct of Amenia County of Dutchess, that Gilbert Willett be first Lieutenant John Chamberlain second Lieutenant and David Collins Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Abraham Schenck be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in Rumbout District County of Dutchess, that William Boerum be first Lieutenant and Daniel Rapalie second Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Isaac Bloom be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in Charlotte Precinct, County of Dutchess, and that John DeWitt be First Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that the honourable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State the honourable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires puisne Justices of the said Court, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Ten Broeck, Henry Bleecker, Petrus Van Ness, Christopher Yates, John Barclay, Abraham Yates Junior, John Roorback, John Price, Jacob J. Lansing, Abraham Cuyler, John M. Beekman and Harmanus J. Wendel Esquires be and they are hereby Appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the County of Albany of which Justices of the said Courts respectively either the said John Jay, or the said Robert Yates or the said John Sloss Hobart shall always be one; and the durations of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for One Year from the 17th Octo^r 1778 and that Commissions issue accordingly

RESOLVED that the honourable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the honourable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires Puisne Justices of the said Court, Robert Graham Esq^r first Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester, Stephen Ward, Gilbert Drake, Ebenezer Lockwood, and Jonathan Griffen Tomkins Esquires the other Judges of the said Court, be and they are hereby Appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the said County of Westchester, whereof either the said John Jay, Robert Yates or John Sloss Hobart Esq^{rs} are always to be one; and the duration

of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for One Year from Octo^r 17th 1778 & that Commissions issue accordingly

RESOLVED that the honourable John Jay Esquire, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the honourable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires Puisne Justices of the said Court, Ephraim Paine, Zephaniah Platt and Anthony Hoffman Esquires, Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess, be and they are hereby Appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the said County of Dutchess, whereof either the said John Jay, Robert Yates, or John Sloss Hobart Esquires are always to be one; and the duration of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for One Year from the 17th Octo^r 1778 and that Commissions issue accordingly.

RESOLVED that the honourable John Jay Esquire, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the honourable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires Puisne Justices of the said Court, Jacob Klock Esq^r first Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, Jellis Fonda, William Wills, William Schuyler and Frederick Fisher Esquires the other Judges of the said Court be and they are hereby Appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the County of Tryon, whereof either the said John Jay, Robert Yates or John Sloss Hobart Esquires are always to be one; and the duration of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for One Year from the 17th Octo^r 1778, and that Commissions issue accordingly

RESOLVED that the honourable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the honourable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires Puisne Justices of the said Court, Levi Pawling Esquire first Judge of the Inferior Court of common pleas in and for the County of Ulster, Dirck Wynkoop Junior and Mathew Rea Esquires, the other Judges of the said Court in and for the said County, be

and they are hereby Appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the said County of Ulster, whereof either the said John Jay, Robert Yates, and John Sloss Hobart Esquires are always to be one; and the duration of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for one year from the 17th Octo^r 1778 and that Commissions issue accordingly.

RESOLVED that the honourable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the honourable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires Puisne Justices of the said Court John Haring Esquire first Judge of the Inferior Court of common pleas in and for the County of Orange William Allison, Elihu Marvin and Tuenis Kuyper Esquires the other Judges of the said Court in and for the said County, be and they are hereby Appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the said County of Orange, whereof the said John Jay, Robert Yates or John Sloss Hobart Esquires are always to be one; and the duration of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for One Year from the 17th Octo^r 1778 and that Commissions issue accordingly.

RESOLVED that the honourable John Jay Esquire Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the State, the honourable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart Esquires Puisne Justices of the said Court William Duer Esq^r first Judge of the Inferior Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Charlotte, Alexander Webster and Timothy Brunsen Esq^{rs} the other Judges of the said Court in and for the said County be and they are hereby Appointed Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery in and for the said County of Charlotte, whereof the said John Jay, Robert Yates, or John Sloss Hobart Esquires are always to be one; and the durations of the Commissions for the said Courts shall be for One Year from the Seventeenth day of October in the Year of our Lord 1778.

RESOLVED that John Broadhead be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts

in the District of Marbletown in the County of Ulster that Gerardus Hardenbergh be first Lieutenant and Tobias Dubois Second Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that William Simrall be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the Precinct of Hanover in the County of Ulster that Isaac Rosa be first Lieutenant, James Huey second Lieutenant and John Shaver Ensign of the said Company.

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 ZEPHA. PLATT
 JON. LAWRENCE
 DIRCK W. TEN BROECK
 EBEN^r RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
 the 4th day of Novem^r 1778

Present

His Excellency Governor Clinton President

The Hon^{ble} { Dirck W. Ten Broeck } Esq^{rs} Members
 { Jonath. Lawrence & }
 { Ebenezer Russel }

The Clerk of this Council laid before them two Petitions the one Signed by Andries D Witt Jun^r and Thirty five other Persons and the other by Silvester Salisbury in behalf of himself and James Roe and Edward Schoonmaker all of the County of Ulster Officers and Privates in the Militia of the said County, with the Affidavits of Johannis Wolven George Sparling and John Brinck, Containing sundry Charges against Johannis Snyder Esq^r Colonel of one of the Regiments of Militia in the said County and praying his removal from his said Office, the Council proceeded to take the same into Consideration and it Appearing to this Council that from the Nature of the Charges, an Enquiry into the same ought to be had in a Military way, therefore

RESOLVED that the same be referred to his Excel-

lency the Governor as General and Commander in Chief
of the Militia of this State

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Pres^t
DIRCK W TEN BROECK
JON. LAWRENCE
EBEN^r RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
the 5th day of Novem^r 1778
Present

His Excellency Governor Clinton President

The Hon^{ble} { Dirck W. Ten Broeck }
 { Jonath. Lawrence } Esq^{rs} Members
 { Zephaniah Platt & }
 { Ebenezer Russell }

RESOLVED that Cornelius Van Santvoordt be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the County of Albany, that David Groesbeeck be First Lieutenant and Marte Mynderse Second Lieutenant of the said Company

RESOLVED that Alexander Kidd be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the South East Precinct of Dutchess County, that Charles Cullen be first Lieutenant and William Calkin Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Cornelius S. Muller be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the District of Claverack County of Albany, That Peter A. Fonda be First Lieutenant, Abraham J. Vosburgh, be Second Lieutenant & Lawrence Conyne Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Samuel Edmonds be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in New Marlborough, County of Ulster, That Nathaniel Wyat be First Lieutenant John Stratton Second Lieutenant and Micaja Lewis Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Thomas Jansen Jun^r be and is

hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the precinct of Shawangunk, County of Ulster, That Petrus Roosa be first Lieutenant and Sovereign T. Bruyn be Second Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Cornelius W. Van Den Berg be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the precinct of Schaghtacoke County of Albany, That Ignas Kip be First Lieutenant, Jacob Fort Second Lieutenant and Richard Van Veghten Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Thadeus Noble be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in Kings District in the County of Albany, That Jonathan Dougless be First Lieuten^t Moses Jones Second Lieutenant and Elijah Skinner Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Grixon Frisby be and hereby is Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the County of Albany. That Ebenezer Benjamin be first Lieutenant Elisha Pratt Jun^r Second Lieutenant and William Raynolds Ensign of the said Company

RESOLVED that Bastian Visscher be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the County of Albany, That Dirck Heemstrate be First Lieutenant and Christian A. Yates be second Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Roger Kinne be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in Clavarack, County of Albany, That Benjamin Chitendon be First Lieutenant, Nehemiah Spencer Second Lieutenant and Samuel Dean Ensign of the said Company

RESOLVED that Uriah Wallace be and is hereby Appointed Ensign of Captain Jesse Trusdales Company of Militia in Col^o Thomas Thomas's Regiment in the County of Westchester, instead of Abijah Wallace appointed through mistake who is said not to be a Friend to the Cause of America.

RESOLVED that Coonradt Lasher be and is hereby

Appointed Second Lieutenant of Captain Andrew Heermansse Company in Colonel Morris Grahams Regiment in the County of Dutchess, and that Wilhelmus Backer be Ensign of the said Company in the Room of Frederick Bender removed out of the Beat or resigned.

RESOLVED that John W. Schermerhorne be and he is hereby Appointed Captain of the Company of Militia in the Beat wherein he resides in Colonel Killian Van Renselaers Regiment in the County of Albany, Vice James Magee resigned, That Alexander Hubbs be First Lieutenant (Vice John W. Schermerhorne promoted) and David Hustead Second Lieutenant of the said Company (Vice Alex^r Hubbs promoted) That Barent C. Van Bueren be Second Lieutenant of Captain Woodworths Company in the said Regiment, Vice Ab: Ostrander resigned, and that Wm. Seton be Ensign of the said Company vice Barent C. Van Bueren promoted. That John Ostrander be Ensign of Captain Coles Company in the said Reg^t vice John P. Douw resigned. That John E. Lansing be Adjutant of the said Regiment Vice Jacob Van Der Pool resigned and that Jacob Staats be Quarter Master of the said Regiment, Vice John E. Lansing promoted to Adjutant and that the Name of Ensign Martin C. Van DeBergh of the said Regiment being a Mistake of Sirname be Altered to Martin C. Van Bueren.

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 ZEPHA. PLATT
 JON. LAWRENCE
 DIRCK W. TEN BROECK
 EBEN^r RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poghkepsie
 Saturday 6th Feb^y 1779

Present His Excellency the Governor President

The Honorable { Zephaniah Plat
 Dirk W. Ten Broeck } Esq^{rs}
 Ebenezer Russell } Members

RESOLVED that Silas Granger Gent. be first Lieutenant and Daniel Brundage Gent. be second Lieutenant of Capt. Tozer's Company of Militia in the County of Charlotte, in the Regiment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Webster

That Thomas Bradshaw Gent. be first Lieutenant in the Company in the said Regiment commanded by Capt. Seely

That John McNeal Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment, lately commanded by Capt. Beaty who joined the Enemy, that Noah Pain Gent. be first Lieutenant and John Green Gent. second Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED That John Abbot Esq^r be Captain Henry Snyder Gent. first Lieutenant, Jacob Oudekirk Gent. Second Lieutenant & Andrew Patterson Gent. be ensign of a Company of Exempts in the district of Hosick in the County of Albany.

RESOLVED That David Pratt Esq^r be Lieutenant Colonel in the Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany commanded by Colonel Peter Van Ness vice Jacob Ford (resigned) That John Mc Kinstry Esq^r be Major of the said Regiment vice the said David Pratt promoted That Cornelius Hogeboom Esq^r be Cap^t of the Company in the said Regiment lately commanded by Philip Bortel (resigned). That Benjamin Allin Gen^t be first Lieutenant of the said Company, Francis DeLong Gen^t second Lieutenant & William Jackson Gen^t Ensign.

That Jonathan Ruynolds Jun^r Gen^t be second Lieutenant of the Company of Cap^t Bartholomew Barret, vice Dan Barnes (cashiered)

That Joseph Heath Esq^r be Cap^t of the Company in the said Regiment lately commanded by Jonathan Bixby resigned, and that Abel Whalen Gent. be first Lieutenant Caleb Clark Gent. second Lieutenant & James De Long Gent. Ensign of the said Company.

That Joshua Whitney Esq^r be Captain of the Company in the said Regiment lately commanded by John McKinstry promoted; that David McKinstry Gent. be first

Lieutenant and Charles McKinstry Gent. second Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Daniel G. Van Antwerp Esq^r be Capt. of the Company of Militia in the Regim^t commanded by Colonel Henry Quackenboss in the County of Albany whereof Peter Whitbeck, lately resigned was Captain. That Cornelius Degroot Gen^t be first Lieutenant Coenradt T. Ten Eyck Gen^t second Lieutenant, and Jacobus Mall Gen^t Ensign of the said Company.

That Matthew Flansborough Gen^t be first Lieutenant, William Flansborough Gen^t second Lieutenant, and Ezra Cleveland Gen^t Ensign of the Company in the said Regiment commanded by Jurian Hogan Esq^r

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
ZEPHA. PLATT
DIRCK W. TEN BROECK
EBEN^r RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poghkepsie
Feb^y 18th 1779

Present his Excellency Gov^r Clinton President

The Honorable { Zephaniah Platt }
Dirk W. Ten Broek } Esq^{rs} Members
Ebenezer Russel }

Resolved That Brinton Paine Esq^r be second Major in the Regiment of Militia in Dutchess County, commanded by Colonel Rosswel Hopkins

It being shewn to this Council That John Barclay Esq^r late Mayor of the City of Albany is dead RESOLVED that Abraham Tenbroeck Esq^r be and hereby is appointed Mayor of the said City to hold the said Office until the next anniversary day specified by the Charter of the said City for the appointment of a Mayor and so long thereafter as until another fit person shall be nominated sworn and appointed in his place

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
ZEPHA. PLATT
DIRCK W. TEN BROECK
EBEN^r RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
February 27th 1779.

Present his Excellency Governor Clinton President

The hon^{ble} { Dirck W. Ten Broeck }
 { Zephaniah Platt & } Esq^{rs} Members
 { Ebenezer Russell }
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RESOLVED that Samuel Delivan be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Light Horse in the County of Westchester that John Mandeville be First Lieutenant, Uriah Wallace Second Lieutenant and Jacob Vermilie Cornet of the said Company.

RESOLVED that John Drake be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Grenadiers, in the County of Westchester, that Ezekiel Hyat Jun^r be First Lieutenant Elijah Scott Second Lieutenant and John Carman Third Lieutenant of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Jonathan Porter be and is hereby appointed Ensign of Captain Kronheyts Company in Colonel Samuel Drakes Regiment of Militia in the County of Westchester instead of John Porter Appointed through Mistake

RESOLVED that Abraham Buckhout be and is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company in the said Regiment (Vice Samuel Delivan Appointed to Command the Light Horse Company in the said County) that Jacob V. Waert be first Lieutenant, Adam Montross Second Lieutenant and Israel Underhill Ensign of the said Company. That Abraham Smith Heddy be Captain of a Company in the said Regiment (Vice John Drake Appointed to Command a Granadier Company in the said County) that William Golear be first Lieutenant, Elvan Purdy Second Lieutenant and John McCreery Ensign of the said Company That David Ferris be First Lieutenant of Captain Boyds Company in the said Regiment (Vice John Mandeville Appointed to the Company of Light Horse) Major Drake be Second Lieutenant (Vice David Ferris) and Dennis Kenneday Ensign of the said Company

That John Mikeel be First Lieutenant of Captain Strang's Company in the said Regiment (Vice D^l Delivan removed out of the Regiment) that James Archer be Second Lieutenant (Vice John Mikeel promoted) and Jacob Carpenter Ensign of s^d Company

RESOLVED that Johannis Hardenbergh Jun^r be and is hereby Appointed Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Ulster heretofore Commanded by Jonathan Hasbrouck Esq^r That Johannis Jansen be Lieutenant Colonel and Samuel Clarke Major of the said Regiment. The Council having been Informed that John McNeil (who was Appointed Capt. of a Company in the Reg^t Commanded by L^t Colonel Webster in the County of Charlotte on the 6th inst^t) had Joined the Enemy in the year 1777 and since Returned into this State RESOLVED therefore That the said Appointment be Annulled and no Commission Issue on the said Appointment.

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
 ZEPHA. PLATT
 DIRCK W. TENBROECK
 EBEN^r RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
 the 6th day of March 1779

Present

His Excellency Governor Clinton President

The hon^{ble} { Dirck W. Ten Broeck } Esq^{rs} Members
 { Zephaniah Platt }
 { Ebenezer Russell }

RESOLVED, that Henry J. Wendle Esq^r be and is hereby Appointed Sheriff of the City and County of Albany

RESOLVED that Egbert Dumond Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Sheriff of the County of Ulster. That David Bevier, Cornelius Jansen, Egbert D Witt, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker and Samuel Clarke Esq^{rs} be and they are hereby Appointed Coroners for the said County

RESOLVED that Isaac Nichol Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Sheriff of the County of Orange. That William Holley, Amos Mills, and Casparus Mabie Esq^{rs} be and they are hereby Appointed Coroners for the said County

RESOLVED that Malancton Smith Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Sheriff of the County of Dutchess. That Jacobus Swartwout Israel Thompson, and Henry Livingston Jun^r Esq^{rs} be and they are hereby Appointed Coroner for the said County

RESOLVED that John Thomas Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Sheriff for the County of Westchester. That George Combs, Elijah Hunter, Joseph Strang and Thomas Thomas Esq^{rs} be and they are hereby Appointed Coroners for the said County.

RESOLVED that Edward Savage Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Sheriff of the County of Charlotte. That Hamilton McAllister and Daniel Brundrige Esq^{rs} be and they are hereby Appointed Coroners for the said County

RESOLVED that Anthony Van Veghten Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Sheriff of the County of Tryon. That Abraham Veeder, Samuel Clyde and Jacob G. Klock Esq^{rs} be and they are hereby Appointed Coroners for the said County

RESOLVED that Simeon Edwards Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Sheriff of the County of Cumberland —That Samuel Warrener and Oliver Kidder Esq^{rs} be and they are hereby Appointed Coroners for the said County

RESOLVED that Samuel Allen be and he is hereby Appointed Second Lieutenant of Captain Elijah Bostwicks Company of Militia in Col^o W^m B. Whitings Regiment in the County of Albany (Vice Elijah Toles resigned) and that Isaac Soul be Ensign of the said Com^y vice Samuel Allen promoted

That Gideon King Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Captain in the said Regiment (vice Nehemiah Fitch resigned) that Peter Barker be First Lieutenant (vice Gideon King promoted) that David Darrow be Second

Lieutenant (vice John Smith res^d) and Daniel Curtice be Ensign (vice Peter Barker promoted) in the said Company

That Nathaniel Mighell be Second Lieutenant of Captain Jacob Vosburgh's Com^y in the said Regiment (vice Lemuel Tubbs resigned) and that Samuel Darby be Ensign (vice Nathaniel Michell promoted) in the said Company.

That James Marvin be Second Lieutenant of Captain Elisha Gilberts Com^y in the said Regiment (vice John Gillit resigned) and that Edward Rexford be Ensign (vice James Marvin promoted) in the said Company. And that John Waterman be Quarter Master (vice Eleazer Grant resigned) of the said Regiment.

RESOLVED that John Pettit Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Captain of a Company of Associated Exempts in the District of Cambridge in the County of Albany, that Samuel Hodge be First Lieutenant, John McClung be Second Lieutenant and Nathan Smith Ensign of the said Company.

RESOLVED that Benjamin Haight Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Captain of the Company of Militia in Colonel Roswell Hopkins Regiment in the County of Dutchess (Vice Caleb Haight resigned) that Gilbert Worden be First Lieutenant (vice Benjamin Haight promoted) that Daniel Golding be Second Lieutenant (vice Edward Thorne resigned) and that William Furman be Ensign (vice Gilbert Worden promoted) in the said Company

The Council of Appointment having recieved a Petition signed by Samuel Hodges and One hundred and thirty Nine other persons together with two several Representations of sundry Charges (one signed by Joseph Wells and Nine others, the other signed by Thomas Morrison and four others being a Committee appointed to Represent the said Charges) against Colonel Lewis Van Woert, Lieutenant Colonel John Blair, Major James Ashton and Major Ebenezer Allen the four Field Officers of the Regiment of Militia in the District of Cambridge

in the County of Albany, Containing in Substance as follows to wit

1st That Colonel Van Woert shortly after the Evacuation of Tyconderoga, being Ordered out with part of his Regiment (part having before marched under the Lieutenant Colonel) to go against the common Enemy, appeared so Intimidated, that he kept his Men from Marching for three or four days, till their Provisions were Exhausted notwithstanding the Entreaties of his Officers and Men together with the Committee to proceed on, and after frequent Expresses sent from Charlotte County for help, he was at last prevaild on to March for Col^o Jn^o Williams, but within a Mile of the house, hearing of Ten or Twelve Indians having been seen at Munroes Meadow, he quickly turnd his course back again, till by the Entreaties of the Inhabitants round that Neighbourhood, he was prevaild on to go as far as Williams's, and in the Evening was so fearfull, that he wanted to leave his Men in the House and go to Sleep in the Barn, that in case the Enemy came to the House, he might make his Escape, saying that if he was taken with his Commission, it would be worse than three other Men, and on Application being made to Gen^l Schuyler for help, who sent the other part of the Reg^t with Capt. McCrackens Com^v to Williams's, the Colonel took courage and staid some days longer, Acting in many Instances beneath the Charater of an Officer; and when the Alarm arose, and the Fort was Attacked, it being in the Night, the Col^o proposed Marching out of the Fort with one Officer in Front and another in the rear, to make a safe retreat to a Hill at some little Distance and then see how plagued foolish the Enemy would look to find no Body in the Fort. That after the Alarm (it being agreed that part of the Regiment should stay there) and near the time that they were to be releaved, the Col^o went home in Order to send up a Relief, instead which he never returned, or troubled himself about any of them (till after the Bennington Battle he came to look one day for his Horses) and when General Burgoine was surrounded, he

made his Appearance at Still Water where he Acted in some things as before and too tedious to Enumerate. That when the Military Officers were to be new Appointed, and the Committee (of which the Col^o was a Member) having Called a Meeting of the Reg^t to make a new Choice, the Col^o read to them his Resignation saying he would not serve unless they chose him anew, after which Election it Appearing that the Col^o had but six Votes, the People in general Expected another Person would have been Recommended for their Commander, upon which they rested till after the Appointment when they heard, that notwithstanding the Colonels Resignation he with the other Field Officers had Returned such Persons as they chose, leaving out some good Officers who have conducted themselves as faithfull Friends to the American Cause without alledging any particular Crime against them and Advancing Privates in their room, and Appointing others who had joined the Enemy and Acted against the Country. And after the Commissions were sent up, the Col^o rode about with them, insisting that the Officers should Accept, telling them, that most of them had Accepted, by which means he prevailed on some, to others he sent their Commissions and Appointed a Meeting, that they should either Accept, or give their reasons for not Accepting, at which meeting they gave their reasons, when the Col^o and Lieu^t Col^o Blaire told them, if they would not Accept, they would return such as would and if the Men would not love them, they would make them Fear and would Fine them into a Compliance, and if a Majority stood out they would bring the whole Brigade upon them, when the People only plead for an impartial Representation, and those Officers that Accepted, were not Qualified, but received their Commissions on paying so much. That from the time of the said Meeting Ordered by the Committee the said Field Officers have paid no regard to the Regiment, or put them under any Regulations, as Ordered by the Legislature of this State, which they have been possessed of since April last, and when the Enemy were Expected down

on the Frontiers of Charlotte County and an Alarm for all to turn out, some of the Men eager in Defence of their Country, and not knowing but by report who were their Field Officers, made ready and Marched to the Frontiers. Some time after the Col^o gave Orders for all to March (which Orders were scarcely legible by a common Scholar) but did not March himself till a party returned with News that the Enemy were gone off, and as soon as he returned, he Demanded of the Officers, who of the Soldiers had disobeyed his Orders, Carried in a Complaint against the Reg^t and had a General Court Martial consisting of Officers not Quallified agreable to an Act of the Legislature.

2nd That Lieutenant Colonel John Blair after the Battle of Bennington went to General Lincoln and Recommended some of the Inhabitants of Cambridge as good and faithful friends to the United States (by which they procured the Generals protection) when the said Blaire knew that they had Sworn voluntarily to the King of Great Britain and took protection under him, after which he Encouraged them to stand up for their Rights & Liberties and in all Public Meetings to Insist for a Voice, which very persons had plundered the Friends of America, when they were Drove from their Homes, and Concealed their Effects and upon all Occasions Supports those People in their Claims to the great Detriment and Abuse of the good Subjects of America in that Country. That after the Bennington Battle, Col^o Blair went to Cambridge, took off a Yoak of Oxen that the Enemy had left, Sold them to General Lincolns Commissary as he marched through, took his Receipt for them, and Received the Money at Bennington, which being Demanded by the Commissioners of Sequestration he refused to pay and about the same time, when Ordered on a March, he had Provision Drawn for Forty Men for two days, when he had but Seven Men to go with him, and instead of Returning the Overplus of the Provision to the Commissary, he gave the same to such Persons as had taken Protection from the Enemy & were there.

That at the time of the Cessation of Arms, before the Capture of General Burgoine, Col^o Blaire kept a small Guard on the East side of the River, and the Evening before the Enemy Marched in, he posted himself at some Advanced Post, Ordering the Corp^l to let him stand for a good Spell, and at the time to relieve the Corporal found he had left his Post, and could not find him till he returned towards day, and having procured a Canoe the Evening before to be left at some certain place, it was presumed he had been on no honourable Business, and the day after the Capture, he brought away two Yoak of Oxen from the Camp which he took to himself in lieu of Oxen which he pretended the Enemy had taken from him, but found them home when he returned, and still kept the others

3rd That Major James Ashton upon the Enemys Advancing to Tyconderoga, entirely gave up, and said he would not take up Arms against the Kings Troops and intended taken Protection somewhere, and as he was going to Still Water, was made a Prisoner by Burgoines Indians and taken in the Encampment where he took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain and after he came home refused to Act for some time That he & Lt. Col^o Blaire insisted on the Protectioners having a Right to Vote for Committee, and when some People plead the Illegality of such Voting, he Assumed Authority and threatned putting those under Guard who were pleading for the Whigs, which raising many of them, he desisted, expecting it would breed a Bloody Battle, seeing several Attend with large Clubs

4th That Major Ebenezer Allen as soon as the Enemy came to Cambridge, either through Weakness or Principle, went to them and became a Conductor of Teams at a Dollar per day till Burgoine was surrounded, when he Deserted them and came to our Army. That he had been so unfriendly before that he was Voted out of Committee and Judged Unfit to be in any Public Office

5th That the said Colonel Van Woert had on the Application of Lieutenant Corn^s Doty, returned Captain

Samuel Hodges as having Joined the Enemy, when it is Evident by the Testimony of many, that the said Cap^t Hodges was taken Prisoner by the Indians and Used as such, till he was Relieved at the Battle of Bennington.

RESOLVED that this Council will hear the Proofs of the Complainants in support of the foregoing Articles of Charges (in the presence of Colonel Lewis Van Woert Lieut^t Col^o John Blaire Major James Ashton and Major Ebenezer Allen, if they shall Chuse to Attend the same) at Poughkeepsie on Monday the third day of May next; And Ordered that the Clerk of this Council do furnish the Complainants and Defendants each with a Copy of the foregoing Articles of Charges, together with this Resolution and Order

RESOLVED that James Howlett Esq^r be and he is hereby Appointed Captain of the Armed Vessell Called the Independence to Cruize Within this State against the common Enemy.

RESOLVED that Joshua Rodgers be and he is hereby Appointed Captain of the Armed Vessell Called the Greyhound to Cruize within this State against the common Enemy.

RESOLVED that David Ostrander Esquire be and he is hereby Appointed Captain of the Company of Militia in Col^o Johannis Hardenbergh Jun^{rs} Reg^t in the County of Ulster (Vice Capt. Tearpenning) That James Lyon be First Lieutenant, Jacob Terwilliger Second Lieutenant and Hugo Schut Ensign of the said Company.

[signed] GEO: CLINTON Presid^t
DIRCK W. TEN BROECK
ZEPHA. PLATT
EBEN^r RUSSELL

At a Council of Appointment held at Poughkeepsie
the 22^d Day of April 1779

Present

His Excellency Governor Clinton

The Hon^{ble} { Zephaniah Platt
Dirck W. Ten Broeck } Esq^{rs} Members
{ Jonathan Lawrence }

RESOLVED that Elias Van Buntschoten Esq^r Junior be and is hereby appointed Major of one of the two district Corps of five hundred Men each directed to be raised by a Law of this State passed the last Meeting of the Legislature entitled "An Act for raising one thousand Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State.

That Levi Stockwell and Robert Wood Esquires be Captains of Companies in the Corps whereof the said Elias Van Buntschoten is Major.

That Henry Pawling William Erskin and Thomas Oostrander of Dutchess County and Thomas Boggs of Charlotte County be Lieutenants in the said Corps and that John Elseworth Junior be Adjutant thereof.

That Gideon Selah Esq^r be Captain & Solomon Close, Gen^t first Lieutenants and Titus Reynolds Gentleman, second Lieutenant of an Associated Company of enrolled Exempts within the Limits of the fourth Regiment of Militia in Westchester County.

That Edmund Perlee Gent. be first Lieutenant, Vice John McNiel resigned for Infirmity, Justus Wilson Gent. second Lieutenant vice Edmund Perlee promoted, and Rufus Herrick Jun^r Gent. Ensign vice Justice Wilson promoted in the Company of Capt. Waters in Col^o Roswel Hopkins's Regiment of Militia in Dutchess County.

That Wouter N. Groesbeeck Samuel Rowland, Peter Bishop, Christian Valkenburgh, James Robertson, John Peter Rose, Jacobus Cole, Anthony Ten Eyck, Harmanus Schuyler, John McClung & Edmond Wells Jun^r Esq^{rs} be associated Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Albany, and that John Bickbread, Jacob G. Klock, Abraham Koopman & Henry Falling Jun^r Esq^{rs} be associated Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Tryon.

That the following Persons to wit, Morris Graham, John Gaisly, John Platt, Thomas Nelson, George Freligh, John Sleght, William Van Wyck, Matthew Van Buntschoten, Lemuel Brush and Matthias B. Miller Esq^{rs} be associated Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Dutchess and the said several Persons are accordingly

ham (late Lieutenant of Col^o Van Schaicks Regiment) be Lieutenants of the said Corps. That Jonathan Hardenbergh be Quarter Master of one of the said Corps, and that John Smedes be a Surgeon of the said Corps.

RESOLVED that Titus Mead be Quarter Master of Col^o Morris Grahams Regiment of Militia. That Henry Van Bergen be a Captain in Col^o Van Bergen's Regiment of Militia, Vice Thomas Hooghteling resigned, & that Richard Van Den Bergh be first, Cornelius Conine Second Lieut. & Peter Bronck Ensign of the said Company. That William Snyder be a Captain in the said Regiment vice David Abeel resigned & that Anthony Abeel be 1st Christian Meyer 2^d Lieutenant & Fredrick Meyer Ensign of the said Company. That John Person Jun^r be 2^d Lieutenant in Capt. C. Dubois's Company in the said Regiment, vice Benjamin J. Dubois resigned & that Richard Van Den Bergh be second Lieutenant of the said Company commanded by Capt. Henry Van Bergen instead of Richard Hardenbergh misnamed.

The Council according to their former Appointment of the 6th of March last proceeded to the consideration of the several Charges against Col^o Lewis Van Woert, Lieut. Col^o John Blair and James Ashton one of the Majors of a Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany. The Parties attended and acknowledged the Receipt of the several Articles of Charge exhibited and the Resolution of the Council thereon appointing this Day to hear the Parties and their Proofs on the said Charges. The Council proceeded to hear the Allegations & Proofs of both Parties, and after spending the whole Day thereon adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning eight o'clock.

Tuesday Morning 8 O'Clock

Present as before

The Council resumed the consideration of the aforesaid Charges & heard & read further Evidence for and against the same; and the Parties having declared that they had not now any further Evidence to offer withdrew.

RESOLVED that, notwithstanding anything offered in support of the said Charges, this Council is of Opinion that the said Charges taken together are groundless and that neither of the said Officers, ought from the Evidence offered against him to be removed from his Office and Major Ebenezer Allen one of the Officers complained of not attending and it appearing that he formerly joined the Enemy

RESOLVED therefore that the Pleasure of the People of this state hereby signified determines the Tenure of his Office, and he is hereby removed from the same accordingly.

[signed] ZEPHA. PLATT

GEO: CLINTON Presid^t

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- Weaver, Peter James, lieutenant, 40.
- Webster, Alexander, member of Council of Appointment, 3; appointed commissioner for conspiracies, 7; appointed lieutenant colonel, 8; signs minutes, 9, 44; attends Council meetings, 9, 24, 26, 27, 30, 35; not consulted by Col. Williams about appointment of courts martial, 18-19; to be justice of oyer and terminer, 53; officers in regiment of, 8, 58, 61.
- Weeks, Jonah, lieutenant, 22.
- Weeks, Thomas, appointed commissioner for conspiracies, 15.
- Weller, Jonathan, captain, 37.
- Wells, Edmond, Jr., justice of peace, 69.
- Wells, Joseph, appointed captain, 8; signs charges against four Albany Co. officers, 63.
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- Wempel, Abraham, re-appointed colonel, 27; officers in regiment of, 27-28.
- Wempel, John, lieutenant, 41.
- Wempel, Myndert A., lieutenant, 27.
- Wempel, Myndert M., major, 27.
- Wemple, Andrew, captain, 42.
- Wendel, Harmanus, appointed major, 9.
- Wendel, Harmanus J., justice of oyer and terminer, 21, 51.
- Wendel, Jacob H., appointed ensign, 9.
- Wendle, Henry J., sheriff of Albany, 61.
- Weser, Nicholas, captain, 43.
- Westbroek, Dirck, lieutenant, 70.
- Westchester County, N. Y., inhabitants of, appointed commissioners for conspiracies, 7; appointment of officers in regiments of, 10-11, 26, 35-36, 38, 39, 56, 60-61; Lewis Morris appointed brigadier general of militia of, 38; judges named justices of oyer and terminer in, 46-47, 51-52; officers of light horse and grenadier companies of, 60; appointment of sheriff and coroners for, 62; officers of Associated Exempts of, 69.
- Westfall, Abraham, lieutenant, 70.
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- Wheeler, Noah, promoted to captaincy, 37.
- Wheeler, Solomon, lieutenant, 37.
- Wheland (Whalen), Abel, second lieutenant, 16; first lieutenant, 58.
- Whitaker, *see also* Whiteaker.
- Whitaker, John, promoted to second lieutenantcy, 27.
- Whitbeck, Peter, *see* Witbeck.
- Whitbeeck, John, captain, 29.
- White, Epenetus, lieutenant, 35.
- White, Stephen, captain, 35.
- Whiteaker, *see also* Whitaker.
- Whiteaker, Edward, lieutenant, 40.
- Whiteaker, Thomas, captain, 43.
- Whiteside, John, appointed captain, 9.
- Whiteside, William, appointed lieutenant, 9.
- Whiting, William B., re-appointed colonel, 24; officers in regiment of, 24-25, 62-63.
- Whitman, Peter, ensign, 34.
- Whitney, Benjamin, ensign, 46.
- Whitney, Joshua, lieutenant, 16; captain, 58; capt. of Levies, 70.
- Whorfield, Samuel, ensign, 43.
- Wilkin, James, capt. of Exempts, 50.
- Will, Henry, lieutenant, 18.
- Willet, Gilbert, lieutenant, 50.
- Williams, Daniel, lieutenant, 26.
- Williams, John, resigned captaincy in Col. Jacob Lansing's reg't., 9.
- Williams, John, of Charlotte Co., appointed colonel, 8; officers in regiment of, 7-8; charges of misbehaviour brought against, 18-20; Council to hear proofs of charges against, in presence of, 20; Council convinced of unfitness of, 43-44; removed from offices of colonel and judge, 44; house of, 64.
- Wills, William, appointed commissioner for conspiracies, 7; to be justice of oyer and terminer, 47, 52.
- Willsey, Daniel, lieutenant, 12.
- Willsey, Henry, ensign, 12.
- Wilsy, Cornelius, captain, 32.
- Wilson, James, appointed lieutenant, 8.

- Wilson, Justus, ensign, 37; promoted to second lieutenant, 69.
- Wilson (Willson), Lucas, capt., 46.
- Windecker, John, ensign, 42.
- Winne, Levinus, lieutenant, 33.
- Winne, Peter, capt., 30.
- Winne, Peter D., appointed lieutenant, 8.
- Wisner, Henry, appointed commissioner for conspiracies, 7.
- Witbeck (Whitbeck), Peter, capt., 8; resigned, 59.
- Wolven, Johannis, affidavit of, presented to Council, 54.
- Wood, Benjamin, lieutenant, 35.
- Wood, John, capt., 70.
- Wood, Robert, lieutenant, 35; capt. of Levies, 69.
- Woodhull, Ebenezer, capt., 44.
- Woodhull, Jesse, member of Council of Appointment, 3; attends meeting of Council, 44; officers appointed in regiment of, 44; signs Council minutes, 48.
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- Woodworth, Gashem, appointed lieutenant, 8.
- Woodworth (Woodward), Robert, capt., 39-40, 57.
- Woolsey, William, ensign, 37.
- Worden, Gilbert, ensign, 37; promoted to first lieutenant, 63.
- Wright, Abraham, appointed ensign, 9.
- Wright, Moses, capt., 48.
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- Wyncoop, Cornelius E., appointed commissioner for conspiracies, 7.
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- Wyncoop, Peter, appointed commissioner for conspiracies, 7; quarter-master, 17.
- Yates, Abraham, Jr., member of Council of Appointment, 3; lieutenant, 9; signs minutes, 9, 44, 48; attends Council meetings, 9, 24, 26, 27, 30, 35, 44; appointed justice, 21, 51.
- Yates, Christian A., lieutenant, 56.
- Yates, Christopher, appointed justice, 21, 51; lieutenant colonel, 27.
- Yates, Jacob, lieutenant, 31.
- Yates, Jellis, lieutenant, 28.
- Yates, Nicholas, ensign, 27.
- Yates, Peter, appointed colonel of John Knickerbacker's regiment, 31; officers in regiment of, 31-32.
- Yates, Peter Abraham, lieutenant, 41.
- Yates, Robert, justice of the Supreme Court, appointed to sit in county courts of oyer and terminer, 20-21, 46-48, 51-53.
- Yates, Robert Abraham, capt., 41.
- Younglove, John, appointed major, 8; restored to adjutancy, 10.
- Younglove, Joseph, appointed quarter-master, 8.
- Younglove, Moses, charges against officials sent to, 22.
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- Zieler, John, lieutenant, 39.
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