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# P R E F A C E

In 1895, Comptroller James A. Roberts, in moving some documents to make room for an extension to his office, brought to light many valuable papers relating to the Revolutionary War and the important position occupied by the State of New York in that momentous struggle. Through the kind assistance of various Legislatures, those documents were arranged and compiled and a volume issued therefrom which has been a valuable addition to the historical records of this State. One fact alone demonstrates the worth of the work which has been prosecuted in the Comptroller's Department in connection with these Revolutionary Records: The State of New York had formerly been credited with having furnished in the War for Independence but 18,000 men, which number had been accepted as historically accurate. The documents which were first discovered by Mr. Roberts and afterward arranged by him and his successors, prove beyond dispute that New York's quota was at least 43,645 men, giving to our State a much more commanding position as a factor in the Revolutionary contest than it had theretofore occupied. The work which was issued by Mr. Roberts passed through two editions prior to the final arrangement of all the Revolutionary papers.

On assuming the office of Comptroller, I found that the work of preparing these documents for consultation and the index to the same, had been practically completed and that the binding of the few remaining additional volumes of original documents would complete the Revolutionary work in its entirety. All that remained of interest to the general public was the printing and issuing of a Supplement or companion book to "New York in the Revolution," which would give a complete resumé of the Revolutionary Records of the Department. The Legislature of 1901 provided an item in the Supply Bill for this work which I now have the pleasure of adding to the historical annals of this State. The second edition of "New York in the Revolution" was the roll-call of the officers and men who served in the War. This Supplement gives in a condensed form the history of the War as shown by the documents. It is not a reprint in the entirety of those documents, which only could be done at a great, and probably unwarranted, expenditure; but it is a work calculated to give sufficient information upon the subject-matter contained in those documents to answer every practical purpose. It may be that some future generation may see fit to publish all of the historical documents in this office and in other of the State departments, relating to the struggle of this Colony, with the others, for its independence.

Great progress in this direction has been made within the past five years not only in this office but in the office of the State Historian, and at a comparatively small expenditure. A few years more of the work continued along the present lines will bring New York abreast

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of the neighboring States in the publication of its historical documents. Ten years ago it lagged behind, owing probably to the want of local pride that is usual in a large cosmopolitan community like ours.

I have called this book a condensed history of the War. Let me explain that statement by an illustration:—The chapter on “Forfeited Estates” would fill three or four books of this size if all the documents were printed; instead of occupying that space, the single chapter on that subject outlines the work of the Commissioners of Forfeitures, gives several documents bearing on that work and furnishes a complete list of those parties whose Estates were Forfeited. Similar treatment has been given to the other subjects. The net result is that we have a small book that many readers will be interested in, instead of a great mass of documents bewildering to the general reader and of practical value to an expert only. At the same time the several subjects have been so outlined that the expert or the student of history can pursue his investigations as far as the original documents make it worth his while.

In the two editions of “New York in the Revolution”, the service of nearly all of the Officers and Soldiers named by Regiments or other organizations, was proved by original documents in the Comptroller’s Office. Some deficiencies, however, were supplied, and cases of partial information were made more complete, by collecting into Volume XI, and a part of Vol. I, certified copies of original documents that belong elsewhere. In Vol. I, the certified copies, mostly of officers and men in the First Regiment of the Line, came from the Archives of Massachusetts. Vol. XI has these certified copies:—Names in the Record and Pension Office of the War Department, Washington, D. C.; Names in possession of the New York Historical Society; Names in possession of Mrs. Abraham Lansing, of Albany, a granddaughter of Col. Peter Gansevoort. Extracts from Manuscripts in the State Library were also copied, as follows:—Vols. 178 and 180 of the Henry Stevens Papers; Vol. I of Col. Josiah Smith’s Military Papers; Vols. 34 to 38 of Miscellaneous Papers; Vols. 101 and 102 of New York Colonial Manuscripts.

In this Supplement reliance has been placed almost exclusively upon documents actually in the Comptroller’s office, the object being to show the manner in which the War was conducted. Hence, only occasionally, has a fact been named that is not capable of documentary proof within the office. When an outside fact has been named, it has been solely for the purpose of supplying a missing link and giving continuity to a story the bulk of which was already well in hand. Of course, the several subjects treated in this Supplement differ widely as to the number and importance of the original documents pertaining to them. Some of the subjects have very full information from original sources; and others have little information. Still others are not mentioned at all. For instance, no paper has been found relating to Sullivan’s Expedition; although papers on that subject should have appeared with the rest. Several similar deficiencies lead to the conclusion that, at some time in the past, many documents must have been removed from this office.

The expressions “the documents”, “the original documents” and “the records” always refer to the documents in the office of the Comptroller; and, in the copying of those documents, as also in the text connecting them, an effort has been made not to duplicate any work already done, either in this office or in other departments of the State government. In

spelling, capitalization and punctuation, the documents printed in this Supplement follow the originals as closely as possible; and a liberal use of Capitals in the text makes it conform to the documents.

In presenting this work to the public I desire to express my appreciation of the services of Mr. Frederic G. Mather, who has ably edited the same. The examining, sorting and arranging of the original documents from which this work is compiled, and the arrangement and editing of the volume itself, were almost entirely the work of Mr. Mather who pursued his researches not only among the Archives of the State but also took the opportunity of a trip abroad during the summer of 1900 to make further investigation in Paris, London and Cambridge, where he secured much valuable information, some of which has been incorporated with the documents in this office and so found its way into this Supplement.

ERASTUS C. KNIGHT,

*Comptroller*

Dated, Albany, N. Y. December, 1901.

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 Abbreviations

Adjt., Adjutant	Col., Colonel	Exr., Executor	Mu., Muster
Admr., Administrator	Comr., Commissioner	Exrx., Executrix	Prest., President
Admx., Administratrix	Comny., Commissary	Gen., General	Qr., Quarter
Agt., Agent	Contl., Continental	Gov., Governor	Regt., Regiment
An., American	Corp., Corporal	Insp., Inspector	s., Shilling
Asst., Assistant	Cr., Creditor	Jr., Junior	/—, Shilling
Atty., Attorney	Cte., Committee	L. B. R., Land Bounty Rights	Secy., Secretary
Aud., Auditor	Ctf., Certificate	Lieut., Lieutenant	Serjt., Serjeant
Brig., Brigade or Brigadier	Cy., County	Lt., Lieutenant	Sr., Senior
Bsh., British	d., Pence	Lt. Col., Lieutenant Colonel	St., State
Capt., Captain	Dbr., Debtor	Maj., Major	Supt., Superintendent
Capt. Lt., Captain Lieutenant	Dr., Doctor	Mar., Marines	Surv., Surveyor
Chap., Chaplain	Dy., Deputy	Mil., Military	Treasr., Treasurer
Chn., Chairman	Ens., Ensign	Mr., Master	Surg., Surgeon

# NEW YORK IN THE REVOLUTION

## SUPPLEMENT

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### THE

# MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE

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## THE ARMY

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### **The Calling Out of the Militia**

The second edition of "New York in the Revolution" is, practically, a roster of all the Troops that served from this State. It will be of interest to supplement that roster by information relating to the way in which the Militia was called out, the discipline that was enforced, and the pay that was allowed. Incidentally the Continental Soldiers will be noticed, so far as the original documents relate to them.

At the beginning of the War, the Militia volunteered for duty:—

We the subscribers being well convinced of the absolute necessity of raising a sufficient Body of Provincial Forces, for the Defence of the Constitution and the preservation of our Just Rights and Liberties when the same are in the most eminent Danger of being invaded, have therefore voluntarily inlisted in the Provincial Service under Capt. Joel Pratt Lieuts. Benja. Chittenton & Israel Spencer, and do hereby promise and agree that we will severally do execute and perform all and every such Instructions, directions orders and Military Discipline and Duties, as our said Officers, or either of them, or the Commanding Officer for the time being on this new establishment shall from time to time give or send to us, during the Time that our Service is required in the unhappy Contest between Great Britain and the Colonies, and we do severally promise and engage not to go from, or quit the said Service until we shall be discharged or dismissed from the same by the Continental Congress, or the Provincial Congress of this Colony or by the General Committee of the City and County of Albany under the Penalty of forfeiting our Wages and being deemed Enemies in the Eye of the Publick to our Country, and we the said officers do severally promise and engage under the most Solemn Ties of Honor and Love to our Country that we shall and will from time to time and at all times during the said Contest between Great Britain and the said United Colonies to perform and execute in our several and respective Stations all and every the Instructions directions, orders Military Discipline and Duties as the Continental or Provincial Congress, or the General Committee of the City and County of Albany or the Commanding Officer for the time being shall recommend, or send to us, or

either of us and we do likewise severally promise and engage not to go from, or quit the said Service until we are discharged or dismissed from the same by the Continental Congress or the Provincial Congress of this Colony or by the General Committee of the City and County of Albany, Under the Penalty of forfeiting our wages, and being deemed Enemies to our Country. Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands this fifth Day of June 1775.

N. B. These Articles are hereby understood to be in force for no longer time than the last Day of Decr. ensuing.

Saml. Stringer  
Chairman pro tempore

Joel Pratt, Capt.	Joseph Harrison	Jedediah Graves	Seth Raymond
Benjemen Chittenden, Leut.	Amos Stark	Richard Holdredg	Aaron Day
Israel Spencer, Leut.	Timothy Coon	John Spencer	Arthur Heurt
Daniel Lee	Jesse Ketchams	Asa Spencer	John Winters
Jonathan Pitcher	Philip Covell	Eli Reynolds	John Preston
Benjamin Steanly	David Spencer	Oliver Goff	Adonijah Ackley
John Taylor	Stephen Kidder	Bartholomew Barrit	Lemuel Hill
Benjamin Ford	Ebenezer Sexton	Moses Meyer	Thos. Quin
Jonathan N. Mallory	Gorden Chamberlin	Elijah Smith	Francis Flammng
Joseph Foot	Daniel Baldwin	Ezekiel Jones	James Ackley
John Mattoon	Ephraim Barritt	Asa Gould	
John Holdridge	Abraham Worner	Joseph Willbur	
Jonathan Davenport	Simeon Dudley	Christopher Darrow	

These men (with the exception of Benjamin Steanly, John Mattoon, Jesse Ketchams, Ebenezer Sexton, Daniel Baldwin, Abraham Worner, Elijah Smith, Arthur Heurt, John Preston, Lemuel Hill and Francis Flammng) afterward served in the Second Line.

Later on, the Convention called out the Militia:—

Extracts of the Resolution of the Convention for calling out one-fourth part of the militia of Ulster, Orange, Dutchess and Westchester Counties passed July 16th., 1776.

Resolved that each man be allowed a bounty of 20 Dollars and Continental pay and subsistence — to be continued in the Service until the last Day of December next unless sooner discharged — those who have no Arms to be furnished therewith by the Brigr. Genl. and Field. Officers and to be deducted out of their pay. These Levies to be formed into Companies to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, three Serjeants, three Corporals, One Drummer, one fifer and fifty privates — each Regiment to consist of ten Companies — to be under the command of One Col. one Lieut. Col. one Major and to have One Adjutant one Quarter Master and one Surgeon.

Extracts of the Resolution of the Convention for calling out one-fourth part of the militia of Suffolk, Queens and Kings Counties passed July 20th., 1776

That the non-commissioned Officers and Privates who shall furnish themselves with a good and sufficient Musket or firelock, Cartouch Box and Belt and Bayonet, or Hatchet shall be allowed Ten Dollars bounty to each man with Continental Pay and Rations — to be formed into Companies to consist of One Captain, two Lieutenants, three Serjeants, three Corporals, one Drummer one fifer and fifty Privates and in Case any Draughts shall be left after the Companies are completed and not sufficient to form another Company, Officers shall be appointed for them in the following propotion — One Captain and One Lieut. two Serjeants and two Corporals for forty privates — two Lieuts. two Serjeants and two Corporals for thirty Privates — and one Lieut. — one Serjeant and one Corporal for twenty Privates, each man to find his own Arms and Accoutrements, the troops raised to have continental Pay and Rations to be continued in Service until the last Day of Decr. unless sooner discharged. That the Rations of the Said Troops be estimated at the rate of ten pence half penny in money in Lieu of Provisions. That Col. Josiah Smith of Suffolk County be the first Colonel — that Col.

John Sands be second Colonel with the rank of Col. but with the pay of Lieut. Col. that Abm. Remsen be Major — that Col. Birdsall at the South side of Queens County take the command of one Company with Captains Pay saving his rank.

Extracts of the Resolutions of the Convention for raising Rangers passed July 23d., 1776.

That there be raised in the County of Albany, One hundred and twenty Six men Officers included — that they be divided into two Companies each to consist of one Captain two Lieutenants, three Serjeants, three Corporals and fifty four Privates. That there be raised in the County of Tryon three Companies each to consist of one Captain two Lieutenants, three Serjeants, three Corporals and fifty eight privates. That there be raised in the Counties of Gloucester and Cumberland 252 men to be divided into four Companies each to consist of one Captain, two Lieuts. three Serjeants three Corporals and fifty four Privates. That there be raised in Charlotte County One hundred and Twenty Men to be divided in manner following. Two Companies to consist each of One Captain one Lieutenant, three Serjeants, three Corporals and forty two Privates and one party to consist of one Lieutenant, one Serjeant, one Corporal and seventeen privates.

That two hundred and one men be raised in Ulster County similar to those of Tryon County.

That one Company be raised in Orange County to consist of One Captain one Lieut. three Serjeants — three Corporals and forty seven Privates. That the pay of the Officers and Privates be the same as the Pay of the Continental Troops. That a bounty of twenty-five Dollars be allowed to each non-commissioned Officer and Private on his passing Muster. That each Captain be allowed Sixteen shillings — each Lieut. — fourteen shillings and each non-commissioned Officer and Private ten shillings per week in lieu of all Rations.

That the Companies in the Counties of Gloucester and Cumberland be under the Command of a Major to be appointed by this Convention. That each Officer of the respective Companies to take an oath before the Chairman of the County Committee from whence he is to be recommended, that he will once in every month or as soon after the expiration of any month as possible transmit to the Convention or Legislature of this State a muster Roll of the Names of every Officer and Private under his command and their respective times of Enlistment and Service: And that any Officer who shall return a false muster Roll shall on Conviction thereof loose his Pay and be cashiered. That one half of the bounty be paid by the Captain of each Company to every able bodied Man when he shall pass Muster and that as soon as the first muster Roll of every Company shall be received by this Convention the other half shall be remitted by this Convention to the respective County Committees of Albany, Tryon, Orange, Ulster and Charlotte Counties and to the Major commanding the Gloucester and Cumberland Rangers to be by them issued to the Captains of their respective Companies and immediately issued to the Men.

Extracts of the Resolutions of the Convention passed July 23d., 1776 for raising a Company to guard the Stores and Vessels with Provisions and Ammunition, — in the City of Albany.

That seventy five men Officers included be raised to guard etc. — that they be embodied into one Company to consist of One Captain, two Lieutenants, four Serjeants, four Corporals, one Drummer and one fifer and Sixty two Privates — that they be allowed Continental Pay; and instead of Rations, the Captain be allowed Sixteen shillings — the Lieutenants twelve shillings and the non-commissioned Officers and Privates seven shillings per week. — To be continued in Service until the first Day of December next unless sooner discharged and under the Direction of the Committee of the County and Sub-Committee of the City of Albany.

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York Octr 9th 1776.

Whereas it is absolutely necessary in the Present critical Conjunction that one Company of 49 men in the County of Albany and one other Company of 49 in the County of Dutchess be immediately raised for the purpose of detecting and defeating the Intentions and Conspiracies of our Secret and open Enemies, therefore,

Resolved that one Company be immediately raised in the County of Albany and that one

other Company be immediately raised in the County of Dutchess. That each Company consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, three Corporals, one fifer and 40 Privates. That the pay of those Companies be the Same as the pay of the Continental Troops. That the Captains be allowed each 16/— per week, the Lieutenants 14/— and the non-Commissioned Officers and privates each 10/— per week in lieu of all Rations & subsistence.

That Petrus Van Gaasbeeck is hereby appointed Captain, and Samuel Thorne Lieutenant, of the said Company to be raised in the County of Albany; and that the said Company do rendezvouz at & about the Manor of Livingston and be subject to the order of the Convention or Committee of Safety of this State, and under the direction of the Committee of the City and County of Albany or such person or persons as the Convention or Committee of Safety of this State shall appoint.

That Nathaniel Scribner be, and is hereby, appointed Captain, and Joseph Field Lieutenant, of the said Company to be raised in the said County of Dutchess; and that the said Company do rendezvouz in Fredericksburgh and South East precincts of said County and be subject to the order of the Convention or Committee of Safety of this State, and be under the direction of the Committee of the said County of Dutchess or such other person or persons as the Convention or Committee of Safety of this State Shall appoint.

That the Chairman of the Committee of the district of the Manor of Livingston for the Time being be the muster-master to muster the Company to be raised in the County of Albany; and that Colo. John Field be appointed muster-master of the Company to be raised in Dutchess County.

That the said Company to be raised in the County of Dutchess be incorporated and deemed a part of the Corps whereof Capt. Melancton Smith is Commandant, and that both of the Companies hereby directed to be raised be enlisted to continue in service for the Term of Three Months unless sooner discharged.

John McKesson, Secr'y.

Jacob Cuyler, James Duane and Robert Yates were a Committee to Raise Troops and also a Committee on the Arrangement of the Army:—

Saratoga Octr 22d 1776

Received of James Duane, Jacob Cuyler & Robt Yates, Esqr, a Committee of the State of New York, Seven hundred & fifty dollars to be by me apply'd conformable to Instructions receiv'd from Maj. General Schuyler of this date and for which sum I promise to account to the present Convention of the State of New York or any future Legislature of the said State or persons appointed by them for the purpose.

750 dollars

Cornelius Wynkoop Coll.

The Convention of the State of New York to James Duane Jacob Cuyler and Robert Yates a Committee appointed by the said Convention to go to Albany to confer with General Schuyler on the arrangement of the Army and while at Albany appointed on another Committee to Cooperate with General Schuyler in calling forth the Militia for the defence of the northern and western Frontiers of this State — Dr.

1776

Octobr. 22	Advanced to Major P. Gansevoort to be apply'd in recruiting troops on the New Establishment as per receipt No. 1 the Sum of . . . . .	£400:
	Advanced to Col. Wynkoop to be apply'd to the same purpose Use as pr rect. No. 2 the Sum of . . . . .	300:
	Advanced to Lieut. Van Salisberry for the same Use as pr receipt No. 3 the sum of . . . . .	100:
29th Octr.	Advanced to Lieut. Conine for the same use as pr receipt No. 4 the Sum of . . . . .	300:
	Expences accrued at Albany in Diet as per receipt of Mrs. Vernon No. 5 the Sum of . . . . .	21:15:9

1776

29th Octr.	paid D. B. V. Schoonhoven for riding express as per receipt No. 6...	£2: 4:0
	paid ditto for do No. 7.....	2:
	paid John Vischer for riding express to Fish Kill & for tarrying for an Answer and bringing Money as pr rec't. No. 8 .....	7:
	paid to a Spy who was by the Committee sent among the Tories to discover their designs .....	10:
	paid to Col. V. D. Birgh for his trouble in attending the Come....	2: 8:0
	paid to Major Ford for guides &c.....	4:
	paid to the waiter on the Committee.....	1:16:
	Advanced on the road in going to and returning from Saratoga to Fish Kill for travelling Expences. ....	12: 6:4
	paid for keeping three horses in Albany 14 days at 3/ pr Horse.....	6: 6:
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	Balance due to the Conv.....	30: 3:11
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£1200:  
 Jas. Duane }  
 Jacob Cuyler } Coms.  
 Robert Yates }

Cr.

By the Sum of £1200 receiv'd from John Fischer on behalf of the  
 Convention of New York ..... £1200:

In Pursuance to our Appointment we have examined the Acco. Compared the Charges with  
 the Several Vouchers and find them all right.

Mathew Cantine  
 Burnet Miller  
 Isaac Roosevelt

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York, Fishkill October 24th 1776.

ORDERED that the treasurer of this State send to James Duane, Robert Yates, and Jacob  
 Cuyler Esquires at Albany (who were appointed a Committee to repair to Albany and Ticon-  
 deroga to take Measures for carrying into execution the Resolutions of Congress relative to  
 the raising of Troops and appointment of Officers in the continental Service) by John Visher  
 (who is employed as an express by the said Committee) the Sum of One thousand two hun-  
 dred Pounds and take his Receipt to deliver the same to those Gentlemen or either of them.

Attest

Robt. Benson Secry.

Pierre Van Cortlandt  
 Prest.

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York, Fishkill Novr 28th 1776.

Sir — Your Letter of the 23d Instant has been laid before the Committee of Safety who  
 have directed me to direct you that as soon as the Militia shall be discharged or leave the  
 Service you Carefully Secure all the Arms in your Battalion belonging to this State, and see  
 them safely delivered at this place. You are for this purpose to hire, and if not otherwise to be  
 had, to Impress, Boats if practicable to bring them by Water, otherwise Carriages, the Ex-  
 pence of which shall be defrayed by this State; I am further directed to request you to give  
 Copies of this Letter to the Commanding Officers of such of the Battalions as have any of the  
 public Arms belonging to this State; And also to forward a Copy to General Scott; this is in-  
 tended as a General Direction for all the Commanding Officers of such Regiments —

I am Sir Your Most Hum Servt

By Order of the Committee of Safety

To Collo Johannis Hardenbergh

Pierre Van Cortlandt V. Presdt

The chief Militia acts of the Legislature were passed, Apr. 3, 1778, Oct. 9, 1779, Mar. 11, 1780 and Feb. 21, 1781.

Jonathan Lawrence, Thomas Palmer, Henry Glen and John H. Slegt were "Commissioners to Forward Troops to Pennsylvania", in other words, "to fill the Five Continental Battalions raised under the direction of this State". They were paid 20/— per day for their services, the most of which were performed in 1778. The Troops were sent to Easton, where they were mustered in. The accounts, so far as preserved, show these totals:— Lawrence, £1970.19.3; Palmer, £1978.4.3; Glen, £719.11.4. Under the law of June 24, 1780, Gov. Clinton paid £12320. on these accounts.

The following shows how the Governor called out the Militia, from time to time:—

General Orders 12th May 1779

For the Security of the Frontiers of Ulster & Orange Counties two Posts are to be taken, the one at great Shandeken, the other at Leghweck. Block Houses are immediately to be erected at each of those places inclosed by a Breastwork proof against Musquetry with an Abettis round it. These Works are each to be of such size and so constructed as to be Defensible with one hundred Men, at the same Time capable of containing one hundred & fifty or two hundred. A subalterns Guard from the Levies raised in Ulster County for the Defence of the Frontiers is to be constantly Kept in the Vicinity of Mamacotting and the Levies for that Service raised from the Militia of Orange County are, except such Part of them as are to be annexed to the Continental Battalions, to be stationed at Poenpeck.

The Remainder of the Levies raised in Ulster County exclusive of those intended to be joined to the Continental Battalions are to occupy the Posts to be erected at Leghweck & great Shandeken and one half of them are accordingly to repair immediately under Lieutenant De Witt to the Latter, and the other half under Lieut. Wesbrook to the former of those Places to be employed with the Militia under Col. Cantine & Major Wynkoop in erecting the Works directed for the Defence of those Passes. Col. Cantine will superintend the Works ordered at Leghweck and Majors Pawling & Wynkoop those at Shandeken.

The Troops stationed at these Posts are constantly to Keep out patrolling Parties and Scouts, those at Shandeken to go to as far Northward as the Albany County Line, and Westward to Paghkatakken. Those at Leghweck to the Northward and Southward of that Post so as to Communicate with the other Guards to the Southward & Northward and Westward as far towards Papakunk as may be consistent with Safety, and the Officers commanding these Different Posts and Guards are to communicate all the Intelligence they may from Time to Time receive of the Movements & Disposition of the Enemy to each other & to the Commanding Officers of the Neighbouring Militia Regiments, punctually, and with the utmost Dispatch. The one fourth of Colo. Snyders Regiment is immediately to repair to the Posts at Shandeken, and the one fourth of Colo. Cantines Regt to Leghweck to assist in erecting the Works intended at those Places and are to continue there till a sufficient Number of the Levies for the Defence of the Frontiers arrive to relieve them. These Detachments are to draw Provision from the Commissary.

Geo Clinton

Apparently the members of the Militia mustered themselves. At any rate, the names of the Muster-Masters generally appear in connection with the Line; or the Levies, which formed a kind of stepping-stone to the Line. (See "Land Bounty Rights").

1780

State of New York to Michael Dyckman.

Dr.

July 1 To Amount of my Expenses from the beginning of May, 1780, to this day, being incurred in consequence of my being appointed by his Excellency the Governor to collect and receive the Levies then raised: Viz — 400 Cont'l Dollars at 40 pr 1 is Specie . . . . . £4

Fishkill, May 30th, 1780.

State of New York Dr. to Michael Dyckman for extraordinary Expenses in Receiving the Levies at Fishkill for the year above mentioned, four hundred Dollars Continental Money. Michael Dyckman

The following list contains the names of those who were engaged in the work of mustering in the Soldiers. It is probable that the documents do not give the complete list:—

Deputies Muster-Master Gen.— Rutgers Henry, Van Rensselaer James, Varick Richard  
Deputy Commissary Gen. of Musters — Varick Richard  
Commissaries — Lansing Jacob John, Pearsee Jonathan Capt.  
Muster-Masters —

Bockee Jacob	Hilton Jonathan	Pearsee Jonathan, Capt.	Trotter Matthew, Lt.
Codwise Christopher	Hitchcock Lyman	Putnam Victor	Wells Anthony, Capt
Du Bois Cornelius	Hubbell Isaac	Roosa Albert	Westfall, Abraham, Capt
Dyckman Michael	Hunsdon John, Lt.	Rutgers Henry	Williams Daniel
Fonda Jelles A.	Jansen, Johannis T., Lt.	Snow Ephraim	Young Guy, Capt.
French Abner	Lansing Jacob John	Tearse Peter Benjamin, Capt	

In this connection, there should be given honorable mention of a number of citizens who furnished one Soldier, or more, at their own expense:

Allen Samuel	DeWitt Peter	Moor Pliny	Taylor John
Boerum Nicholas	Furman John, Lt.	Nelson Thomas	Ten Eyck Abraham
Bradner John	Hill Andrew	Nestell Peter	Van Anglen John
Cannon James, Capt.	Lansing John	Pearsee Jonathan, Capt.	Van Benschoten Elias, Maj.
Carpenter Daniel	Lansing John, jr.	Perry Jonathan	Van Tine Robert
Curtenius Peter T.	Lush Stephen	Platt Nathaniel, Capt	
Delavan Daniel, Capt.	Machin Thomas, Capt.	Smith Melancton	
DeWitt John, jr.	McKinstry Thomas, Capt.	Snow Ephraim	

### Courts-Martial

The Courts-Martial disciplined such Soldiers as had not been disciplined already by their superior Officers. The Courts were usually called by the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief. They were sometimes called Courts of Inquiry. The law provided that all fines should be paid into the State Treasury.

A Regimental Court Martial Held at the House of Johannis Schoonmakers at Rochester June 22, 1778 For Trying all Such Persons as Shall be brought before The Court to Consist of the following Members, Viz: Capt. Andries Bevier, President, Capt. Joakim Schoonmaker, Lieut. Derick Westbrook, Lieut. Jacobus Hasbroock, Lieut. Reuben DeWitt, Lieut John Depuy, Lieut Joseph Hasbroock. Lieut Richard Brodhead I. A.

The President and Members being Sworn, the Court open.

Johannis York Brought before the Court for Disobedience of orders Pleads guilty and Says the reason of His Disobedience was Because he had no Shoes, Could Not March with his Class for the want of Shoes and that he had a Field of Grain which the Cattle Got into and was obliged to make the fence to save his Grain, and that he thought the Expense of the Court would Not Cost as much as the Loss of his Grain since he was not Ready to March when Commanded.

The Court Having Considered the Prisoner find him Guilty of the Crime wherewith charged. The Court Fined him Fifteen Pounds to be paid within Three Days after Demanded and in Default thereof to be Imprisoned or Closely Confined untill Said Sum Together with Cost and Reasonable Charges be paid.

Tunis Jansen Brought before the Court for Disobedience of orders Pleads not Guilty & Saith the reason of his Disobedience was because he was Not at Home at the time the Sargent warned the men and that he Got no warning and did not know in what Class he was untill the Day after the Day The Classes Marched — Serjt. Henry Harp being duly sworn and saith he was ordered to warn his Class to which said Jansen did also belong, went to said Jansen's Home and did not see him but left word with his Parents to warn him to appear at the House of Jacobus Bush with five Days Provision who likewise promised they would give him warning accordingly. The Court Having Considered the Evidence for and against the Prisoner find Him Guilty of Crime said against him and Fine him Fifteen Pounds To be paid within three Days after Demanded and if Default of such payment to be Imprisoned or Closely Confined Untill the Same Shall be paid together with Cost and Reasonable Charges.

The Court is adjourned untill the 23 Instant Eight oClock in the Morning.

1778 June 23 — The Court opened according to adjournment Capt. Andries Bevier, President, Capt. Joakim Schoonmaker, Lieut. Derick Westbroock, Lieut. Jacobus Hasbroock, Lieut. John Depuy, Lieut. Joseph Hasbroock. Lieut. Brodhead I. A. absent Lieut. Reuben D Witt assumes his Place.

William Sluyter Brought before the Court for Disobedience of orders Pleads Guilty and Says that he had no Shoes when Received Notice to march and that he was Not Well the Court having Considered on the Prisoner find him Guilty of the Crime Laid against him and adjudge him to pay a Fine of Ten Pounds within Three Days after Demanded and in Case he does Not so pay to be Imprisoned or Closely Confined untill Said Sum together with all Cost be paid.

Jacob Krom Brought before the Court for Disobedience of orders Pleads Not Guilty and Says that he was Not able to March on account of Lameness — William Kelder being Duly sworn Saith that the said Jacob Krom Two or three Days before being warned Showed him his Hip whereon (he said) a Horse had Trod and Bruised and had his knee also hurt which hurts said Kelder says he saw — The Court having Duly Considered the Evedence for and against Said Krom adjudge him Guilty of the Charge against him and the Court Fines him Four pounds to be paid Three Days after Demanded Together with all Cost and Charges and in Default of Such payment to be Closely Imprisoned or otherwise Confined untill the same be paid.

Joseph Depuy Brought before the Court for Disobedience of orders Pleads Guilty and Says the Reason of his Disobedience is solely owing to these Reasons Viz. He having Last Year Met with the Misfortune of Loosing his Barn by a Flash of Lightning, and with Much Difficulty and Hard Labour got the Timber for a New Barn which at the time of his being ordered out, wanted four Days work of a Carpenter Who he had at the same time to Compleat the Frame for Raising and said Carpenter Could by No Means Stay Longer with him and if did not imbrace the then oppertunity had Not the Least prospect of Having a Barn this Season and further Says that his Wife was very ill and himself very Subject to the Rheumetism and further Saith that he Took Great pains to find a Man to Serve in his Barn.

Cornelius Depuy Being Duly Sworn and Saith that some time before Joseph Depuy was Classed and ordered out — it Happened that Said Joseph Depuy told him in a complaining way of his Infirmary Viz — Rheumetism — The Court Having Duly Considered the Evedence for and against the prisoner The Court adjudges him to pay the fine of Fifteen pounds within Three Days after Demanded Together with Cost and Charges and if said Prisoner Should fail in payment thereof he shall be Imprisoned or otherwise Closely Confined untill paid.

By order of the Court  
And. Bevier President

The Governor approves of the several Sentences above mentioned against Johannis York William Sluyter & Jacob Krom and orders them to be carried into Execution immediately But Considering the Case of Joseph Depue & his late Misfortunes remits his Punishment

Poughkeepsie 26th June 1778.

Geo Clinton

Col. Johannis Hardenburgh, in June, 1779, brought in a bill of £55.18.0 against the State for a Court-Martial held at the house of John Graham, in Shawangunk; also, another bill of £143.16.0 for a Court-Martial held at the house of Arthur Smith in "Newberough". A total of £1659.17.4, in fines, was reported. On Nov. 20, 1780, the Class of Thaddeus Seely, in Col. William Allison's regiment was adjudged delinquent for not finding a man to serve for three months. Col. Henry I. Van Rensselaer, on Jan. 14, 1782, ordered a Court-Martial "for the Tryal of Persons who have neglected or refused to perform Military Duty since the first of October 1780".

Received, February 1st 1781, from Col. Abraham J. Van Alstyne, of the Kinderhook Militia, Ninety Pounds of the New Emitted Money on Account of the Delinquent Classes; and I have also received from him, on the 1st of January last, one hundred and twenty pounds of the New Money on the same Account.

Gerard Bancker, Treas'r.

[Indorsement on above]

Kinderhook 10th April, 1781.

Sir:— Please to pay the within sum of Two Hundred & Ten Pounds unto Peter J. Vosburgh, according to an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to complete the Quota of the Troops of this State to serve in the Army of the United States during the War", passed the 21st February, 1781.

Gerard Bancker Esq., Treasurer

Abr'm J. Van Alstine, Coll.

Received, May 5th, 1781, from Gerard Bancker, Treasurer, two hundred and ten pounds New Emission in full for the above Order.

£210

Peter J. Vosburgh.

Received, April 22d, 1781, from Gerard Bancker, Treasurer, one hundred & forty two pounds, ten shillings, New Emission Money which he returns me, so much I paid into the Treasury the 1st February, Moneys exacted from the Classes of my Regiment who neglected to furnish a Man during the War.

£142.10

Peter Van Ness, [Col.]

1781

Col. Roswell Hopkins Dr. to State of New York.

March 3	To the Balance of Fines from Delinquents in his Regt. £9515.4.0 Continental at 40 for 1 .....	£237.17.7
June 19	To Cash rece'd from Capt. Caleb Haight, Fines of a Delinquent Class, New Emission .....	9.10.0
		£247.7.7

Auditor's Office, New York, July 6th 1785.

I have examined the above account & laid the Case before the Committee appointed by Law to instruct me, who agreed that Col. Roswell Hopkins should pay into the Treasury the Sum of Two Hundred & Forty Seven Pounds, Seven Shillings & Seven Pence, Principal Sum in State Securities, date previous to the third of March, 1781.

Gerard Bancker, Esq.

P. T. C.

Treasurer

[Peter T. Curtenius, Auditor-Gen]

This day personally appeared before me Colo. Roswell Hopkins who deposeth & saith that he received of Lieut Colol Wm. Barker President of a Court Martial who Set for the Tryel of delinquents March the 3d 1781, the Sum of Nine Thousand five hundred & fifteen pounds 4/ & no more in which was the ballance of fines after the Charges of C. M. were

deduct Continental money & also on the 19 of June following the Sum of Nine pounds ten Shillings in New Emission from Capt. Caleb Haight for a delinquent Class in his Company.

Wall Kill Nov 6, 1782

Roswell Hopkins Colo

Sworn before me

P. T. Curtenius S Audr

£9515.4 Continental is reduced at 75 for one.....	£126.17
New Emission Recd from Capt. Haight for fines of a Del Class .....	9.10
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	£136.7
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Wall Kill Nov 6, 1782 I have this day Examined the above acct & find that there is due to the State of New York from Colol Roswell Hopkins for fines the Sum of One hundred & Twenty Six pounds 17/ in Specia & Nine pounds 10/ in New Emission.

P. T. Curtenius S. A.

### Deserters

The Continental Congress allowed \$10., and mileage one way, for apprehending a Deserter. The Provincial Congress paid varying amounts for a like service. In 1778, the Chairman of the Orange County Committee acknowledged the receipt of several fines for harboring Deserters. The fine was £20. for each Deserter harbored. The term "Deserter" was not always one of reproach. Many of those who were thus called merely absented themselves and rejoined their commands, without question. Others are described, in the documents, as having afterward "joined and served to the end of the War"; or "joined and afterwards died". The term "Absent" would more correctly describe the real conduct of many of the Soldiers. In the Land Bounty Rights there is often a serious doubt whether the word "deserted" refers to the Soldier or to his claim on the land.

### The Pay of the Militia

The Provincial Congress, Aug. 1, 1775, resolved that each enlisted man be allowed 53s. 4d. per month in such manner as the Troops of Connecticut and Massachusetts Bay receive their pay; that they be allowed one Blanket and one Regimental coat; that they be allowed 10s for the use of their arms; and that, if they have no arms, arms shall be furnished them to be either returned or paid for at the close of the Campaign.

In Provincial Congress New York may 29th 1776.

Mr. Sands, on behalf of the Auditors, informed the Congress that the officers of the first, or Colo. Lasher's, Battalion have delivered their Accounts for the Services of that Regiment on Fatigue in pursuance of the Order of the provincial Congress of the fourteenth day of March last. That the officers of that Regiment have charged full pay and the number of rations allowed to officers in the Continental Army at 10 1-2d for each ration for every day they were on duty, tho it appears by their Returns that very frequently they had not the number of Privates on Duty. Ordered & directed, by the Ninth Resolution and Order for that purpose passed on the said 14th day of March last, That, as the Said Ninth resolution does not enable the Auditors to discharge those Accounts, the Auditors request the Directions of this Congress on the subject.

Determined that the Officers shall be allowed the like number of Rations as the Continental Officers of like ranks are allowed. But that the Officers who, in any Instance, have not had the full Complement of Men on Duty or fatigued agreeable to the said Ninth Resolution be allowed only a proportion of pay & a proportion of the Value of Rations in the proportion to the number of Men they had on fatigued bears to the Numbers Ordered for a Regiment or a Company by the Said Ninth Resolution of the fourteenth day of March last.

Rob't Benson — Sec'y

In Committee of Safety of the State of New York — Fishkill November 8th 1776.

Resolved that this Committee will Pay wages and the Value of the Rations remaining due to such of the Officers and men belonging to Coll. Smith's regiment as are now actually within such parts of this or the neighbouring States as are not in the possession of the enemy for the time they have respectively been in Service.

Resolved that a copy of the above Resolution be served on Lieut. Coll. Sands and that he be Directed to Procure muster Rolls to be returned to this Committee, or Convention of this State, under the Oath of the Officers commanding Companies Containing the Names of those men only who are now within such parts of this or the Neighbouring States as are not in the Possession of the enemy.

Resolved that the President or Vice President & the Chairman of each Respective County Committee in this State be empowered to administer Such Oaths.

Rob't Benson, Sec'y.

The documents contain many elaborate tables " Calculated for the Use of the Militia Officers of the State of New York to shew them at one View the Amount of there pay from one day to three Months at the present pay of the American Army". The laws of Oct. 4, 1780, and Apr. 21, 1787 refer more particularly to the payment of the Soldiers.

This is to Certify that I John Kline of Hurley in the County of Ulster and State of New York have Bargind and Sold to James Roe of Kingston Silver Smith my Wages Which Shall grow Due for my Service as a Soldier upon the frontears Commenced the twenty Ninth Day of April 1782 and to Continue till the first Day of Jenuary Ensuing Unless sooner Discharged for the Consideration of two Pounds to me paid in In hand, James Roe is hearby Empowerd to Receve my Said Wages which shall grow Due for my said Sarvis from any Pay Master which shall be appinted and his Receipt Shall be a Suffichunt Voucher to the Said Pay Master.

As Witness my hand this Seventh  
Day of May 1782.

Anthonie Hofman  
Nathaniel Coleman

his  
John X Kline.  
mark

Please deliver unto the Bearer hereof the Certificate for the Wages due to John Kline for his Service in the Levies in 1782 and his Receipt Shall be your Discharge.

Kingston Aug. 2nd 1784.

James Roe.

To whom it may Concern.

Recd. October 20th., 1792 from Gerard Bancker, Treasr., a Certificate for Fifteen pounds Seventeen Shillings and nine pence in full for depreciation of Pay due me as a Serjeant during the late War.

£15.17.9

N.B. He produced his discharge from the Commander in Chief.

Jacob Hicks.

Hoosick March 25th 1786.

Sir —, Please to pay unto the Barer Joel Abbot the sertificates signed by the Treasurer of the State of New York Beloning to me for servises Don in your Regiment of Millisha and this Receipt shall be your Discharge from me.

Jonathan Russell

Ephraim Marsh jun.

Just before the end of the War, in 1780, Joseph Gasherie, John Haring and Thomas Moffatt were appointed Auditors to Liquidate the Accounts of the Troops. Their accounts were voluminous and well-kept:—

The State of New York in Acct Current with John Haring, Joseph Gasherie & Thomas Moffatt Auditors, appointed to Liquidate & settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States

Dr.	To John Haring as pr his Acct herewith deld. . . . .	£269.12.
	To Joseph Gasherie as pr his Accot herewith deld . . . . .	510.15
	To Thomas Moffatt as pr his Accot herewith deld . . . . .	452. 3.
	To Cash paid by the Auditors to Samuel Loudon for printing, Paper &c per his Accot herewith deliverd. . . . .	79. 9.
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		£1311.19
Cr.	By Cash reced of the State Treasurer by Virtue of the Act for liquidating & settling the Accots of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States passed the 4th October 1780. . . . .	£100.
	By Cash rece'd of the State Treasurer agreeable to the Act for the payment of Certain Contingentiés passed the 11th April 1782 . . . . .	150.
	By ditto rece'd of ditto agreeable to the Act for the payment of the Salaries of the Several Officers of Government passed the 11th May 1784. . . . .	400.
	By Balance due the Auditors . . . . .	661.19
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		£1311.19

To Balance due the Auditors. . . . .	£661.19
New York 1st March 1785	John Haring Joseph Gasherie Thos Moffatt

Dr. The State of New York in Account current with Thomas Moffatt and Joseph Gasherie two of the Auditors Appointed to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the late Troops of the State of New York, in the Service of the United States.

1788 June 16 To Thomas Moffatt as per Acct. . . . .	£101.5
To Joseph Gasherie as pr do. . . . .	115.1.6
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	£216.6.6

Errors Excepted pr  
 Thos. Moffatt } Auditors  
 Joseph Gasherie }

The Soldiers were often paid in lands taken from the Tories:—

C No. 4641 STATE of NEW YORK, July 31, 1780.  
 THIS CERTIFICATE will entitle Harry Geraldman Serjeant in the fifth New York Regiment or his Assigns, to receive from the Treasury of this State, at the expiration of the present War, the Sum of Eleven pounds Eleven Shillings and two pence in Gold or Silver, at the rate of Eight Shillings for a Spanish milled Dollar, with Interest for the same, at the Rate of Five per Cent. per Annum, from the Date hereof; and, at any Time until redeemed, shall be received in Payment upon Purchases of Confiscated Lands, for the Amount of the Principal and Interest thereof, at the same Rate with Specie; according to an Act, entitled "An Act to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States", Passed the 4th of October 1780.  
 £11.11.2 Joseph Gasherie } Auditors  
 Thos. Moffatt }

A Schedule of the Books, Accounts Vouchers, Certificates, Checks Blanks and papers belonging to the Office of the Auditors appointed to Liquidate and settle the accounts of the late Troops of the State of New York in the Service of the United States. Vizt.

		For the depreciation of pay.			
Commissioned officers		1 Bundle	No.	1 to 100	
		1 do		101	200
		1 do		201	277
1st Regiment		1 do		1	100
		1 do		101	145 also Accounts marked A to G
2d do		1 do		1	100
		1 do		101	206
3rd do		1 do	marked A to K and No.	1 to 37	
4th do		1 do	marked A, B and No.	3 to 100	
		1 do		No. 101 to 176	
5th do		1 do	marked A. and No.	3 to 100	
		1 do		No. 101 to 200	
		1 do		201	261
Livingston do		1 do		1	85
Artillery do		1 do		1	100
		1 do		101	139
Spencers & Malcoms do		1 do		1	92
Warners do		1 do		1	34
Hazens do		1 do		1	27
Cavalry		1 do		1	15
Invalids		1 do		1	9
Militia		1 do		1	53
Artificers		1 do		1	43
		1 do	containing certificates of Pierce and others concerning the Hospital and Medical department		
		1 Bundle	Receipts No. 1 to 13		
		1 Bond	of John L. Hardenbergh et alias dated the 28th February 1783		
		8 Alphabetical	Books of Accounts		
		one book	a general Statement of the Accounts for the deprecia- tion of pay.		
		one do	for the pay of 1781		

For the pay of 1781.

1 Book,	the Return of the paymaster of the 1st New York Regiment				
1 do	do	2nd do			
1 do	do	2nd do	Artillery		
1 do	Vouchers for the pay of 1781				
1 Bundle	Orders marked	A	1 do	marked	I
1 do	do	B	1 do	do	K
1 do	do	C	1 do	do	L
1 do	do	D	1 do	do	M
1 do	do	E	1 do	do	N
1 do	do	F	1 do	do	O
1 do	do	G	1 do	do	P
1 do	do	H			
1 do	containing Pierces and Foxes Certificates for 1781				

Artificers

The Checks for the pay 1781 No. 1 to 1927  
do for the depreciation of pay No. 1 to 4694  
1 Bundle Blank Certificates for depreciation of pay  
1 do do for the pay of 1781  
To £1133.15. 1 in depreciation certificates signed by the Audi-  
tors as per the list signed and delivered by them may  
appear.  
To £3821.16 in certificates for the pay of 1781 Signed by the  
Auditors as per the list Signed and delivered by them may  
appear.

June 16th 1788

Thos Moffat }  
Joseph Gasherie } Auditors

The above was indorsed by the State Treasurer, as follows:—

Two Lists of Certificates which the Auditors for Army accounts left into the hands of Gerard Bancker State Treasurer which he is directed by law to deliver to the Individuals or to their legal representatives when demanded Vizt

One list for the Depreciation of pay amounting to . . . . .	£1133.15.1
One ditto for the pay of 1781 amounting to. . . . .	3821.16
	£4955.11.1

In settling the claims of the State of New York against the United States for money paid to the Soldiers, this comment, relating to one of the claims, was made by the Auditor General, Peter T. Curtenius " Capt. Alexr Harper's pay Roll £400.2.2. for his Services & the men under him for guides &c on the Western Expedition. This service was perform'd at the request of Gen'l James Clinton who was an Officer acting under the Authority of the United States. Therefore this is a Claim against the United States & not against this State ". Further comments by the Auditor-General, on this subject, will be found, below, in " Claims of the State against the United States ".

**The Pay of the Continental Army**

The documents contain many references to the Pay of the Continental Soldiers, and to the action of the Continental Congress thereon. (See the reference named in the last paragraph).

The Continental Congress ordered that the Pay of the Army, in 1775 and 1776, should be, in " Lawful " money (a slight discount from " New York " money) per month as follows:— Brigade Major, \$33; Colonel, £15; Lieutenant Colonel, £12; Major, £10; Captain, £8; Lieut., £5:8; Adjut. & Qr. Mastr., £5:10; Ensign, £4; Sergeant, £2:8; Corp<sup>l</sup>. Drum & fife £2:4; Private, £2. This made the daily pay of a private 1 sh. 4 d.

The Congress also allowed these Rations:— " Since 27 May 1777 when they find themselves, when they are in the field where they can draw Provisions it is supposed they draw one ration if they neglect it it is their own loss & are not to be allow<sup>d</sup> for it": A Sub, 2; Capt., 3; Major, 4; Colol., 6; Lt. Colol., 5; Surg., 4; Mate, 2; Adjut., in additt<sup>n</sup> to his Comm<sup>r</sup>., 1; Qr. Master, 1; Paymaster, 1; Private, 1.

The Dragoons in the Continental service were allowed the following monthly Pay, in Dol- lars:— Lieut. Col., 75; Major, 60; Captains, 50; Lieutenants, 33 1/3; Cornets, 26 2/3; Ser-

jeants, 15; Corporals, 10; Trumpeters, 10; Farriers, 10; Private Dragoons, 8  $\frac{1}{3}$ . A ration of Forage  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The following Resolves were passed by the Continental Congress:

October 7, 1776, Monthly Pay of the American Army Commencing January 1, 1777 to the 27th May, 1778 — Pay pr Month:— Colonel, 75 dollars; Lieut. Colonel, 60; Major, 50; Chaplain, 33  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Surgeon, 60; Surgeon's Mate, 40; Quarter Master, 27  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Pay Master, 40; Captain, 40; Lieut., 27; Ensign, 20; Adjutant, 40; Serg. Major, 9; Qr. Mast. Sergt., 9; Drum Major, 8  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Fife Major, 8  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Sergeant, 8; Corporal, 7  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Drum, 7  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Fife, 7  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Private, 6  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

October 14, 1776. That one penny be allowed in lieu of rations to such men as have paid their expences while on their march to and from the camp from & to their respective homes.

December 21, 1776. That Gen. Washington be directed to pay the militia that may Reinforce his Army, in the same manner as his other troops are paid; and that on their discharge one penny a mile be allowed in lieu of rations to support them on their march to their respective places of abode.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN ARMY, MAY 27TH, 1778.

	Pay.	Subsistence.	
Commissioned	1 Colonel & Captain	75 doll. pr Mo	50 doll. pr Mo
	1 Lt. Colonel & Captain	60	40
	1 Major & Captain	50	30
	6 Captains each	40	20
	1 Capt. Lieut.	26 $\frac{2}{3}$	10
	8 Lieutenants each	26 $\frac{2}{3}$	10
	9 Ensigns each	20	10
	x Paymaster	20	
	x Adjutant	13	
	x Qr. Master	13	
	1 Surgeon	60	30
	1 Surgeon's Mate	40	10
	1 Sergeant Major	10	
	1 Quarter Master Sergeant	10	
27 Sergeants each	10		
1 Drum Major	9		
1 Fife Major	9		
18 Drummers & fifers each	7 $\frac{1}{3}$		
27 Corporals each	7 $\frac{1}{3}$		
Rations to be pd. to 1 June 1778 at 2/8 N. Y. Cury.			
447 Privates each	6 $\frac{2}{3}$		

x To be taken from the Line and paid, as above, in addition to their pay as officers in the Line

ARTILLERY'S MONTHLY PAY, MAY 27, 1778.

	Pay per Month.	Subsistence.
1 Colonel	100 dollars	50 dol. pr Mo
1 Lieut. Colonel	75	40
1 Major	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	30
12 Captains each	50	20
12 Capt. Lieuts. each	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	10
12 first Lieuts. each	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	10
36 Secd. Lieuts. each	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	10

	Pay per Month.	Subsistance.
x Pay Master	25 dollars	
x Adjutant	16	
x Qr. Master	16	
1 Surgeon	75	30 dol. pr Mo
1 Surgeon's Mate	50	10
1 Sergeant Major	11 23/90th	
1 Quarter Mastr. Sergt.	11 23/90th	
1 fife Major	10 38/90	
1 drum Major	10 38/90	
72 Sergeants each	10	
72 Bombardiers each	9	
72 Corporals each	9	
72 gunners each	8 2/3	
24 drums & fifes each	8 2/3	
336 Mattrosses each	8 1/3	
1777		
Apr. 11		
Brigade Major	50 doll. pr mo.	
Regim <sup>l</sup> Chaplain	40 Do	
Judge Advocate	60 Do	

x To be taken from the Line and paid, as above, in addition to their pay as officers in the Line.

In 1783, a Lieutenant of Infantry, in the Line of the United States Army, was paid \$26 2/3 per month; and two rations per day, valued at \$8., per month.

### Bounties

The Provincial Congress, Aug. 1, 1775, resolved that every Officer enlisting a man should be paid \$1. for each Soldier passing Muster, the Officer paying the expense of such enlistment. Soon afterward, a bounty of \$50 was allowed to Soldiers enlisting in the Levies; and there is in evidence a receipt of Capt. Isaac Belknap, dated Nov. 6, 1776, for \$525 paid by the Committee of Ulster County for 21 men belonging to his Company of Rangers. It appeared to be the business of the several County Committees to provide the Bounty money at that period of the War.

Oxford 25th July 1776 then received of William Allison Esqr. Nine hundred and Nineteen pounds Seventeen shillings and four pence for paying the Bounty of the troops to be raised on the North Side of the Mountains in Orange County agreeable to a resolve of the Convention of the State of New York of the 15th Instant.

pr me Elihu Marvin.

Oyster Bay 13th August 1776 Recvd of George Townsend by the hand of Samuel Townsend Six hundred and twenty two pound 14/8 being money Sent by the Convention of the State of New York to pay the Bounty of men Lately raised in Queens County for the purpose of Guarding the Stock of the Said County.

For Colo. John Sands  
Thomas Jackson.

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York Fishkill November 2d 1776.

Captain Elias Hasbrouck applied for the Second Moiety of the Bounty for 25 Men of his Company who are enlisted and Mustered as appears by the Muster Roll delivered in —

Thereupon ordered that Robert Boyd Esqr Chairman of the committee of Ulster County pay to Captn. Elias Hasbrouck the sum of three hundred and twelve dollars and one half of a dollar in full for the Bounty of the said Twenty five Men Out of the money formerly deposited in his hands for advancing the first Moiety of the Bounty to the rangers raised in Ulster County — that Mr Boyd take duplicates of a receipt from Captain Hasbrouck for that Money — the Duplicates of that receipt to be of the same Tenor and Date and declaring that they are duplicates and for the same sum.

John McKesson, Secry.

The Committee of Safety for the State of New York, Fishkill November 5th 1776.

Whereas it appears by a Certificate signed by the Chairman of the County Committee of Ulster County that Captn. Isaac Bellknap and the other officers of his Company are duly qualified according to the resolutions of the Convention of this state — And by the Muster Roll of the said Company signed and Subscribed by the officers it appears that the Said Company consists of Twenty one Non-Commissioned Officers and privates — Ordered that Robert Boyd Esquire Chairman of the Committee of Ulster County pay to Captn. Isaac Bellknap Two hundred and Sixty two Dollars and One half of a Dollar in full for the Second or last Moiety of the Bounty of the said Twenty One Rangers raised in Ulster County out of the Money formerly deposited in his hands for advancing the first Moiety of the Bounty to the said Rangers — that Mr. Boyd take duplicates of the receipt from Captn. Bellknap for that Money — The Duplicates of that receipt to be of the same Tenor and Date and declaring that they are duplicates and for the same Sum

N. B. the said Muster Roll is filed in the Auditor Generals Office.

John McKesson, Secy

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York Decr. 16th 1776.

Resolved that the Treasurer of this State advance, on the Credit of the United States to Col Lewis Dubois, or his order the Sum of fifteen hundred Pounds on Account of Bounty Money for recruiting his Regiment.

£1500

By order

John Williams Chairman.

Attest

Robt Benson, Secry

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, July 25th; 1776.

Ordered that Peter Van brugh Livingston Esquire as Treasurer advance to Capt James Stewart the Sum of One hundred and Forty four Pounds in order to enable him to advance the Bounty to those men he may enlist in his Company agreeable to the Resolutions of this Convention of this Day and take his Receipt to be accountable for the same to the Treasurer of this State.

Robt. Benson Secry.

Recd. July 26th. 1776. from P. VB. Livingston one hundred and forty four pounds in full for the within written Order.

£144

James Stewart.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Harlem August 21st., 1776.

Orderd that Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esqr as Treasurer advance to Capt. John Wisner 580 Dollars to enable him to pay one half of the Bounty to the Privates and non-commissioned Officers of his Company as part of the Militia of Orange County raised or to be raised agreeable to the Resolutions of this Convention of the 16th. Day of July last. Captn. Wisner to be accountable to this Convention or their Order, & to the Coll. of the Regiment to which he belongs for the Disposition of that Money. And the Coll. of the Regiment to which Captain Wisner belongs being at present on Duty at Kings Bridge, Ordered that Colo. Allison and Colo. Hawthorn, or either of them to be are hereby impowered authorized and requested to muster the Men of Captn. Wisner's Company previous to their receiving one half of their Bounty.

John McKesson Secry.

Recd. August 21st., 1776. from P. VB. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker five hundred and eighty Dollars in full for the within Order.

Dollars 580.

John Wisner.

No. 904 Capt. John Wisner £ 232 0 0.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Aug't. 24th., 1776.

Resolved and Ordered that Peter VB Livingston Esqr as Treasurer of this Convention advance to Colo. Isaac Nicoll Seventy two pounds to enable him to pay the one Moiety of the Bounty due to eighteen privates of his Regiment and muster the said Men, Col Nicoll to be accountable to this Convention for the disposition of that Money

Robt Benson, Secry.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, October 4th., 1776.

Resolved that the Sum of Six thousand four hundred and twelve dollars and two eights of a dollar being the remaining part of the Bounty and one Months wages and rations due to the officers and Men of the four Companies of Rangers raised and established for the immediate protection and defence of the Counties of Cumberland and Gloucester under the command of Major Joab Hoisington forthwith Transmitted for their use.

Resolved that Mr. Sessions and Mr. Taylor be requested to repair to the County of Cumberland and unite with Col. Marsh one of the Members of the said County as a Committee from this Convention to see the Preceeding Resolutions of this Convention carried into execution.

Resolved that the Treasurer of this State pay to the said Committee the before mentioned Sum of Six thousand four hundred and Twelve Dollars and two eights of a dollar for the purposes above mentioned and the further Sum of Two hundred dollars to defray the charge of their Journey for the expenditure of which they are to be accountable to this Convention.

John McKesson, Secry.

Received New Windsor 30th May 1781 of Capt Thomas Machin the sum of twenty pounds in Bills of the New Emission of this State for Bounty for which I inlisted to serve During the War in Col John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery—

£20.0.0

John Cannon

Saml. Logan

The Continental Congress, Oct. 8, 1776, resolved that a suit of clothes should be given " as a Bounty to the Soldiers who shall list during the War ". The same Congress, March 9, 1779, recommended that each State should fill its complement of men by drafts; that a Bounty of \$200 should be given to each draft; and that each State should be credited for \$200 for each recruit it brought into the field for three years.

Kingston 3d., September 1777.

The following Articles of Cloathing Deliverd The Continental Troops Of the State of New York as a Bounty are as follows. Vizt.

2 Shirts . . . . .	@ 24/	£2	8	
2 pair Shoes . . . . .	@ 16/	1	12	
2 pair Stockings . . . . .	@ 10/8	1	1	4
1 pair B. Skin breeches . . . . .	@ 60/	3		
2 Frocks . . . . .	@ 13/	1	6	
1 Hatt . . . . .			10	
2 pair Overalls . . . . .	@ 16/	1	12	
1 Jacket Or Vest . . . . .		2	8	

£13 17 4

The Above Quoted prices are Averag'd as near prime Cost as possible.

John Henry, (Commy. Cloathg.  
State N. York)

Bounty of Cloathing allowd for a Year by the Instructions for Inlistment Dated Dec 15, 1776 Vizt.

- 2 Linen hunting Shirts
- 2 Pr Hose
- 2 Pr Overhalls
- 1 Leather or Woollen Waistcoat with Sleeves
- 1 Pr Breeches
- 1 Hatt or leathern Cap and
- 2 Pr Shoes

Amounting in the whole to the Value of 20 Dollars.

The claims of the State against the United States for moneys expended in Bounties are voluminous; but they are unsatisfactory because they are not footed. An apparent summary charges the United States with \$597171 32/90

Later in the war, July 1, 1780, a law provided that a Soldier enlisting in the Continental Battalions from the Levies should have a Bounty of one and a half bushels of Wheat for each month of his service; and that the same Bounty should be paid to every man joining the Levies from the Militia. The Wheat, it was also provided, should be taken by impress, and the paper money given therefor was receivable for Taxes.

By his Excellency George Clinton Esq Governor of the State of New York &c &c  
To Stephen Burges, Greeting —

Pursuant to an Act entitled "An Act to complete the continental Battalions raised under the Direction of this State" (Passed July 1, 1780) You are hereby authorized to impress for your own Use as a Bounty for your Service in the fourth Regiment of this State in the Service of the United States agreeable to the annexed Certificate Ten Bushels of Wheat from any Person whom Matthew Adgate Esq shall deem can conveniently spare the same & whose name shall by him be endorsed on this Warrant

Given at Poughkeepsie this 11th June 1781  
By his Excellency's Command  
Robt. Benson, Secry.

[Indorsed] Kings District Recd of Hosea Bules the amount of the within mentioned ten bushels of Wheat

Geo. Clinton  
Steven Burges

(See, also, Land Bounty Rights in the Chapter on the "Surveyor-General").

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### Pensions

Patrick Farrel was the Commissioner of Pensions. The Board to Examine Invalids consisted of Col. Peter Gansevoort, Richard Platt, Surgeon Nicholas Schuyler, Gen. Philip Schuyler, Gen. Abraham Ten Broeck and Richard Varick.

A concurrent Resolution of the Legislature, Mar. 5, 1783, provided that certain soldiers, having produced the necessary evidence conformable to the Acts of Congress and the law of this State, are entitled to receive one half of their monthly pay from the time of their being wounded. The more important of the laws relating to pensions were passed as follows:— Mar. 10, 1779; Mar. 18, 1783; Apr. 17, 1784; Apr. 22, 1786; Mar. 26, 1794. Some of the Pension papers are very complete, as many as eight or ten being in connection with a single name. But there were many Pensions, evidence of which does not appear in these documents.

The applications describe the location and nature of the wounds; and from these it would seem that no one was wounded in the back. A list of the Pensioners, as evidenced by the documents, will be found on page 71 of "New York in the Revolution".

An accounting of the State with the United States, in 1789, showed that the State should have credit for \$24,133 45/90 more than the \$67,076 69/90 already charged to the United States. The following was the usual way of sending in an account:—

United States Dr. to State of New York for Seven Years half pay paid by said State. Interest calculated at 6 pr Ct. Ann<sup>m</sup> to 1st January 1787.

Number of Vouchers	To whom paid	Interest Com-mencing	Prin-cipal £ S D	Amount in Dollars Dollars 90ths	Time of Interest			Interest Dollars 90ths		
					Y	M	D	Dollrs	90ths	
No. 1	Children of Dederick Wooleber	1781 Augt 6th	112	280	5	4	25	90	66	
2	Widow of James Bradt	1782 Augt 31	112	280	4	4		72	72	
3	Widow of John Lee	1783 July 15	112	280	3	5	15	58	9	
4	Children of Aaron Knapp	1782 Jany. 15	112	280	4	11	15	83	27	
5	Children of Jacobus Crans	1781 Octobr 6	112	280	5	2	25	87	87	
				560	1400				392	81

State of New York Dr. to Thomas Done

To my half Pay as an Invalid Private from 15 feby to 15 aug 1785 is 6 Months at 6/8 pr Mh

£ 8.

Recapitulation of Monies paid to Invalids

Audited by Comfort Sands Esqr agreeable to an Act passed 10 March 1779	£ 649. 19. 10
" P. T. Curtenius Esqr agreeable to ditto Act in the year 1782	1485. 9. 3
" " " " " " " " " " " 1783	54. 12.
" " " " " " " " " " " 1784	3384. 13.
" " " " " " " " " " " 1785	2115. 8. 8
" " " " " " " " " " " 1786	2571. 10. 7
Partial Supports at different times	696. 7. 11
Paid by G. Bancker Esqr agreeable to an Act passed 18 March 1783 in 1783	406. 8.
" " " " " " " " " " " 1784	1423. 10.
" " " " " " " " " " " 1785	1209. 5. 4
Audited & Paid agreeable to an Act passed 22 April 1786	8323. 1

£23520. 7. 1 £23520. 7. 1

Sir

Accountants Office New York Novr 25th 1788.

I have revised sundry accounts, the State of New York against the United States, for Pensions paid to Invalids conformably to Acts of Congress of the 26th August 1776; 25th Sept 1778; 23d April 1782; and 7th June 1785; and find— That agreeably to Accounts herewith, marked A, B, & C, they make the following charges, Vizt

In Account A, to Amount of	£10760. 15. 10
to which add balance of a/c Error	24. £10784. 15. 10
Ditto, B, to Amount of	3039. 3. 4
from which deduct bal. a/c Errors	139. 17. 4 2899. 6.
Ditto, C, to Amount of	22868. 7.
from which deduct bal. a/c Error	68. 6. 8 22800. 0. 4
Amounting in the whole to	£36484. 2. 2 Equal Dollars 91,210. 24

That agreeably to an Act of Congress of the 11th June 1788, the said State is entitled to Credit on Account of Requisitions for the following Sums extracted from the accounts which have accrued on sundry distinct periods of time, as pr Abstracts herewith Viz

Abstract No. 1 This Sum, being amount of pensions charged in account marked A, which accrued between the 1st January 1782 and the 31st December 1784 inclusive £4646.13. 3  
 Ditto marked Aa accrued on the years 1785 & 1786 850.11. 3 5497. 4. 6

Also to credit for this Sum, being for balance of the above mentioned account marked B, which accrued on the years 1783, 1784 & 1785 2899. 6.

That the State is entitled to a further Credit on a/c of requisitions for sundry payments to Pensioners charged in account marked C agreeably to the following Abstracts therefrom Viz

No. 2 Accrued between the 1st January 1782 and 31st December 1784, inclusive £7034. 3. 9

Abstract marked Cc being sundry Sums accrued on the following years  
 viz  
 1785 4157. 1. 11  
 1786 5132. 11. 3  
 and to 1st June 1787 2110. 6. 9 18434. 3. 8

Amount to Credit of requisitions £26830.14. 2 Equal  
 to Dollars 67,076.69/90

That agreeably to the beforementioned Abstracts No. 1 & 2 the said State has made sundry payments on account of Pensions which have accrued previous to the 1st January 1782 for Amount of which the State is entitled to Credit in account Current agreeably to the aforesaid Act of Congress viz

No 1 To Amount of £5287.11. 4  
 2 ditto 4365.16. 8 £9653. 8.

Equal to 24133.45

Amounting to Ninety one thousand two hundred and ten dollars, 91210.24  
 twenty four Ninetieths, Dollars

Jno Woodside Clk of Accounts

To Joseph Hardy Esqr  
 Accountant

J. Hardy Acpth

The United States To the State of New York Dr.

For monies paid to Invalids agreeable to Resolves of Congress and Laws of the Legislature of Said State Viz

Agreable to Resolves of Congress dated 26 August 1776 & 25 Sept 1778 and a Law of the State passed the 10th March 1779

Paid in 1779 £ 226. 8.  
 1780 37. 16.  
 1781 122. 13. 4  
 1782 1846. 13. 3  
 1783 1254. 12.  
 1784 3384. 15. 5  
 1785 2115. 8. 8  
 1786 996. 1. 3  
9984. 7. 11

Partial Supports pd in 1784	£548.19. 6
in 1785	227. 8. 5 £776. 7.11 10760.15.10

Agreable to a Resolve of Congress dated the 23d April 1782 & a Law of the State passed the 18th March 1783

Paid in 1783	406. 8.
1784	1423.10.
1785	1209. 5. 4 3039. 3. 4

Agreable to a Resolve of Congress dated June 7 1785 & a Law of the State passed 22d April 1786

Paid up to the 1st June 1786	10997.18. 9
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Paid agreable to the same Resolve & law up to the 1st June 1787

24797.17.11
11070. 8. 3

£36668. 6. 2

Thus far the Invalid account has been made out & delivered agreable to the Resolution of the House of Assembly of the 1st Feby 1787

Agreable to a Resolve of Congress of the 11th June 1788 & paid to the 1st Janu- ary 1788 amountg to £8287. 7. 8

8287. 7. 8

£44955.13.10

N. B. this last account has not been delivered in but there is no doubt but it will be admitted because it is made out exactly conformabl to the last mentioned resolve commencg the 1st Jany 1782 & Ending the 1st Jany 1788

By the Statement of the Invalid Acct Received from the Accompt- ant of the Treasury Board the State has Credit on the Specia Requi- sition for

£26830.14. 2

ad to this what has been pd to the 1st Jan 1788

8287. 7. 8 35118.11.10

£9837.12. 0

The following were common forms of certificates and affidavits:—

We the Subscribers Abraham Ten Broeck and Peter Gansevoort Junr Do Certify that upon an Examination, in pursuance of the Law, entitled "An Act making Provision for Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States". Passed the 22d of April, 1786, We do find that James Adams residing in the State of New York—Ages fifty two Years, late a Sarjeant in Capn Bleeckers Compy in the Regiment of Continental Troops Commanded by Coll Van Schaick and Claiming Relief under the Act of Congress, recited in the said Law, as an invalid in Fact; and that he became disabled in the Service of the United States, in Consequence of his Sight Nearly Lost—And Do further Certify, that upon the Principles of the said Act of Congress, the said James Adams is entitled to the Pay of five Dollars per Month.

GIVEN under our Hands, in the City of Albany, on the fourteenth Day September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hun- dred and Eighty-Six

Abm Ten Broeck  
Peter Gansevoort

This day appeared before me Robert McClallen Esqr one of the Justices of the Peace of the City and County of Albany and State of New York James Adams & Made Oath, that he was Examined By Genl Abraham Ten Broeck & Genl Peter Gansevoort Esqr Commissioners appointed by said State for that purpose obtained a Certificate Setting forth that he Served as a Serjeant in Capt. Bleeckers Company in the Regiment of Continental Troops

Commanded By Colo Goose Van Schaaick & that he was Disabled in the Service of the United States in Consequence of his Sight Being Impaired & that he Now lives in the City of Albany & State aforesaid

Given under my Hand

James Adams

Sworn before me Robert McClallen

Albany 20th may 1788

Other Pension papers, of a different form, give interesting facts relating to the War:—

City of New York ss

Richard Allison of Bethlehem in Orang County Farmer being duly sworn maketh Oath that during the late War to wit some Time in May in the Year 1778 he inlisted as a private Soldier in Captain Israel Smith's Company in the 4th New York Regiment in the Service of the United States Commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston for nine months that on the twenty-eighth Day of June in the Year one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight at the Battle of Monmouth while in the Company Regiment & Service aforesaid he was taken prisoner & when taken received four Wounds from the Enemy by a Cutlass one of which on the Head one other on his Neck which is much weakened by Reason of the Sinews being Cut, one other on the Right Shoulder & one on his Right Arm that he remained in Captivity about six Weeks that he was then exchanged & put into the Hospital. That by Reason of these several Wounds he is rendered in a great Measure incapable of obtaining his Livelihood by Labor, that on the Seventeenth Day of May last he was twenty nine Years of Age & that he now actually resides in Bethlehem aforesaid.

Sworn this fourth day of Sepr. 1789

Richard Allison

Before me Richard Varick Recorder

State of New York

Orange County

This may certify that Henry Brewster was Lieut. in a late Regiment of Militia raised within this State under my command. That he was on actual duty commanding a Company at Fort Montgomery on the 6th of October 1777 when the said Fort was taken by assault. That it was his fortune to be in a Redoubt commanded by Lieut. Col. McClaghry, who with his men defended it till they were many of them kill'd and wounded by the Enemys Bayonets. That the said Lieut. Henry Brewster at that time received several wounds by Bayonets in different parts of his Body, and a violent bruise on the head from the butt of a firelock. That myself the Subscriber Lieut. Brewster and many others were carried Prisoners on board one of the enemys Ships called the Archer where the Subscriber saw him and supposed from the nature of his wounds that he could scarcely survive them. That one of his wounds aforesaid was by the thrust of a Bayonet, which entered his right side near the small of his Back reaching the Same and disabling him to that degree that myself and other officers of his acquaintance were of opinion that if he survived it would render him unfit for farther Service or Labour as a farmer.

In consequence of his said wounds when he arrived at New York was taken to the Hospital and from thence on board of a prison Ship where he suffered almost unto death. I think that Lieut. Brewster must (from what knowledge I have of the matter be in a great measure incapacitated from gaining a livelihood by Industry.

Given Under My Hand at Goshen in Said County ye 2d Day of October 1786

William Allison. [Col.]

Albany to wit. Timothy Bowen of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck in the County of Albany deposeth and saith upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he this Deponent being a private Soldier in Captain Walter Vrooman's Company in the Regiment of Levies raised in this State whereof John Harper was Colonel was on the twenty third Day of October one thousand seven hundred and Eighty captured by the Enemy at Oneida in the State aforesaid and conveyed to and committed to Prison in Canada. That having found Means to escape from his

Confinement he was afterwards apprehended by a Party one of whom wounded him dangerously in the Belly with the Muzzle of a Musquet And his Hands being tied behind him for the Purpose of reconducting him to Prison with greater Safety they were so affected by the Frost as to occasion the Loss of the upper Joints of six of his Fingers. And this Deponent further saith that he was attended in his Illness consequent to those Injuries by a Surgeon or Physician belonging to the British Army. That whenever he performs Work in which it is necessary to bend his Body the Injury which he has received as aforesaid by the Wound in his Belly occasions such violent Pains that he is obliged to desist from his Labor. And further that he has a Family and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn this Third Day of August 1785

before me

John Ten Broeck Alderman.

Coll Frederick Fisher Came before me Simon Veeder one of the Justices of the County of Montgomery in the State of New York and made Oath that he was examined by Abraham Ten Brook and Peter Gansevoort Junier Esquires, appointed by the said State for that purpose obtained a Certificate or had his Certificate Examined and Countersigned Setting forth that he had served as a Colonel of the Militia in the County of Montgomery that he was disabled by being wounded & Scalped at Caughnawaga on the 22 day of May 1780 by a Party of the Indians and that he now Lives in the District of Caughnawaga in the County of Montgomery.

Sworn Before me this 2d Day of May 1789

Fredk Fisher [Col.]

Simon Veeder Justice

To Gerrard Banker Esqr.

Trassurer of the State of New York.

State of New York }  
City of New York } ss

Jacob Gardineer of Mohawk's District in the County of Montgomery Blacksmith & Farmer being duly sworn maketh Oath That during the late war he was Captain of a Company in the Regiment of Montgomery (then Tryon County) Militia commanded by Colo. Frederick Fisher; That in August 1777 the same Regiment was ordered to march with others of Militia under the Command of B. Genl Harkimer to the relief of the Garrison of Fort Schuyler then invested by the Troops of the Enemy under the Command of B. Genl. St. Leger; That upon the March of the same regiment to wit on the Sixth Day of the same Month they were attacked by a Party of the Enemy between Oriska & Fort Schuyler aforesaid and were defeated. That in the Action the Deponent received three Wounds one of them in his Left Groin, a Second in his right Thigh and a third in his right Leg. That by Means of the several Wounds aforesaid he is in a great Measure rendered incapable of obtaining a Livelihood by his Trade or other hard Labor; That on the thirty first day of January last he was fifty seven Years of Age and that he now actually resides in Mohawk District in the County of Montgomery aforesd.

Sworn this twelfth Day of April 1787

Jacob Gerdenyir

Before me Richd Varick, Recorder

State of New York }  
City of New York } ss

Robert Harris of the City of New York in the State of New York Gentlemen being duly sworn maketh Oath That he was a Lieut in the Continental Sloop of War, the Reprisal in the Service of the United States commanded by Capt. Lambert Weeks Esquire; That while in the Service aforesaid or. Board of the Sloop aforesd in an Engagement with the Swallow Packet a British Vessel on the fifth day of February in the year 1777 he lost his Left Arm by the accidental Explosion of one of his own Guns: By Means of which he is rendered incapable of obtaining a Livelihood by Labor; That he is about fifty four Years of Age; That he now

actually resides at the City of New York aforesaid; That his pay while a Lieutenant as aforesaid was thirty Dollars per month.

Sworn this fourth Day of Augt. 1787

Before me Richd. Varick, Recorder

Robert Harris

I do certify that Lieut. Talmage Hall of the 7th Connecticut Regiment when under my Command upon the Night of the 16th July 1779 in the Discharge of his duty Gallantly Advancing to the Storm on the British Lines on Stoney Point received two Wounds — one in the Wrist, the other in the Groin.

Given at Totowa this 18th day of Oct 1780

Anty Wayne B. G.

Commg the Penna Line

Recd November 13th 1784 from James Ivery his dischge from the 2d New York Regiment Signed by his Excellency General Washington dated the 6th January 1783, which I am by Law directed to retain in my Hands, on my paying him his pension which I have this day done up to the 2d June 1784. Amounting to £33.14. 8.

Gerard Bancker Treasr.

By His Excellency George Clinton Esquire Governor of the State of New York & Richard Varick of the City of New York Esquire.

We do certify, That in Pursuance of the Law of the State of New York Entitled "An Act making Provision " for Officers, Soldiers & Seamen who have been disabled in the Service of the United States ", We have examined the Case of Matthew Jansen Junr. of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster Farmer and find that during the late War he was Captain of a Company in a Regiment of Levies in the Service of the United States raised in the State of New York in the Year one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Seven & commanded by Colonel William Allison; That the said Matthew Jansen Junr being in actual Service, at Fort Clinton one of the Out Redoubts of Fort Montgomery in the High Lands, in the Night of the sixth of October in the same Year, received an Injury in his left Eye, by a Musket Shot, by which Means the Sight thereof is much impaired; That in attempting to make his Escape from the same Redoubt, after the same was possessed by the Enemy and in Jumping over the Rampart of the Redoubt he fell with the lower Part of his Back on a Rock, by Means whereof his Back is very much weakened & he is in some Measure rendered unable to obtain his Livelihood by Labor; & that on the Second Day of April last he was forty nine Years of Age; Whereof in pursuance of the Law aforesaid, We do further certify, that upon the Principles of the Act of Congress of the Seventh Day of June 1785, the said Matthew Jansen Jun is entitled to receive from the Treasurer of this State an Annual Pension of Sixty Dollars to commence from the first Day of January in the Year one thousand Seven hundred & seventy eight.

Given under our Hands this twentieth Day of March 1788.

To Peter T. Curtenius Esquire

Auditor of the State of New York

George Clinton

Richd Varick

State of New York }  
City of New York } ss

Reuben King of the Township of New Lebanon in the County of Columbia being duly sworn maketh Oath that some time during the late War to wit, in April 1775 he enlisted a private Soldier in Capt. George White's Company in the 2d New York Regiment Commanded by Col. Goose Van Schaick that some time in August he was drafted under the Command of Col. Ethan Allen and detached to go to Montreal; That on the 25th Day of September 1775 in an Engagement at long Point a few Miles below Montreal he received a Wound in his left Arm (by a Musket Ball) which was afterwards amputated by Reason of which Wound he is rendered incapable of obtaining his Livelihood by Labour; That on the twenty first Day of July last he was twenty eight years of Age and that he now actually resides in New Lebanon aforesaid.

Sworn this twenty fifth Day of September 1786

Before me Richd. Varick, Recorder

Reuben King

State of New York }  
 City of New York } ss

Joseph Knapp Jun. of the Out Ward of the City of New York Weaver being duly sworn maketh Oath, that during the late War he resided at Horseneck in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut, And that Some Time in the Beginning of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & eighty, he inlisted as a Private Soldier, for three Months, in a Company of Mungers raised to guard the Lines & Sea Coast; to protect the Country from the Inroads of the Enemy & Commanded by Capt. Isaac Howe of the then Coll. John Meads Regiment of Fairfield County Militia.

That soon after his Inlistment the Deponent with others of the same Company, were, by Orders of Colo. John Mead & by the Adjutant of his Regiment, put under the Command of Capt. Samuel Lockwood, then commanding the Whale Boats in the Sound in the Service of the United States & directed to join Capt. Samuel Keeler's Company of Colo. Matthew Meads Regiment of Connecticut State Troops, then also in the Service of the United States, and to proceed down the in Westchester County in the State of New York, to attack a Party of the Enemy posted there, under the Command of a Colo. Hetfield.

That on or about the ninth or tenth Day of January, the Detachment commanded by Capt. Keeler attacked the Enemy's Post at Westchester afd & captured Coll. Hetfield & some other Officers & some Privates; That upon their Retreat towards Horseneck with the Prisoners they had taken, the Rear of the Detachment commanded by Capt. Keeler was overtaken & attacked by a Party of the Enemy's Horse.

That among others the Deponent was attacked by one of the Enemy's Horsemen & four Fingers of his left Hand were cut off by a Broadsword & he was carried Prisoner to New York where he remained for six Weeks.

That he recd no Pay since the first Day of April 1780. That by Means of his Wound aforesaid he is rendered unable to obtain his Livelihood by his Trade or hard Labour; That on the Seventh Instant he was twenty eight Years of Age And that he now actually resides in the City of New York. afd.

Sworn this thirtieth Day of May 1787

Joseph Knapp

Before me Richd Varick Recorder

State of New York }  
 City of New York } ss

Simon Peterson of the City of New York, Labourer, being duly sworn maketh Oath, that he was a private Soldier in Cap. Saml Sacket's Company in the 4th New York Regt Commanded by Colonel Weissenfels in the Service of the United States — That he was wounded in his ancle at the Battle of New Town, on the Indian Expedition in 1779, in consequence of which, he was transferred to the Corps of Invalids & on the first day of November 1783, he was discharged by his Excellency General Washington — That he was thirty two years old the 1st Janry last — and is incapable of obtaining his Livelihood by labor. That he resides in the poor House of this City.

Sworn this Second Day of June 1786  
 before me

his  
 Simon X Peterson  
 mark

Richd Varick, Recorder.

The Affidavit of John J. Merselles of Constantia Oswego County New York an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. Made in order to supply the loss of the original declaration of the said Applicant which declaration is stated by J. L. Edwards in his letter to said Applicant under date of June 21, 1834 to be lost.

*Oneida County ss:*

Personally appeared before me the under named Justice of the Peace; on the 19th day of July 1834 John J. Merselles an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 to me well known and after being duly sworn deposed and said that he inlisted under Captain Van Ness in the time of the Revolutionary War for three years at Schenectady in

Schenectady County New York the name of the Lieutenant in said Company was Hardenbergh the name of the Ensign Wendell Adjutant Teace (so called) Major McCracken and soon after Vinck was Major in his stead Lieut. Col. Van Dyke and the head Col. Was Van Scaick who was then an elderly man who did not often come to us, that it was after harvest when he enlisted, that he remained in Schenectady on duty untill we were sent up to Rome (now so called) to Fort Stanwix with a drove of cattle with 28 privates under Lieutenant Hardenbergh when we came to Rome Colo Gansevoort who commanded there said that he did not think it safe to go back on saturday towards night there was appearance of Indians and we were there under the orders of Colo. Gansevoort and Sir Johnson made his appearance we schirmished around with him for about 8 days; and in a day or two after Sir Johnson Went off, Van Scaick Regiment under Lieutenant Van Dyke came up to the relief of Colo Gansevoort who soon after marched off with his Regiment (Gansevoorts Regiment and our 28 privates above mentioned fought the Battle with Sir Johnson's men) we remained at Fort Stanwix on duty and under command till the term of my enlistment had expired, and then this deponent staid a few days and drew provisions and subjected himself to orders and duty as tho he was not discharged and on being strongly solicited by his Captain & other Officers who assured him that the War was not going to last a great while longer and offering him an Ensigncy if he would Enlist for and during the War, he yielded to their solicitations and received an Ensign's Commission in the same Company — this deponent remembers while he was in the Fort 36 privates under Ensign Wendell went out to Wood creek to cut sods to repair the Fort all of whom with Colo. Wendell were killd Except two this was in the fall & before my time was up and in the morning before breakfast — that he could mention many circumstances of danger & narrow escape which happened to him and others while there, were it necessary; enough to convince any person who is acquainted with military life and is at all informed in the transactions which transpired at Fort Stanwix while Gansevoort's and Van Dyke's Regiment lay there — that about three months after this deponent enlisted and received an Ensign's Warrant as aforesaid and after the Regiment had gone (a number of us having remained to take care of the stores under Lieutenant Hardenbergh) orders came by an express, for us to march back to Schenectady, as a cessation of hostilities had transpired, we marched back to Schenectady and were marched from that place to Albany under Lieut Hardenbergh, when we came there we drew our pay in what they called " New emission " of Money, soon after that he were discharged.

Sworn & subscribed before me  
this 19th July 1834

his  
John X Merselles  
mark

State of New York }  
City of New York } ss

Gideon Warren of Hampton in the County of Washington Farmer being duly sworn maketh Oath that during the late War to wit in the Year 1775 he was a Captain in the Garrison of Ticonderoga then consisting of Militia on duty in the Service of the United States commanded by Captain Thomas Lusk; That while in the Garrison & Service aforesaid to wit on or about the Middle of May 1775 a certain Abial Brown then in the said Garrison being a Tory or a Madman and having got Possession of a Quantity of Arms, he the Deponent in attempting with several others to pacify or disarm him the said Abial Brown received a Wound in his right Wrist by the Stroke of a Cutlass which almost cut off his Hand & has so much injured his Arm that he is incapable of obtaining his Livelihood by Labor; that on the 12th Day of Decr last he was fifty five Years of Age & now actually resides at Hampton aforesd.

Sworn this fourteenth Day of March 1787  
Before me Richd. Varick, Recorder.

Gideon Warren

The following is the story about Brown:—

I Ebenezer Kellogg Being of Lawful age Do testify that In May A D 1775 I Was Detaitched from Williamstown to ticonderoga Which place We accdingly took then most of the army Were Detaitched to crown point & St Johns and a fellow fell Behind By the Name of Brown

Blonging to pownal and the Company that he Belonged to Were Detayched and the fellow came into the Same Mess to Which I Belonged and I heard him often to Say that he had No thoughts of taking up arms against the King and he Would talk and Rage almost Like a Mad fellow after he had Benn With us two Days a party Returned from Crown point With some prisners and Several of the party Came Into the Same Room In Which I kep and Set up their guns and all Left the Room But My Self & one more and I Was a going out of the Room Brown Spoke to Me thus With a gun In his Hand there Was a party here and they Intend to kill Me and I Entend to kill one first and Drew up, his gun at Me twice and I Run to Call one of our Sergeants Which had pacefyed him Several times and as We Were agoing to Enter the Room again Brown Insisted that he Would kill as Many as he Could and he had By him fifteen guns all Loaded With hanger and a Cutlas and he gave out Such threats We Steped Back and the Door fell to and he fireed and Shot one partly through the Body By the Name of Cammel at Which the Man Cried he Was killed I instantly took hold of him to Lead him away and Some Body Spoke and Says Brown What Do you Mean to act So Says he I have Killed one and I Entend to kill as Many as I Can and Soon fired agin. and there was one Steped to help Lead Cammel By the Name of Harris and as We Were agoing off Brown Shot out of the Window and Shot Harris through the knee and as Soon as We had got the Wounded Safe the Next Cry Was he had Cut off Capt Warrens hand Who I understood Was Endeavouring to pacafy him Soon after the Cry Capt Warren Now Colol Warren Come In Where I Was and the Blood ran Whole Streams and his wrist appeared to Be Biggest part Cut off and farther Deponanth Saith Not.

Ebenr Kellogg

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### American Prisoners of War

Previous to the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776, very few of the Americans had become Prisoners to the Enemy. One thousand were taken after that Battle; and 700 at Fort Washington, when the British came in full possession of the City of New York and its immediate vicinity. The Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed Churches of that City were the first Prisons for the captive Americans. Then other Churches, the Provoost (later the Hall of Records) Columbia College and the sugar houses in Liberty and Duane Streets were used for the same purpose. The accommodations being crowded, transport ships were used in Wallabout Bay, on the Brooklyn shore. The worst of the Prison Ships was the "Jersey". Others were:— the "Scorpion", the "Falmouth", the "Good Hope", the "Chatham" and the "Prince of Wales". While the deaths in the Prisons on shore were frequent, the mortality on the Prison Ships was far worse— as many as 15,000 in the latter case. In 1808, the bones of many of the Prisoners were given public burial in Brooklyn, by the Tammany Society of New York; and, in 1826, a monument was erected to their memory at the Wallabout.

John Beaty, Elias Boudinot, Thomas Franklin, Lewis Pintard and Abraham Skinner were Commissaries of Prisoners; and Thomas Franklin and Garret H. Van Wagenen were Deputy Commissaries. Thomas Linn was director of the Hospital, in Canada. Henry Dodge was Commissary of Prisoners' Pay.

American Prisoners were also kept in New Utrecht, Flatbush (the Bergen Homestead), Gravesend, Flatlands and New Lots— all on Long Island. These Prisoners were taken, for the most part, at Fort Washington, Fort Montgomery and Germantown. Col. Samuel B. Webb, of the Connecticut Line, himself a Prisoner, was active in making exchanges. He corresponded, at great length, with Gen. Washington and the Continental Congress on this subject. Little was done, however, because the British and American authorities could not

agree upon a ratio of exchange. (See Sparks' "Life of Washington"; and the several volumes of "The Public Papers of George Clinton", already published.) Col. John Ely, also of the Connecticut Line, as a Prisoner, ministered to the wants of the Prisoners on Long Island. He was a physician, especially skilled in the treatment of small-pox. His son led a sortie, captured a British officer of equal rank and made all the arrangements for the exchange of Col. Ely. But the latter refused to leave the Prisoners; and he remained with them almost to the end of the War.

Governor Clinton was an active agent in bettering the condition of the Prisoners. He expended as follows:—Dec. 15, 1777, a certain amount to Miss Clopper for three barrels of flour to be delivered to the Prisoners in the General Hospital, in New York City; Nov. 15, 1782, £84 to Captains Ward and Drake for the use of the Prisoners in Canada; Nov. 21, 1782, £3.4. to Capt. Harper for the use of the Prisoners returning from their captivity in Canada; Mar. 26, 1783, £3.14.6 for the same purpose; July, 1783, £175 to Nicholas Covenhoven for money advanced by him to the Prisoners on Long Island; September, 1783, £300 to Colonels Allison and McClaghry, and £2000 to Col. Allison, for the same purpose; Apr. 20, 1784, £30 to Thomas Tillotson for the use of the Prisoners; and, November, 1784, £3.4. to Alexander Harper for the same purpose.

The Governor, Jan. 21, 1783, had raised £25566.17.6 on the credit of the State in this manner:—

Any Person upon Long Island who will advance to Colo. William Allison for the Use of himself and the other Officers of this State Prisoners of War the Sum of Five hundred Pounds in specie shall be repaid as soon as conveniently may be; for which the Faith of the State is hereby pledged— Given under my Hand at Kingston this 20th June 1780

Geo. Clinton.

Received 1 September 1780 of Mr. Rem Cowenhoven the Sum of Three Hundred and Eleven Pounds in Gold and Silver—in part of the Within draft

Wm. Allison Colo.  
N. Y. Militia.

[Indorsed] Recd. April 13th 1785. from Gerard Bancker Treasr. three hundred and eighty two pounds nineteen Shillings in full for the principal and Interest of this Note.

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Jno. R Cowenhoven  
Son and Heir to Rem Cowenhoven

We the Subscribers, received of Coll William Allison the Sum fixed opposite our respective Names for Money Sent in by his Excellency Genl George Clinton for the Use of the Officers taken up the North River at Forts Montgomery and Clinton. New Utright Long Island Novr. 27th. 1777.

Long Island October 23d. 1779.

We the Subscribers do acknowledge to have received of his Excellency George Clinton Esquire Governor of the State of New York the Sums affixed to our several names annexed as witness our hands the day and year above written, recd. by the hands of Col. James Mc. Claghry.

We the Subscribers do hereby Severally acknowledge to have received of his Excellency George Clinton Esqr. by the hands of Colonel William Allison the respective Sums annexed to our names it being Money advanced for our uses while Prisoners on Long Island, and paid to us on or about the following dates Viz Augst 8th and Octr. 30th. 1780.

The Prisoners were paid in Depreciation Notes for the time they were in captivity. In July, 1782, Nicholas Covenhoven paid £798.14.9 for the use of the Officers who were Prisoners on Long Island. Philip Bevier was paid £42.7 for negotiating an exchange of the Prisoners in Canada. Samuel Fraunces was paid £200 " as a gratuity for his kindness in feeding our Prisoners in N. York & for secret services. This was done indiscriminately to the Continental Troops & Militia".

Although the rules for exchanging Prisoners were very strict, yet each side seemed to allow very free access to the other to help its Prisoners. This is seen not only in the sending of money, noted above, but also in the frequent arrival of supplies of flour, clothing &c. Egbert Benson and Col. John Frear sent large quantities of flour into New York City. The paroles, also, were quite liberal:—

I Caleb Laurence an inhabitant of Rye in the County of Westchester in Province of New York and a Capt of Militia in the Province aforesaid do acknowledge myself a Prisoner of War to the King of Great Britain and being permitted to go to the American Lines on parole do pledge my faith and word of honor that I will not do or say anything prejudicial to his Majesty or his subjects and that I will Return and deliver myself up to the commanding officer of his Majesty's out-post, at or near Kings Bridge, or to the Commissary of Prisoners for his Majesty whenever summoned, in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 27 May 80.

Witness

Caleb Laurence

Thos Devanport

Access to the American Prisoners was made easy and systematic through the Commissary of Prisoners, Lewis Pintard, and his Deputies. His Accounts were kept in a most thorough manner. In one item, alone, Col. Brinton Paine acknowledges the receipt of £81.15.4.

	Lieut Jacob Van Tassell to State of New York	Dr
	To a Short Credit in Settlement of his Accot 17th Sepr 1784 of Cash	
	rece'd from Lewis Pintard Comy of Prisoners . . . . .	£ 8.10.10
	To Cash rece'd of Abraham Skinner Comy of Prisoners & omitted credit-	
	ing in former Accot . . . . .	83.17. 9
1786		
	Cr.	£92. 8. 7
Febry 21.	By an Omission of One Ration pr day in settling his former Accot 17th	
	Sepr 1784 is 866 Rations at 10d. . . . .	36. 1. 8
	Due the State of N York. . . . .	£56. 6. 11

New York 21st Feby 1786 I have examin'd the above Account & find the Sum of Fifty Six Pounds Six Shillings & Eleven Pence Currency to be due to the State of New York from Lieut Jacob Van Tassell which Sum he is to pay into the Treasury of this State in certificates dated November 1781 which was the date of the certificate which he received out of the Treasury for his pay.

Gerard Bancker Esqr  
Treasurer

Peter T. Curtenius,  
State Audr.

For further information as to the splendid services of Lewis Pintard, consult James Grant Wilson's " Memorial History of the City of New York ", Vol. IV. p. 293.

Pay Office Philad. 23 Nov. 1784.

Sir; Agreeable to your Request of the 13 Inst. to Mr. Pierce, I have enclosed you the Account of Monies etc advanced to the Officers of your State while in Captivity by the several

Commissaries of Prisoners: the Returns made to this Office does not in many instances Specify the State to which the Officers belong, by which I apprehend you will receive application from Numbers not included in this List, in this Case you will send me the Names of those applicants and the several charges against them shall be forwarded.

Several Officers have made a Settlement with Mr. Pierce, the Books not being posted I cannot inform you who they are excepting a few which are marked in the outer Column of the Return. In Order to avoid Errors it may be necessary to ask the Officer if his Accounts as Prisoner were ever liquidated by the late Auditors of the Army, by Mr. Pierce or Mr. Milligan the Comptroller of the Treasury, as any Settlements made by them must be final.

It is usual in Settling the Accounts of the Continental Officers to charge them with the Monies and supplies Received in Specie and oppose their Rations to those Monies, and the Old Emissions recd. is opposed to their pay from the time of Captivity to the 1 Aug. 80 & if any balance is due from them in O. E. (which is generally the case) it is reduced to Specie at the Rate of 75 for 1 and carried to their Debit in the Specie a/c.

It will be necessary for me to know what Officers you settle with and if time will admit you, should be glad of a duplicate of the Account that I may govern myself by it.

I make no doubt thro the course of your business, that a Communication between your Office and this will be found necessary if so you will please to direct your Letters to Jno. Pierce P. M. G<sup>l</sup>. to my Care, this will avoid Postage. Mr. Pierce is now on his Circuit to the Southward, the business of this Office now rests with Sir.

Peter T. Curtenius, Esq.

Your very Hble Servt. Joseph Howell Junr

Ass. Comm. Accts

The American Prisoners of War, mentioned in the documents, are the following — all of them from the State of New York, unless otherwise designated:—

Aarhart George	Benedict Caleb, Ens.	Brier T.	Charlick Henry
Abarr Peter	Benedict Elias	Brinsmade Zach. (Conn)	Charpanard Simon
Abbot James, Ens. (Conn)	Benedict Elisha	Brocket Moses	Charpanat Simon
Acker Abraham	Benedict Felix	Brooks John	Clapp Henry
Acker Jacob	Bennett Mat., Capt. (Penn.)	Brown Annanias	Clark Charles, Lt. (Penn)
Allen Ethan, Col.	Benninger Isaac	Brown Joseph	Clark Daniel
Allison Richard	Berwick Robert	Bruce, Robert, Serjt.	Clark John, jr., Lt. (Va.)
Allison William, Col.	Bice James	Bruyn James, Lt. Col.	Clark Martin
Andrews Rich., Lt. (N. C.)	Bingham John	Bryson Samuel, Lt. (Penn)	Claughry John, Ens.
Andrews Wm., Lt. (Mass.)	Birdsall Benjamin, Lt. Col.	Buckbee Russel	Clock Conrad
Angavine Gilbert	Black Isaac	Buice Abraham	Collins Tyrans
Antil Edward, Col.	Blakeney Gabriel (Conn)	Bulkley Ed., Capt. (Conn)	Comb George, Capt.
Archart George	Bleecker John James	Bunker W.	Concklin Samuel
Ashfield John	Blewer George, Lt. (Penn)	Burgess Archer	Cooper Robert
Ashton Joseph, Serjt.	Bliss Theodore, Capt.	Burlingham Pardon, Capt.	Covenhoven Edward
Bancker Nicolas	Bluen John, Major	Burst Jacob I.	Covetins Moses
Banks Jonathan	Bogert Gilbert	Buyker Silas	Cox John Luke
Banks Samuel, Ens.	Bon Joseph	Buyse William	Cox Joseph, Lt (Penn)
Banter Christian	Bost Christian	Caen Barrent	Cozens John, Capt. (Penn.)
Banter Henry	Bourguin Jean Josef	Calder Rudaff	Craft William
Barkem William	Bouton Daniel	Cannan Matthew	Craig John, Capt (N. J.)
Barnum Joshua, Capt.	Bowen Timothy	Cantine Moses, Serjt.	Craig John, Lt. (Penn)
Barnum, Thomas	Bower William, Capt.	Carpenter George	Crane Isaac, Adjt.
Bashford William, Serjt.	Bowne Benjamin, Major	Carpenter Nehemiah, Q. M.	Crane John, Adjt.
Baxter John	Boyce Thomas, Ensign	Carpenter Rufus	Crane Joseph, Capt.
Baxter Thomas	Boyd Samuel	Carpenter Thomas	Crawford Wm., Lt. (Penn.)
Beard Robert	Boyer Valentine	Carpenter Wright, Lt.	Crowley Jeremiah
Bellinger Christian	Brannon Abraham	Carter Daniel	Croxell Charles, Lt. (Penn)
Bellinger Fred., Lt. Col.	Brewer Deliverance	Case J., Capt.	Cudner John, Lt.
Bellinger Philip	Brewster Henry, Lt.	Casselmann Peter	Cudney John, Lt.
Belt J. Sprigg, Capt. (Md.)	Brewster Henry, Lt. (Penn)	Chanpenois Thomas	Cunningham Henry

Curtis Joel	Furro Rudolph	Hetfield Moses, Maj.	Knapp Joseph, Jr.
Davis John	Gardinier Harmanus, Lt.	Hews James	Knox Abraham
Day Thomas	George William, Lt. (Va)	Higby John	Kring John
Dean Joseph	Gerlach Adam	Higby Lewis	Kronkhite James, Capt.
Dearkis John, Serjt.	German David	Hillegas Peter	Kronkright John, Capt.
Delamater Isaac	Gettman Frederick, Capt.	Hiller John	Lamb William
Deline Benjamin	Gifford William B., Capt.	Hobby David	Lamareaux John
DeLong John	(N. J)	Hobby Jonathan	Lamberson Lambert
Denton Isaac	Gilchrist Adam, Asst.	Hogeboom Peter	Lambert Jonathan
Denton Preston (Conn)	Com. Gen.	Hogel Peter	Lang Robert, Q. M. Serjt.
De Utrich (Baron)	Gilchrist Geo., Capt. (Va.)	Holland Shelly	Langler James
Devoe David	Gilchrist Samuel	Hollister Josiah	Lattimore Francis
Dinus Jacob	Gilcrease Samuel	Holmer David	Lavish John, Ens. (Md)
Dodge Samuel, Lt.	Giles Aquila, Maj. (Penn)	Holms Nathaniel	Laucks George
Donaldson Joseph	Gill Erasmus, Lt. 4th Lt.	Honeywell Israel, Capt.	Laurence Caleb, Capt.
Douglass Ephram, Q. M.	Dragoons	Hoogland Jeronimus, Adj.	Lawrence Nathaniel, Lt.
(Penn)	Gilleyon William, Lt.	Hopkins Elisha, Adj.	(N. C.)
Drinkwater Wm. (Conn)	Gillikins James, Director	(Conn)	Lawler Conrad
Dubois Matthew	of Ordnance	Horton Thomas, Capt.	Lawler John
Dubois Zachariah, Maj.	Gilliland James, Director	Horton Thomas	Lay Asa, Lt. (Conn.)
Duguid John, Lt. (Penn)	of Ordnance	House George	Lay Lee, Capt. (Conn.)
Dunscomb Edward	Gilliland William, Lt.	House Jacob	Leggett Abraham, Ens.
Dusenberg Richard	Glean Oliver, Dy. Q. M. G.	House Nicholas	Lent Isaac
Dutcher Abraham	Gloss David	Huchens Absolom	Lewis John, Serjt.
Dygart Sevrinus	Godwin Henry, Capt.	Huchings Absolom	Lewis Samuel (Conn.)
Eastwood John	Graham Robert	Humphrey George	Lingau James McCubbin,
Eckerson Cornelius, Lt.	Grant Jesse, Lt. (Conn)	Humphrey James, Capt.	Lt. (Va.)
Eckler Leonard	Gray John (Conn)	Humphrey William	Livingston William S., Lt.
Ely John, Col. (Conn.)	Gray Richard, Capt.	Humphreys Wm., Serjt.	Col. Cont'l Army
Everit Abner, Lt. (Penn)	Gray William (Conn)	Humphry James	Lobdell Joseph
Faling Jacob	Green Amos, Serjt. (Conn)	Humphry William, Serjt.	Logan Samuel, Maj. Cont'l
Feeks Robert	Green John, Ens. (Penn)	Hunt Philip	Army
Feeling Jacob	Greenman Jeremiah, Ens.	Hunter John, Lt.	Lonas John
Feeling Jacob	(R. I.)	Hunter John	Loucks Peter
Feeling John D.	Hains David	Hyle James	Lucas William Budd
Feeling John I.	Hall Edward, Lt. (Md)	Hynard Michael	Luke James
Fenno Ephraim, Capt. Lt.	Halstead Benjamin, Lt.	Irvin James	Lumis Adam
Ferelon Abr., Serjt. Maj.	Hambright Henry, Capt.	Irvine James, Brig. Gen.	Lush Stephen, Maj.
Ferdon Abr., Serjt. Maj.	(Penn.)	(Penn)	Lyman Geo., Capt. (Conn)
Ferguson William, Capt.	Hamman James, Lt. Col.	Israel John	Lyon Gilbert, Capt.
(Penn)	Harmil Daniel, Maj.	Itig Christian, Serjt.	Lyon John
Ferris Daniel	Harning Lienert	Jackson Patten, Lt.	Lyon Samuel
Field Reuben, Lt (Va)	Harper Alexander, Capt.	Jacobs Abraham	McArthur Alexander, Lt.
Finch Elnathan	Harris Moses	Jamison Daniel, Lt. (Penn)	McChain John
Finley John, Lt. (Penn)	Harris William	Jenney Thos., Lt. (Penn.)	McClaghry James, Lt. Col.
Finley Samuel, Lt. (Penn)	Hartford Ephraim	Johnson Jno., Adj. (Penn.)	McClaghry James, Capt.
Fisher Bartholomew	Hatch William	Johnson John	McClaghry John, Ens.
Fisher Elijah	Hatfield Moses, Maj.	Jones James, Lt.	McClellan William
Fisher Sam'l, Capt. (Penn)	Haviland John, Lt. (N. J)	Jump William	McClue William
Floisar Ethnel	Hawkins Stephen	Keeler Isaac, Lt.	McDonald John, Capt.
Forbush John	Hawkins Z.	Keeler Isaac, Ens.	(Penn)
Forbush Nicholas	Hegens Ebenezer	Keeler Isaiah	McMullen John
Forre Adam	Heggens Ebenezer	Kelly John	Malloy Thomas
Foster Jacob, Lt.	Helker John	Kelsey Ebenezer	Marbury Luke, Col. (Md.)
Foster Robert, Ens. (Va.)	Hellegas Peter	Kennedy Thomas	Marlin Daniel, Capt.
Franke Lawrence	Hellmer John	Kerby Stephen	Marrener William
Franklin James	Hendry Robert	Kip Garret, Lt.	Martin Daniel, Capt.
Fry John, Brig. Maj.	Henry Hugh	Klock Jacob Conrad, Lt.	Martin John
Furman Alexander, Ens.	Herter Lawrence	Knap Joel	Martin Joseph, Lt. (Penn)
Furman John, Lt.			

Martin William, Lt.	Patchin Isaac	Robertson John, or Wm.,	Skiget Richard, Serjt.
Martling Daniel, Capt.	Patchin Jabez	Adjt. (Va.)	Slott Cornelius, Serjt.
Martling David	Patchin Samuel	Rogers William, Lt. (Va.)	Slutt William
Marvin Ephraim, Adjt.	Paulding John, jr.	Roosa Cornelius	Smith Isaac
Matthews Geo., Col. (Va.)	Paulding William	Roose James	Smith James, Lt. (Penn.)
Mayer Jacob, jr.	Pawling Henry, Lt.	Rose James	Smith Johannes
Maynard Elija B.	Peifer Joh.	Rouse Thomas, Ens. (Md.)	Smith John, Qr. Mr. Serjt.
Mayo Jonathan (Conn)	Pellanger B.	Ruamay John	Smith John, Lt.
Meales Matthew	Pellinger Frederick	Rumsey Asa, Fifer	Smith Josiah, Lt. (Conn.)
Menbeth James	Pendleton Nathaniel, Lt.	Rumsey David	Smith Richard
Mercer John, Lt. (N. J.)	(Va.)	Rumsnider Henry	Snead Charles, Lt. (Va.)
Miller Samuel	Pendleton Solomon, Lt.	Rundell Richard	Snead Smith, Capt. (Va.)
Mitchel James	Pennear William	Runnels William	Sniffen James
Monross Jesse	Penoyer William	Rutherford Samuel, Ens.	Sniffen Reuben
Moore Joseph	Peterson John	(Penn.)	Spanknebel John
Moore Roger (Conn)	Petry Jacob, Ens.	Sackett Richard, Capt.	Sparks Pearl
Morfit Henry, Lt. (Penn)	Pettie Abel	Sackett Thomas H., Lt.	Staring George
Morrell Abraham	Pickard Bartholomew	(Md.)	Staring Henrich
Morrison Thomas	Piper Andrew	Sammons Fred <sup>k</sup> , Serjt.	Staring Henry
Moseman Marcus, Capt.	Polk John	Sample Robert, Capt.	Staring Jacob
Mosher John	Poor David, Lt. (Mass.)	(Penn.)	Stark Nathan
Moss Simeon	Porter Jonathan, Lt.	Savage Joseph	Starring Jacob
Mott Ebenezer, Lt.	Potten James	Shefer Adam	Stayner Roger, Capt.
Mullin William	Poultson John, Capt. (Va.)	Schomaker John	(Penn.)
Munro Joseph	Pownal Thomas, Lt.	Schomaker Thomas	Stenson William
Munson Levi (Conn.)	Poyton James	Schoonmaker Henry	Steward Stephen
Murfits Henry, Lt. (Penn)	Preston Wm., Lt. (Penn.)	Schot Joseph	Steymets Casper
Murray Peter	Purdy Solomon, jr., serjt.	Schulds Hendrick	Sticklen John
Musk Ebenezer	Putnam David	Schulds Johannis	Stinson William
Muxum Adonijah (Conn.)	Putnam David, Corp.	Schulds William	Storm Abraham
Myer Henry, Ens.	Quick John	Schumaker John	Stotesbury John. Capt.
Neelson Eli	Ramsay Nathaniel, Lt.	Schuyler David	(Penn.)
Nelles George	Col. (Md.)	Schuyler Jacob	Stuart Charles (Conn.)
Newcomb James	Rankins James, Jr.	Schuyler Nicholas	Swartwout Cornelius,
Newman Joseph	Raqua Isaac, Adjt.	Scott Joseph	Capt. Lt.
Nichols Guisham	Raqua Isaac, Lt.	Scott William	Swartwout Henry, Ens.
Niles Sands, Ens. (Conn)	Raymond Sands, Serjt.	Sears Elnathan, Corp.	Swope Michael, Col.
Noble Peter (Conn.)	Read Thomas, Ens.	See David	(Penn.)
Northrup Abijah	Reder T.	See James	Tanner Jacob, Serjt.
Oakley Isaac	Reed Thos., Ens. (Penn.)	Seeley Isaac, Capt. (Penn.)	Taylor Elijah
Oakley John	Renex Andrew	Sharender Richard	Taylor Henry
Oakly John, Ens.	Requa Isaac, Adjt.	Sharp Peter	Taylor Samuel
Oline Benjamin, Lt.	Requa Isaac, Lt.	Sharp Thomas	Teller James, Capt.
Oliver Thomas	Requaw Daniel	Sherer James	Terbush Isaac
Olman John	Requaw Gabriel, Capt.	Sheridan Richard	Terwilliger Harmanus,
Orendorff Christian, Lt.	Requaw Isaac, Adjt.	Sherman Peter	Serjt.
(Md)	Requaw James, Jr.	Sherwood Job	Thomas Edward, Adjt.
Organ Cornelius	Resequie John	Sherwood Newcom	Thomas Thomas, Col.
Orsor Jonas, Capt.	Retong William	Sherwood Seth, Capt.	Thompson Andrew, Ens.
Osmand Benajah, Lt.	Revension John Peter	Sherwood Stephen, Ens.	Thompson James
(N. J)	Revere Cornelius	Shew Godfrey	Thwait Thos., Capt. (Va.)
Oustrander Henry	Reverston John Peter	Shew Jacob	Tice John
Owen Joseph, jr.	Reynold William	Shew John	Tillard Edwd., Maj. (Md.)
Pain Brinton, Maj.	Reynolds Nathaniel, Lt.	Shew Stephen	Tomkins Jeremiah
Pain Joseph	Rickard Jacob	Shireman George, Corp.	Torry David
Palmetier Isaac	Rigel Frederick	Sifer Jacob	Townsend Samuel
Parmerton Abijah	Riggs Daniel	Siffer John, Sr.	Utricht (Baron de) Lewis
Parsons Abr., Lt. (N. J.)	Riley John, Lt. (Conn.)	Siffer John	Augustus, Capt.
Patchen Freegift	Riverson John Peter	Sitz Peter, Ens.	Valentine Stephen

Van Brunt Leonard, Dy. Qr. Mr. Gen.	Van Wagenen G., Surg.	Wentworth James, Lt. (Penn.)	Woleben Nicholas
Van Buren Leonard	Van Wagenen Garret H., Lt.	Wescot Annanias	Wood Enoch
Van dercock Benjamin	Vermelya Jacob M.	West Ebenezer, Adjt. (Conn.)	Wood James
Van Dyke Abraham, Capt.	Virgil Abijah	White Epenetus	Wood John, Capt
Van Eps Evert	Vols Conrad	Whiting Samuel, Lt.	Woodson Robert, Lt. (Va.)
Van Nossdall John, Corp.	Vorhas Samuel	Whitney James	Wool Ellis
Van Osterand William	Vroman Ephraim, Lt.	Williams Daniel, Capt.	Wool Robert
Van Slyke Garret	Vrooman Walter, Capt.	Williams Gilbert	Woolver John
Van Slyke Jacobus	Walker Robt. Lt. (Mass.)	Willis John, Capt. (Va.)	Worden George
Van Tassel Abraham	Wardell Eliakim	Willson Andrew	Worden Voluntine
Van Tassel Cornelius, Lt.	Warman Thos., Lt. (Va.)	Wilson Andrew	Wright William, Lt.
Van Tassel John	Watrous Edward A.	Wilson Isaac	Young Joseph
Van Tassel David	Webb Sysumet	Winne Kelian	Youngs Joseph
Van Tassel Isaac, Serjt.	Weeks James	Winter Thomas	Zaling John
Van Tassel Jacob, Lt.	Wells Levi, Col. (Conn.)	Witherall William	Zeely John, Lt.
Van Tassel Peter	Wells Michael, Serjt.		Zimmer Peter

### Hospitals

The documents throw little light on the number and location of the Hospitals, or on the manner in which they were conducted. Rev. Chauncey Graham, President of the Academy at Fishkill, was given £40 to remove from his building which was used as a Hospital during the War. Late in 1776, the Medicines were inspected by Dr. John Williams, a member of the Convention. Among the Invoice of Medicines shipped on board the Sloop "Liberty" on account and risk of the Honorable Provincial Congress were these items, in large quantities:—

Salt. Nitri; Tarta Emetic; Gum Opium; Rad. Jallap; Rad. Rhei; Sal. Cathart Glaub; Cantharid; Sacchar Saturn; Sal. Ammon. Crud; Bals. Capari; Cort. Aurant; Gum. Guaiac; Camomil Flor; Fol. Sennae Alex; Rad. Gentian; Rad. Liquorish; Rad. Specacoana; Flor. Sulphur; Magnesia Alb.; Cort. Connell Alb; Aloes, Succot; Gum Myrrhee; Lytharg.

The following were charged to the "Hospital Department", among the Claims of this State against the United States:—

1086 gall. Molasses . . . . .	£108:12:0
6 1/2 C. Barley . . . . .	4: 4:0
2 B. Vinegar . . . . .	2: 0:0
Wine . . . . .	52: 2:0
Surgeon's Instruments . . . . .	6: 0:0
Medicines . . . . .	2026: 9:1
100 Cotts . . . . .	120: 0:0

The names of the following Officers of Hospitals appear in the documents:— John Delamater, Director; Henry Muir, Hendrick Oblenis and Dirck Van Ingen, Surgeons; Malachi Treat, Physician; John Coventry, Jacob Gardenear, Nathaniel Gardner, Stephen Graham, William P. Smith and Samuel Woodruff, Mates; Dinah Brown and Elizabeth Sickles, Matrons; James Lamb, Steward; Leake Hunt, Commissary and Store-Keeper.

The names of these Physicians appear:—

Adam Frank	Barnum Samuel	Bond John	Clarke James
Adams William	Belding Samuel	Chapin Benjamin	Conkling

Crane Joseph	Howland Jeremiah	Osborn	Sturd
Fangere Lewis	Huggeford	Outwater	Van Buren Beekman
Graham Chauncey	Kemmeny Engelbart	Patterson John	Van Buren James N.
Gregory Elnathan	Kiersted Rulef	Potts	Van Buren John H.
Griffith	Lawrence William	Prosser	Walker
Halsey Silas jr.	Leren	Spangler John George	Williams John
Hambleton John	Lorway, J.	Speaight	Wright John G.
Havens Jonathan	Morgan	Stringer Samuel	Young John

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## THE INDIANS

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The documents relating to the Indians are few in number. The Committee of Albany County, May 22, 1775, paid £56.17 for the expenses of a Committee sent to the German Flats to attend the Oneida Congress, and for provisions furnished to the Indians. A bill of Matthew Visscher against the Committee of Albany County, dated May 30, 1775, makes numerous charges for copying speeches of, and to, the Oneidas, Mohawks and Stockbridges. The same Committee paid this bill:—

1775		
June 23.	To John Ten Broeck for necessary . . . . .	£3. 8. 0
	“ Jacob Ten Eyck for do. . . . .	4. 7. 6
	“ Charges attending the Treaty at the German Flats with the Oneidas . . . . .	58. 5. 0
	“ Jacob Cuyler for necessaries to the Oneidas . . . . .	13. 14. 10 1/2
	“ Dr. Budd advanced for Provisions to the Oneidas and Mohawks by order of the Committee . . . . .	6. 13. 6
	“ Cash furnished Mr. Kirkland the Oneida Missioner . . . . .	15. 0. 0
	“ John Ja Beekman for Cash advanced to Indian preacher by order of the Committee . . . . .	7. 0. 0

A Treaty was also made with the Indians of Ulster County:—

Kingston the 12 Novemb'r 1776

The State of New York Dr. To the Justices of Ulster County & Committee of Kingston  
To the following articles for the Treaty Held this Day with the Esopus Indians

6 Gall Rum . . . . .	@ 12/ . . . . .	£3. 12. 8
434 lb Beef . . . . .	3d. . . . .	5. 8. 6
£6. 19. 0 to Matthew Ten Eyck for flour Mutton Turneps and Potatoes. . . . .		6. 19. 0
2 Barrells beer . . . . .	@ 16/. . . . .	1. 12. 0
1 Barrell Strong Beer . . . . .	20/. . . . .	1. 0. 0
8 1/4 yds. Strowds . . . . .	17/. . . . .	7. 0. 3
17/— In Bread . . . . .		0. 17. 0
1 Load of Wood . . . . .		0. 4. 0
8 o/8 paid to Jacobus an horse and Indien for Going to the Indien Settlements at Coletyne and Alheepens for his Time and Expenses . . . . .		4. 0. 8
6 yds. Broad Cloth . . . . .	@ 24/. . . . .	7. 4. 0

£37. 17. 5

Errors Excepted  
[Audited June 10, 1777; and paid June 11, 1777] D. Wynkoop junr.

The Committee of Ulster County, July 2, 1777, ordered that Johannis Osterhout, jr., be paid £13.2.0 for going to the Indian towns. This bill included a payment made to Nicholas, the Indian, for a like service. On Mar. 25, 1777, Col. Jacob Hoornbeek paid £1 to an Indian with information against the Tories. A charge was made for "a pint of Rum for the Indian."

By the law of Oct. 23, 1779, Governor Clinton, Anthony Van Schaick, Levi Pawling, Peter Schuyler and Col. Jacob Klock were named as a Board of Commissioners to treat with the Indians. This is one of the bills:—

1780	The State of New York to Hugh Diniston	Dr.
Feb'y 14th	To Liquor and other Necessaries furnished for the Interview between his Excellency Governor Clinton and the Chiefs and other Indians of the Oneida Nation . . . . .	£281.12.0
	Received the above Contents of govern'r Clinton	
		Hugh Diniston

Among the claims sworn to before Judge Robert Yates, Mar. 4, 1782, was "An account of damages in real & personal Estate, burnt & otherwise destroyed, sustained by the Oneidas & Tuscaroras, the Allies of the Confederated States, now residing in the State of New York, by the Incursions of the Britons & the Savages their Allies". To this account, signed by many members of the two Nations, James Dean, the interpreter, added:—"they severally are baptized and profess the Christian Religion". The name of the Rev. Samuel Kirkland, Missionary, also appeared. These friendly Indians were allowed \$300 for blankets by a law of Apr. 14, 1782; and a law, passed Mar. 25, 1783, committed the State to fair treatment as to their lands.

Numerous Indians served in the American Army; but there is no record, in these documents, of their being in separate organizations. Governor Clinton, in 1785, sent in a bill against the State containing this item:—"To cloathing & necessaries for the families of John Wounkouguta & Segigoteyonta Slain in the late War as pr Rect. . . . . £20.—.—."

Further information, as to the Indians, will be found in "Pathfinders of the Revolution", by William Elliot Griffis, published in 1901; in the "Public Papers of George Clinton", Vol. IV.; and in "The Old New York Frontier", by Francis Whiting Halsey, published in 1901.

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## FORTIFICATIONS

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Very little information in regard to the Fortifications in the vicinity of New York City is given in the documents; probably because the Americans had possession but little more than a year. There are bills, January, 1776, "for serving Tea Water to the City Guard at the Battery"; and, March, 1776, for work at "ye Fort at ye Shipyard". In the latter month, Fortifications were erecting at the "Coffee House Bridge". There is a bill of £16.16.2 due to Maj. Adrian Wynkoop for superintending the works at Great Shandakin, (up the River) by order of Governor Clinton, from May 12, to June 1, 1779.

The Committee of Safety, in 1775 and 1776, delivered barrack furniture to the amount of \$2414.72/90 for the use of the United States. Three Accounts of the State against the United States follow:—

Camp Equipage		Camp Kettles. ....	£1171.17. 4 1/2
	4928	Canteens .....	459. 3. 0
	396 ps	Ravensduck .....	2010.10. 4 1/2
	114	Tents .....	811.13. 9
25002	1/4 yds	Scotchs Osnaburgs .....	2246.11. 3 3/4
	377 1/4	Russia Drilling .....	541. 4. 4
	46 ps	Sail Duck .....	199. 4. 4
	87	Drums .....	302. 5. 0
947	1/2 lb	White Rope .....	50. 0. 8
	800	Bill hooks .....	200. 0. 0
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			£8192. 7. 4
Barracks		680 Benches .....	£118.10. 0
	393	Tables .....	130. 3. 0
85	1/4c	Wood .....	118.11. 9
	261	Cotts. ....	92.11. 0
		Lanterns .....	4.10. 0
249	1/3 lb	Candles .....	48. 5. 7 1/2
	65	Candle Sticks .....	3. 5. 0
	168	Spoons .....	22.19. 8
	650	B. Straw .....	10.19. 2
		Boards .....	47.10. 1
		Different Articles .....	2653. 7. 8
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			£3250.12.11 1/2
Artificers and Intrenching Tools		805 Shovels .....	£254.16. 7 1/2
	1472	Spades .....	593. 9. 6
	1216	Pick axes .....	436. 3. 6
	196	Crowbars .....	138. 6. 4
	1113	Wood axes .....	384. 0. 0
	112	Broad axes .....	27. 0.11 1/2
	50	Hoes .....	8.15. 0
	22	Hammers .....	8.13. 0
	79	Mill Saws .....	129.16. 6
	12	Trowels .....	2. 1. 8
		Tools .....	1974.13.10
		Timber .....	377.13. 7 1/2
	7 1/2	B. faggot Sted .....	26.14. 3 1/2
42 Cr	192 lb	Refined Iron .....	63. 5. 7 1/2
	43	Casks, 12867 lbs Nails.....	532. 6. 1 1/2
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			£4957.16. 7

Just at the close of the War, an effort was made made to preserve Fort George, the historic Fortification at the North:—

This Indenture made the twenty-sixth day of July in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-three between Philip Schuyler of the County, of Albany, Esq.,

Surveyor General of the State of New York on the one part and Jonathan Pitcher, Isaac Doty, Wyatt Chamberlain and Gurdon Chamberlain, at present of Fort George in the County of Charlotte and State aforesaid, Yeomen of the other part:—

Witnesseth that he, the said Phillip Schuyler as Surveyor General of the said State, for the Consideration and on the Conditions herein mentioned hath Granted and to farm lett unto the parties of the Second part all that Tract of Land commonly called Fort George, with the Lands adjacent formerly occupied by the British Garrison, to have and to hold the said Tract of Land untill the first day of May next, or untill the pleasure of the Government of this State shall be signified, paying therefor at the rate of one pound per annum. And the parties of the second part do Jointly and severally Covenant and agree that they, the said parties of the second part, will not suffer any other person or persons whatsoever to occupy the said Lands or any part thereof and will well and truly deliver the possession thereof to the Surveyor General of the State of New York for the time being, or unto such other person or persons as the Legislature of the said State shall Direct, and that in the meantime they will not suffer any Bricks, Timber or Stones to be removed therefrom, or the Buildings or Fortifications to be taken down or injured. In witness whereof the parties of these presents have Interchangeably set their hands and Seals the day and Year above written.

Sealed and Delivered in Presence of us

Steph Van Rensselaer  
Ben Shelburne

Ph. Schuyler  
Isaac Doty  
Wyatt Chamberlain

#### The Secret Committee — The Chains across the Hudson River.

The most interesting details in regard to Fortifications relate to the Forts in the Highlands, and the two Chains that were thrown across the Hudson River in that locality. All of these works were in charge of the earlier members of the Secret Committee, William Bedlow, John Berrien and John Hanson. They were also called "Commissioners for erecting Fortifications on the banks of Hudsons River in the Highlands". (See "Ships" for the work of the other members of this Committee). The Committee of Safety, Sept. 6, 1775, voted £250. to William Bedlow; and the Council of Safety, May 25, 1777, voted £2000. to him for obstructions near Pollepets Island. The Provincial Congress, Aug. 30, 1775, appointed John Hanson a Commissioner, and appropriated £100. for the work. The Congress gave to John Berrien, "Commissary of the Commissioners":— £500, on Oct 13, 1775; £200, on Oct. 20, 1775; £1200, on Nov. 2, 1775; and £500, on Mar. 4, 1776. In the latter year, Mr. Berrien conferred with Gen. Washington, at Harlem, as to the work of the Committee; and the documents show that the building of the "Forts of West Point and Montgomery" was going on in June. The account of P. V. B. Livingston, Treasurer of the Provincial Congress, or Convention, shows that on Nov. 9, 1776 a balance of £7.17.4 3/4 was paid to Messrs Livingston and Palmer on their account for building Fort Montgomery.

In the final Accounts of the State of New York against the United States appear the following charges for Money expended by the State:—

	1776		
April	30	Berrien & Bedlow fortifying the Highlands .....	£6595.14. 8
	1777		
April	23	Obstructing the Channel & fortif fort Montgomery .....	535.12. 2
June	18	Obstructing the Channel .....	58. 0. 3
July	11	Obstructing the Channel .....	185. 5. 6

The practical man in charge of the Chains was Capt. Thomas Machin. He had been called to Boston early in the War. Here are several items from his Account:—

1777		
April	4 To making a model for obstructing the Channel of Boston . . . . .	4.10.11
	12 Expences Getting Timber from Cambridge . . . . .	1. 4. 6
	16 Surveying Govr Island with a Party of men . . . . .	2. 7. 0
	17 & 18 Exploring the Harbour of Boston . . . . .	4.12. 8
June	1 Expences Travelling from Boston to New York with my Instru- ments . . . . .	15.12. 7 1/2
August 7 & 8	Exploring in the Highlands. . . . .	2. 7. 8

Thus he was able to take hold of the work of the Chains early in 1777. The accounts of Capt. Thomas Machin show these items, among many others, some of which were for chasing Tories between times:—

1777		
Feb.	1 Expences to the Iron works. . . . .	2. 8. 0
	20 Taking up Timber with 20 men. . . . .	3. 6. 0
March 7 & 8	Taking the great Chain Logs down to Fort Montgomery with 40 men 4 days . . . . .	8.12. 0
October	8 Getting down the Booms to Fort Montgomery with 60 men. . . . .	6. 1. 8
1778		
Jany	1 Exploring Hudson River with 7 men 6 days . . . . .	6.10. 0
	16 Expences on the Road to Chester to agree for the new chain 3 days. . . . .	3.12. 6
	20 Expences Getting Timber for the Chain 4 days . . . . .	4. 0. 0
March	5 Getting the Logs to use for the Chain at New Paltz . . . . .	3.10. 0
April	12 Getting down the Chain Logs with 40 men 4 days. . . . .	6. 0. 0
	16 Taking down the Chain . . . . .	16. 0
	26 Expences to Sterling . . . . .	1.10. 6
	30 While getting the new Chain across . . . . .	4. 0

In June, July and August, 1778, Capt. Machin made several visits to Sterling, Ringwood, Mount Hope, Burnt Meadow Pond Forge, Charlotte Forge, Beloe (?) Forge and Hebimey (?) Forge. He also furnished patterns. In the bill, given above, he styles himself "Engineer and Superintendent of the works For Obstructing the Navigation of Hudsons River under the Direction of Bd Genl George Clinton and by Order of Maj. Gen. Putnam".

Several links of the Chains may be seen in the State Library.

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## MILITARY ROADS

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In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Octr. 5th 1776.

Resolved that the Post Road from the North side of the highlands to Kings bridge is very much out of repair, particularly that part of it which leads thro' the highlands to the Manor of Philipseburgh; and that the said Road affords the most short & convenient Communication by Land between the Northern & Southern parts of this State on the east side of Hudson's River.

Resolved that the said Road ought immediately to be repaired and therefore

Resolved that Colo. John Field be appointed and directed to repair such part thereof as lies between Isaac Van Wyck's on the North side of the highlands aforesaid & the South line of Dutchess County

Resolved, that Major Joseph Strang be appointed to repair the remainder part of the said Road together with a certain other little Road which leads from the Post Road to Dobbs' Ferry.

Resolved that each of the said Persons so appointed be allowed for their trouble ten shill<sup>rs</sup>. per day and that they be also allowed their subsistence.

Resolved that the Sum of One hundred Pounds be advanced by the Treasurer of this State to Colo. Field; and the sum of three hundred Pounds to Major Strang to enable them to execute the Trust hereby reposed in them.

Resolved, that the said Colo. Field and Major Strang respectively be and they are hereby authorized to impress Teams & Carts for the purpose aforesaid; And lest a sufficient number of Labourers speedily to repair the said Road should not be obtained

Resolved that General Ten broeck do on the Requisition of the said Colo. Field furnish him with such Detachments of the Militia from time to time of the County of Dutchess as the said Colo. Field may require And that Genl. Morris or in his absence the next Commanding Officer of the Militia in Westchester County do on the Requisition of the sd. Major Strang furnish him with such Detachments of the Militia from time to time as he may require.

Resolved, that the said Detachments while employed in repairing the Road aforesaid be under the direction of the superintendants thereof aforesaid in their respective Counties; and that while actually employed as aforesaid they be allowed at the rate of Ten Dollars per Month & provided with Provisions by the said Superintendants.

Resolved that the said Superintendants keep & render to the Convention regular Accounts of their Expenditures & Proceedings.

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York Octr. 22d 1776.

Resolved that Colo. Dirck Brinckerhoff be & is hereby appointed to superintend the repairing of the Road in the highlands in the place of Colo. John Field, with the same Powers & agreeable to the Resolutions of the 5th inst.

Robt. Benson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

Rec'd. December 13th 1776 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker One hundred pounds — pursuant to the Annexed Order.

Dirck Brinckerhoff

In October and November, 1776, Maj. Joseph Strang expended £159.3.11 on the roads. Henry Wisner, Aug. 7, 1777, returned to the Treasurer of the Provincial Congress a balance of £10.3.5 out of the £300. he had received to repair the Roads in Orange County.

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## MILITARY STORES

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Col. John Lasher was Commissioner of Military Stores. Peter T. Curtenius, Anthony Griffiths, Hugh Hughes, John Lasher and Richard Norwood were Commissaries; James Weeks was Assistant Commissary; Richard Norwood, Richard Ten Eyck and Philip Van Rensselaer were Storekeepers; James Gillikins was Director of Ordnance.

During the first part of the War, Military Stores were bought by Peter T. Curtenius, the

Commissary of the Provincial Congress. The Commissary also bought Clothing (See "Clothing"). A summary of his work will be found in the Chapter on "Claims of the State against the United States".

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York Fishkill Jan'y 16th 1777

Resolved that Captain James Weeks be appointed Assistant Commissary of the Arms, Ammunition and other military Stores belonging to this State at this Place:— that he receive into his Care all the Arms which shall be delivered in store at Forts Montgomerie and Constitution by the disbanded soldiers and that he cause the same to be conveyed to this Place (for the use of such of the new Levies as are unprovided) without delay.

Robt. Benson, Secr'y.

1777                      The State of New York to James Weeks . . . . . Dr.  
Jan'y 8 To Cash pd Transporting Arms from Fort Montgomery to Fishkill &  
Expenses . . . . . £4. 8. 0

[This account was audited and paid Sept. 22, 1778.]

When the Americans found that they must evacuate the City of New York, the Convention, on Aug. 22 and 25, 1776, voted \$60 to Zebediah Mills to remove the Military Stores to Westchester County. Mills did this, Aug. 25, the Stores being taken from the City to Tarrytown by boat; and carted thence, by oxen, to White Plains where they were placed in the store of Daniel Horton. There was also a Military Storehouse at Wallkill, 1776-1778. The very full accounts of Richard Norwood, Provincial Storekeeper "for sundries furnished and cash disbursed" commencing Feb. 19, 1776, show to whom all the Military Stores were delivered. The Committee of Conspiracies, Feb. 15, 1777, paid £14.0 to George Adriance for transporting Ammunition to the house of John Carpenter, at Nine Partners; also, on the same date, 6/— to Capt. Swart "for bringing Ammunition up from the River".

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Kingston May the 9th 1777

Resolved that John Lasher Esquire be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of all & singular the military Stores belonging to this State with the Rank of Colonel in the said State—that he be empowered to empress Teams and Carriages for removing the said Stores in case of Necessity and that he be allowed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds per Annum for his Trouble and Expencc in performing the Duty aforesaid.

Resolved that the said Colonel Lasher be and he hereby is directed and empowered to cause the row Gallies in Hudson's River to be repaired immediately; and that he keep an Account of the Expencc thereof to be charged to the United States.

Robt. Benson Secr'y.

Col. Lasher was paid £200, per annum, usually by the Council of Safety. In January, 1779, the Governor and Legislature ordered the mercantile firm of Curson and Gouverneur, at St. Eustatius, Island of St. Martins, to receive from John Bryson of that place, 250 barrels of Gunpowder and six chests of Small Arms. As no vessel could be found that was willing to risk the chance of capture, the firm chartered a fast vessel, procured regular clearance papers and sent the Powder and Arms under the Dutch colors. While in a calm, the vessel was boarded by one of the Enemy's Privateers and taken as a prize to the British Island of Anguilla; and all the efforts of the firm to recover the cargo proved futile. (See the Chapter on "Ships").

The following is one of the accounts of New York against the United States for "Arms and Ammunition":

7216	Pouches & 4480 Gun Slings . . . . .	£4389. 4.9
2965	Hatchets . . . . .	437. 2.6
	Cannon . . . . .	2209. 3.7
2494	Guns . . . . .	8171.19.4 3/4
214849	lb Powder . . . . .	6204. 4.9
13101	lb Lead . . . . .	517. 3.1 1/2
2100	Cartridges . . . . .	233. 8.7 1/2
145	Cartridge boxes . . . . .	37.10.3
204	Spears . . . . .	67.16.0
17020	Bullets . . . . .	509. 2.6
52	Ramrods . . . . .	14.18.0
5908	Prickers & Brushes . . . . .	151. 7.0
145025	Flints & Oil . . . . .	223. 6.1
120	Pistols . . . . .	86. 0.0
16479	lb Brimstone . . . . .	292. 7.0
200	Gun Screws . . . . .	26. 0.0
10	Powder horns . . . . .	20. 0.0
1284	3/4 lb Salt Petre . . . . .	525.19.4
	Ordnance Stores . . . . .	446.17.9
		£24563.10.4 3/4

### Cannon

The Cannon that were captured by Col. Ethan Allen, at Ticonderoga, were inspected by Gen. Henry Knox, and transported to Boston in the winter of 1775-1776. They were so effectively placed on Dorchester Heights that the Enemy soon evacuated Boston. The number, and weight, of the pieces moved was as follows: Two brass Cohorns, total weight 300 pounds; four brass Cohorns, weight 400 pounds; two brass Mortars, total weight 600 pounds; one iron Mortar, weight 600 pounds; two iron Mortars, total weight 3,600 pounds, and three iron Mortars, the total weight of which was 6,900 pounds. Of Cannon, in brass, there were eight three pounders weighing 28,000 pounds, three six pounders weighing 1,800 pounds, one eighteen pounder, weight 1,200 pounds, one twenty four pounder, weight 1,800 pounds. Of Iron Cannon there were six six pounders, total weight 15,000 pounds; four nine pounders, total weight 10,000 pounds; ten twelve pounders, total weight 28,000 pounds; seven double fortification Cannon, the total weight of which was 28,000 pounds; and three others, the weight of which was 15,000 pounds. Added to these were two iron Howitzers.

The citizens of New York had numerous Cannon which, together with Cannon from the Battery, the Committee of Association of that City proceeded to take, in 1775, as follows:—

May 20,	Samuel Judah	10 large 6 pounders at £25 . . . . .	£250.
June 1,	Laurence Kort-		
	right	4 " " at £25	} Sent to New Haven . . . . } 160 90 40 160.
	" "	8 4 " at £20	
	" "	6 3 " at £15	
	" "	2 4 " at £20	
	John Byvanck	8 6 " at £20 . . . . .	160.
	26 cannon = £488.6.8. Hamilton Young		

May 22 — 19 @ £25 = £475	Theophilus Beekman	
Sept 21	12 brass barrel'd blunderbusses — Theophylæet Bache	
June 1	Sharp, Curtenius & Co — 6 3 & 4 pounders . . . . .	£96.13.4
May 20	Saml Tudor — 2 3 pounders — £25	
June 1	Jacob Van Voorhis 6 “ £90	

Concerning these Cannon, Henry Remsen, the Commissioner of Accounts, wrote thus to Peter T. Curtenius, the Auditor General, July 10, 1785:—“The Claims for Cannon taken from the Citizens by Order of the City Committee is a matter of Consequence & therefore must be left to the Determination of the Legislature at their next meeting”. The Auditor-General afterward made these claims upon the United States:—

For Cannon & Military Stores taken from the Battery, the property of the King of Great Britain & afterwards lost & taken.

For Cannon taken from Individuals by order of the City Committee & removed to Kings Bridge where some of them were left & Retaken by the British.

For expenses of guarding & removing the Cannon.

[The total of the claims was £4560, for 216 pairs of Cannon.]

In 1775, the State of New York loaned to the United States six brass Field-Pieces which were delivered to Captains Hamilton and Bauman. They were afterward restored, but not without much correspondence on the part of Governor Clinton. General Washington wrote thus, to Governor Clinton, from Headquarters Smiths Clove, June 13, 1779:—“I shall give immediate Directions for returning within the State the Six Brass Six Pounders lent the Continent, or others equally good”. In 1775, 66 Guns, worth £1355, were delivered in New Haven. On Aug. 16, 1776, the State of Connecticut was credited with 20 pairs of Cannon and a quantity of Shot delivered for the Continental Frigates that were built at Poughkeepsie and at the Forts in the Highlands. Later on, 12 Cannon were sent to Canada by order of the Convention; and, in March 1776, several brass Field Pieces were sent to Virginia.

The Committee of Safety, Jan. 24, 1776, having already authorized Colonel McDougall to have Carriages made for Cannon, appointed Capt William Mercier to superintend the work and to see that the Carriages were made of good timber and that the iron work was well made. The Committee, May 19, 1776, voted £300 to Capt. Mercier for this work; and the accounts show that he expended about £1000, in all. On the next day, the Committee voted £100 to Moses Ogden for Cannon Ball and Grape Shot, on the contract of Joseph Hallett.

The manufacture of Cannon was not a financial success. In August, 1777, William Orr was paid £48. 17. 6 for making a six-pounder, at Little Nine Partners; and, in September of the same year, £27.1.0, for a four-pounder. Other makers were also expensive. The Auditor-General made this statement:—

Solomon Simson's Claim £2250. He has no right to demand compensation from the State for anything in his claim but for the Cannon, & that not at the price he has charged them nor for more than what is mentioned in Mr. Goforth's List; which instead of 5 pr of 6 & 9 pounders appear to be only 3 pr. of 4 & 6 Pounders worth about £130. The rest he must apply to Congress for.

### Muskets

Muskets were among the Military Stores that, at first, were furnished by Peter T. Curtenius, the Commissary of the Provincial Congress. Later, they were collected by John Henry, the State Clothier, and forwarded to Col. John Lasher, Commissary, who thereafter had full charge of them. (See the Chapter on "Claims of the State against the United States", for Mr. Curtenius' part of the work). The Muskets were taken from Tories and Disaffected Persons; and, also, from the "Well-Affected" who could not use them.

The following comments of Mr. Curtenius, Commissary, show the way in which Muskets were taken and distributed:—

The Muskets of the Corporation [New York City] were taken out of the Armoury by a Number of Citizens under the Command of Capt Sears (shortly after the News arrived of the Lexington Battle) and carried into Capt Vandykes Fire Ally after which a Committee was appointed to deliver them into the hands of such Citizens as were well-affected to the freedom of America. In the month of June or July following the Provincial Congress passed a Resolve to Raise 4 Redgiments of Contintl Troops and the troops being in want of Muskets the P. Congress published a Resolve that all Citizens possessed of Corporation muskets should deliver them to the proper officer at the Barraks which was done & Colol McDougalls Regimt had 434 of them & the remainder went up to New Windsor for Colol Clintons Redgiment as appears by Wm Tapps affidavit The Corporation applied last Winter to the Legislature of our State for payment In consequence of which the Legislature passed a Law to pay for them provided the United States should pass the amo<sup>t</sup> of them to the Credit of the State of New York.

At about the same date, 500 other Muskets were taken out of New York, by the Committee of the City and County, and sent to Gen. Schuyler, at the North. In the Campaign of 1775, 16 Guns were bought for the Continental Troops, and delivered to Capt. Henry B. Livingston. The price, for each, ranged from £1. to £7. On Sept. 14, 1776 Capt. Livingston loaned 69 "Fire-Locks" to the State of Connecticut. In May, of that year, and again in October, many Guns were taken from the inhabitants, by the Committee of Suffolk County, and delivered to Col. Livingston. (See "Suffolk County Committee"). On Dec. 9, 1776, 73 Muskets, many Bayonets and some Powder were brought from the Eastern end of Long Island, by Col Livingston, and delivered to Capt. Nathaniel Platt. Nearly all of the Muskets from Long Island belonged to the Refugees from that Island. (See the Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut, in "Provincial Congresses").

A number of interesting events, relative to Small Arms, took place in 1776:—Jan. 12, Cornelius Atherton made two written contracts, with bonds of £700 each, for the furnishing of £700 worth of Muskets, with Bayonets, for which he was to be allowed £3.14. each; Feb. 2, the Committee of Safety ordered the payment of £100 to Jecamiah Allen for Muskets; Mar. 10, and July 6, the Committee on Conspiracies took many Arms from the Tories and Disaffected in New York City; in April, Capt. Thaddeus Noble made a contract for 30 Muskets, at \$8 each; June 4, Lieut. Joseph Youngs charged £3.11.6 for 11 days' expenses in collecting 106 Arms from the Tories in Westchester County; in the same month, the brigantine "Grant" brought 263 Guns from Marseilles to the West Indies; July 19, William Duer authorized Peter T. Curtenius to buy 600 or 700 French Muskets, at \$11 each; July 9, the Dutchess

County Committee paid 10/— for the “carriage of 14 Guns to Col. Humphrey”, and 12/— for “Fetching 20 Guns from John Carpenter to Waters, the Gunsmith”; Aug. 3, the same Committee paid Waters £14. 15. 11 for repairing Guns; Richard Ten Eyck was paid 6/— per day for directing the repair of Small Arms; David Howell sent in a bill of £48. 1.2 for repairing Arms, which the Auditor-General described as “moderately charged”, but Howell was not paid till June 4, 1792. The Auditor-General made this statement, relative to another claim:—“Dan<sup>l</sup> Delavan's Claim £140 for payment of Arms. By his own acct of the matter they were deposited in the Contin<sup>l</sup> Store at Kings Ferry, therefore the U. S. must pay him”.

In 1776 and 1777, the Committee of Rumbout Precinct, in Dutchess County, delivered 431 Guns to the State. The Guns were afterward delivered to Colonels Harper, Willett, Van Cortlandt, and others. In March, 1777, these items were paid:—Jacob Hunt, £6.10.0 for conveying Arms to Peekskill, Samuel Niely, £1.4.0, for repairing Arms; Robert Merrit, £1.7.0, for making Arm-Chests; William Jeffery, £6, for repairing Arms. William Ellsworth had a charge for cleaning 101 Muskets. The Provincial Congress, June 9, 1777, offered a Bounty of £20 for every 100 Muskets delivered to the County Committees.

Recd of Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> James Clinton Fifty One Guns & barrels, Forty two Gun Ramrods & Ten Gun Stocks, without barrels, which was hid by Peter Cortenis at Hackinsack to prevent their falling into the Enemies hands — and taken up by Capt Daniel Tier, agreeable to Gen<sup>l</sup> Clinton's Orders &c  
pr me John Varick

Ramapough Clove, 6 July 1777

Expenses paid Daniel Tier A. Qr. Mr. G. for the hire of Waggon, Men's Expences &c in bringing up the within mentioned Guns &c £3.12.0. I certify that I employed Dan<sup>l</sup> Tier to fetch the Guns.  
P. T. Curtenius Late Commiss'y  
to purchase Armes & Cloathing

1777 State of New York to Dan<sup>l</sup> Tier.....Dr.  
July 6 To Expences by me for the hire of Waggon & Men's Expences & bringing up 51 Gun barrels & 52 Ramrods from Hackinsack, where they were buried up to Mr. Sloots in the Clove, as pr Rect of John Varick who recd them from Gen. Clinton..... £3. 12. 0

Dan<sup>l</sup> Tier, being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that the above account is just & True & that he has received no compensation from the State of New York or the United States.

Sworn before me this 11th

Daniel Tier

Day of Feby 1786.

Bn Blagge, Alderman

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### Lances

The following were members of a “Committee to procure Lances” :— Robert Boyd, Thaddeus Crane, William Cushman, Richard Esselstine, Nathaniel Foster, William Miller, Joseph Smith, Stephen Ward, James Weeks, Harmanus Wendell, Henry Wisner and Dirck Wynkoop.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Sepr. 4th 1776.

Whereas many of the Militia of the different Counties in this State who are well Affected to the American Cause are not supplied with Fire Arms. And whereas it is the Duty of the Convention of this State at this Critical period to Arm the whole Militia in Such a Manner as May Prove Most formidable to our inveterate and Tyranical Enemies.

Therefore Resolved unanimously that persons be Appointed in the Counties of West Chester Orange Duchess Ulster & Albany for the purpose of procuring four Thousand Lances to be Made with the utmost Expedition agreeable to such Models as shall be sent to the respective Counties.

Resolved unanimously that the following persons be appointed to procure the proportion of Lances affixed to their respective Names in the Counties Under Mentioned and that this Convention will pay all the Necessary Charges for Carrying this Resolve into Execution.—towit

In the County of Albany	
Harmanus Wendell & Richard Esselstine Esqrs. ....	800
In Ulster County	
Dirck Wynkoop & Robert Boyd Esqrs.....	800
In Orange County	
Henry Wisner & Jos. Smith Esqrs. ....	800
In West Chester County	
Stephen Ward William Miller & Thaddeus Crane .....	800
In Duchess County	
James Weeks William Cushman & Nathaniel Foster .....	800
	4000
Lances	
John McKesson Secry.	

Whereas that I the Subscriber being appointed by the Convention of the State of New York and Harmanus Wendell to have 800 Lances maid for the Use of the Militia of said State and whereas we agreed to that Each Should have 400 Lances maid

Whereon I have 400 Lances maid and Delivered to me at the Rate of 8/ pr Speer 400 Dollars — £160: 0: 0

Charges for giting the Lances maid — £9: 0: 0.

Richard Esselstyne.

### Powder

Soon after the opening of the War, we find an "Account of Powder lent for Continental Service". The items are:— June 23, 1775, to the Army at Cambridge, 1000 lbs.; June 24, 1775, to Albany for the Companies sent up to remove the Cannon and Stores from Ticonderoga, 300 lbs. On Dec. 19, 1775, the Committee on Vessels reported, as follows, to the Provincial Congress relative to all the Gunpowder it could secure:—

In Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York December 19th 1775.

The Committee appointed to employ two or more Vessels for a Voyage to Europe reported, that they think it necessary to load two Vessels with wheat on Account and resque of this Congress for some port or ports in Europe to wit the Customary freight, That the owners run the resque of the Vessels out, and be allowed three pence Sterling per Bushel Extraordinary for such Risque — That the Common Freight of such Vessels is as follows Vizt.

For any port without the Streights as far as Gibraltar	13d	Sterl.	pr	Bushel
to Malaga	14d		do	
to Allicante	15d		do	
to Barcelona	16d		do	
to Marselles	17d		do	

That the said Committee had agreed to let one of the two Vessels return with the return Cargo to St. Eustatius or Saint Martins for one hundred pounds Currency; and that the said Committee would give directions that the said goods bro't in return as soon as they arrive in

the West Indies, be shipped on board of different Vessels to bring them to the Continent; which the Committee conceive to be the most advantageous method. That the Committee have proposed to direct the whole property Adventured to be invested in Gun powder, and if Gun powder is not to be purchased, to be invested in Salt peter; if neither Salt peter or Gun powder is to be had then to be laid out in Good Musquets and if none of the before mentioned articles are to be got or not sufficient to expend the Value of the Cargoes Adventured, then the property or so much thereof as shall remain unexpended in those Articles to be laid out on Goods of the following Kinds Viz<sup>t</sup>: Rusia Drilling, Ravens Duck, Osnabungs, Coarse Linnes from 12d to 15d Sterl. pr yard., Sheeting from 10d to 12d Sterl. pr yard, Coarse Thread Hose from 20/ to 25/ Sterl. pr Doz., Coarse tandem Siliesias from 17/ to 20/ pr piece, Villery fit for Soldiers Shirting — or any other Articles they may think will be wanting.

The said report being read a second time and approved of the Congress unanimously agrees that the said report stand confirmed, and that the Committee carry the said Report into Execution. And Resolved that John Vanderbilt Comfort Sands & Jacobus Van Zandt & each & every of them shall be fully indemnified by this Congress, or the Committee of Safety, or the Congress of this Colony for the time being, against any Bonds, which they or either of them will be under the necessity to enter into at the Custom House in New York, for the said Vessels and Cargoes; And that in case any Costs or Damages shall accrue by means of entering into such Bonds that all such Costs and Damages as may arise happen or accrue by means thereof shall be born by this Colony. And Ordered that the Treasurer of this Congress pay to Jacobus Van Zandt Comfort Sands and John Vanderbilt the sum of Five thousand pounds in part to enable them to load the said Vessels.

John McKesson Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Rec'd. January 12th 1776 from P. V. B. Livingston Esqr. by the hands of Gerard Bancker two thousand five hundred pounds in part of the within.  
£2500..

Jacobus Van Zandt

Rec'd. January 1776 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker two thousand five hundred pounds the Ballance of the within Order.  
£2500

Comfort Sands

In Provincial Congress New York March 4th 1776 — Mr. Prince, one of the Members appointed to forward the Continental Powder to Cambridge, informed this Congress that the waggoners here employed in the Continental Service, and going to Cambridge with the Continental Powder said they could not proceed without some money to defray their expenses. That he had advanced to the three waggoners who went off with loaded waggons this morning Twenty pounds on account in part of their pay. That the other three waggoners who are to set off this afternoon expect to receive the like sum in advance in part of their pay.

Therefore ordered that Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Esquire, advance to Mr. Samuel Prince the sum of Forty Pounds on Continental Account in part of the Hire of the waggoners carrying Continental Gunpowder to Cambridge, and that the Treasurer take Mr. Prince's receipt for the same & charge it to Continental Account.  
£40.

John McKesson, Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Rec'd March 4th 1776 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker forty pounds in full for the above Order.

Samuel Prince

At another time, Powder was issued as follows:—

To the Troops marching to the Northern Frontier . . . . .	100
To the Troops raised on Long Island when order'd to the Eastward to defend the Cattle borrowed from Genl Wooster . . . . .	235
To the Forts in the high Lands . . . . .	200
June 13th To the Camp at Cambridge . . . . .	655
455 lb of the last parcel was borrow'd from New Jersey & since repaid in powder	
	lbs. 2490

The Powder in the Province was now nearly exhausted, and the situation was becoming desperate. In this emergency, Mar. 14, 1776, the Provincial Congress paid £34.10 for printing 3000 pamphlets, of 40 pages each, containing essays on the making of Salt Petre and Gun Powder. On the same date, the Congress took this action:—

In provincial Congress New York March 14th., 1776.

John R. Livingston Esqr. having given Bond with Securities to Isaac Roosevelt Nathaniel Woodhull Abraham Yates Jun. Esqr. and the other gentlemen named in the Order of this Congress of the ninth instant and contracted to build a Powder Mill within three months agreeable to the said Resolution.

THEREFORE ORDERED that Peter Van brugh Livingston Esqr. as Treasurer of this Congress advance to John R. Livingston Esqr. the sum of One thousand pounds and take his receipt for the same.

Robt. Benson Secy.

£1000.

In provincial Congress New York Die Veneris May 10th., 1776.

Henry Wisner Junr. Esquire having applied to the Committee of Safety for the Premium for erecting a powder Mill, is entitled to receive the same on giving Security and entering into Contract. Mr. Wisner also informed the Congress that there is a very considerable sum due to him from the Colony, on the resolution of the provincial Congress for manufacturing of Gun-powder — That he intends to have his partner bound with him in the Contract for erecting a Powder Mill — That he requests the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds from the Treasury on his Bond for that Sum in part of either of the Sums above mentioned.

THEREUPON ORDERED that Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esquire as Treasurer of this Congress advance to Henry Wisner Junr. Esquire the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds on his Bond payable the first day of July next.

John McKesson Secry.

Recd. May 14th., 1776. from P. V. B. Livingston by th<sup>e</sup> hands of Gerard Bancker One hundred and fifty pounds agreeable to the within Order, and for which Sum I have delivered to the Treasurer a Bond Executed by myself and dated the 11th., instant.

Henry Wisner Junr.

On May 11, 1776, Henry Wisner, jr., signed a bond for £150 to the Treasurer of Congress, for which he received cash.

The Congress, in May 1776, voted £200 to [Col] William Allison for the purchase of Salt Petre. From May 21, to Aug. 30 of that year, he expended £76 for 255 pounds; a part of which " was purchased in New York shortly before the evacuation and could not be got out and therefore lost ". The Congress, June 1, 1776, voted \$500 to Col. Allison for the same material.

Between June 9, 1776 and June 9, 1777, Henry Wisner, jr., and Moses Phillips made 14,737 pounds of Gun Powder, as stated by the Committee of Wallkill Precinct, Ulster County, on June 28, 1777. This Powder was made in consequence of a resolution of the Congress, June 9, 1775. Between the same dates, John Carpenter & Co. made 3,725 pounds in Orange County, according to the statement of the County Committee. The Congress, or Convention, July 12, 1776, voted £100 to John R. Livingston for erecting a Powder Mill; and, July 19, £200 to John Carpenter for like services.

The brigantine " Grant ", June 10, 1776, brought 250 barrels of Powder from Sollicoffre Freres & Wilkie, of Marseilles, to the West Indies on its way to this Province. (See also Sloop " Nancy " in the Chapter on " Privateers ").

On July 8, 1776, 53 casks of Powder arrived in Providence, R. I. They were forwarded, through Windham, Conn., to Red Hook, in Dutchess County. In August, of that year, all

the Powder in New York City was taken by boats to Albany, Fort Constitution and Stamford, Conn., to escape the invasion of the British. The Powder for Fort Constitution was afterward sent to Gen. Schuyler, at the North. The Committee of Safety, Sept. 14, ordered £200 paid to Henry Wisner for the purchase of Salt Petre. Powder was also sent from Albany into Tryon County.

On Sept. 19, 1776, Congress appointed Henry Wisner, sr., Robert Yates, William Harper, Matthew Adgate and Doctor Joseph Crane a Committee to make Discoveries and Assays of Sulphur, Lead and Flint; and voted \$500 to the Committee. Mr. Adgate also acknowledged the receipt of \$500. The Committee, 1776-1778, expended £1389. After the preliminary investigations, Matthew Cantine, William Harper and Jonathan Lawrence were created Commissioners to Explore Mines of Lead and Sulphur, and to Erect works for the manufacture of Salt, Sulphur &c.

State of New York Dr. to William Harper one of the Commissioners for erecting works for Salt Sulpher flints

1777			
May 25	To 1 day to Springfield to engage Mr. Spencer to contract with the Onoida Indians for use of their Saltspring .....	£	8
" 30	To 6 days in company with Caspar Houdt chimist to view the Sulphur Springs & to determining where to erect the works at Andrew's Town at 8/ Pr day.....	2	8
June 15	To 16 days in Company with Major Laurence to view the Salt Springs at Orisque, Onoida & Springfield and trying Several experiments on the Salt Springs in the different places & contracting with Mr. Stoudt .....@8/ pr day.....	6	8
June 26	To 10 days traveling & exploring the Sulpher mines at Schohary, for Contracting for the Same and for Lands to Erect the works thereon necessary for manufacturing the Same .....	4	
July 5	To 5 days in Company with Hugh Alexander to Explore and make experiments on the Salt & flint mines @ 3/ .....	2	
1778			
Feby 14	To 35 days, To Ajores. 9 to Poughkeepsie waiting on the Legislature there 17 days travel'd from thence to Salsbury and Ancrom to prepare Stove for the Sulpher works .....	14	
Octob 5	To 12 days To a journey to Ancrom Poughkeepsie obtaining an order on the Treasury for £700 at Kingston from there to Col. Livingston to pay for the Stoves &c.....	4	16
1779			
Jany. 1	To 23 days to a journey to Schohary to Inspect the Sulpher work hiring men to cut wood.....	9	4
1780			
Feby 21	To 5 days, to a journey to Schohary to inspect the Sulpher works & Settle with Mr. Stoudt.....	2	
		£45	4

Auditors Office New York Octo 13th. 1785 The Committee appointed by law to Instrut me have examined the above account & have directed That William Harper Esq<sup>r</sup>. must be credited for the above Sum of forty five pounds 4/ on his account of Comissioner of Sequestration.  
Peter T. Curtenius State Aud<sup>r</sup>.

Gerard Bancker Esq<sup>r</sup> Treasurer.

Mr Harper together with other Commissioners of Sequestration for Tryon County have accounted for the Sequesterd property Sold by them & there will be a ballance coming to them & therefore you are requested to pay the within Sum of forty five pounds 4/ to W<sup>m</sup> Harper Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Gerard Bancker Esq<sup>r</sup> Treasurer.

Peter T. Curtenius State Aud<sup>r</sup>.

Received May 6th. 1786 from Gerard Bancker, Treasurer, Forty five Pounds, four Shillgs. in full for the within Acc<sup>t</sup>.

£45 4 0

W<sup>m</sup>. Harper

The Commissioners employed John Waggener to do the practical work. Casper Stout, the chemist, employed Johannes Lawyer to make moulds for the Sulphur, in November, 1777. Lawyer boarded Stout, and also "rode" loads of clay, sand and stone to the Sulphur works.

The Committee of Ulster County made these payments, in 1776:— Oct. 25, £2 to Elias Hasbrouck for bringing Powder from John Livingston's Magazine; Oct. 26, £3.15.0 to Philip Swart for carrying Powder from New Windsor for the Regiments of Colonels Snyder and Pawling; same date, the freight on Powder from Kingston to Newburgh.

The Committee of Orange County, in 1777, ordered Lieut. Joseph Conkling's Company to guard the Powder Mill of John Carpenter. On May 3, of that year, the Provincial Congress ordered men to be raised to guard the Powder Mills in the Precincts of Rhinebeck, Walkkill and Cornwall.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Kingston May 3d 1777.

Resolved that the Committee of the Precinct of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess and the Committee of the Precinct of Walkkill in the County of Ulster and the Committee of the Precinct of Cornwall in the County of Orange be directed to raise a Company in each of the said Precincts to continue in Service till the first day of July next unless sooner discharged consisting of one Lieutenant three Sergeants & twenty four Privates in order to guard the several Powder Mills in each of the said Precincts

Resolved that the officers be allowed Contin<sup>l</sup>. Pay & fifteen shillings per Week for Rations and the non commissioned officers and Privates contin<sup>l</sup>. Pay and twelve shillings per week for Rations and be under the command of the Proprietors of the said Mills

Resolved that the Committees above named call out a part of the Militia of the said Precincts to mount Guard at the said Mills till the said Companies are compleated and that they be also under the command of the Proprietors of the said Mills and be allowed the above Pay and subsistence.

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Benson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

In Provincial Congress for the State of New York June 9th 1777.

Whereas sundry Mills and other Manufactories for the making of Gun powder and musketts are now erected and about to be erected within this Colony; and for as much as all such manufactories will greatly tend both to the immediate Defence and future wealth of this Colony—

Resolved therefore that for every Hundred weight of good Gun powder which upon due proof shall be certified by the Committee of the County where any powder Mill is or shall be erected, to have been manufactured within this Colony and to have been delivered to the said Committee, the Bounty of five pounds shall be paid to the manufacturer thereof over & above the price of such Powder: And for every hundred good Musketts of proof so certified, the Bounty of Twenty Pounds—The Bounties aforesaid to continue for twelve months from the date of this Resolve.

John McKesson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

In Convention of the State of New York, Poughkeesie Jany., 8, 1778.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Henry Wisener Esqr. relative to Salt Peter and Bounty on Gun Powder reported as follows to wit, That it appears to them that a Part of the Salt Peter which Mr. Wisener hath purchased for the Use of this State consisting of 2420 3/4 is unattanted with such Vouches of its being made of Materials collected within

this State as are required by a Resolution of Convention in that Case made and Provided and that in Consequence thereof the Auditor Genl. refuses to Audit his Accounts of the Same that Nevertheless from the local Situation of the several Manufacturers of the Said Salt Peter your Committee are Satisfied that the said Salt Peter was made from Materials collected within this State and are of Opinion that a Strict compliance with the Letter of the Said Resolution in this Case to be dispensed with and do therefore recommend the following Resolution to wit. Resolved that the Auditor Genl. of this State be and hereby authorized and directed to Audit the said Accounts for payment notwithstanding there being unattanted with the necessary Vouches as aforesaid. That as to the GunPowder manufactured at Mr. Wisner's Mills it appears to your Committee that near two thousand weight thereof hath been delivered to the order of the convention of this State and that the remainder was delivered to the Several Orders of Genl. Washington and Genl. Schuyler at diferent times excepting about one thousand Weight thereof remaining in the Powder House and ready to be delivered to the Order of this State that the Said Powder agreeable to a Resolution of Provincial Congress should have been delivered to the Committees of the Respective Counties where it was manufactured, but that the aforesaid Applications and Orders prevented a Compliance therewith, that Mr. Wisner's answering the Demands of the Generals aforesaid was highly expedient; as a speedy Supply of that Article was indispensibly Necessary to promote the Public Good and that he has fully complied with the Spirit of the said Resolution and do therefore recommend the following Resolution to wit. Resolved that the Auditor Genl. of this State be and he is Hereby authorized and directed to Audit Mr. Wisner's Accounts of the Same for payment notwithstanding their being unattanted with the Necessary Vouches Required by the Letter of the Said Resolution.

The said Report being read. Resolved that this convention do approve of the said Report of their Committees and that the same stand Confirmed. Robt. Benson Secry.

On Jan. 8, 1778, the Legislature ordered the Auditor General to audit the accounts of Henry Wisner jr for 2420 lbs of Salt Petre (although not attended with the proper vouchers) because "the said Salt Petre was made from Materials collected within this State":—

In Convention of the State of New York, Poughkeepsie Jany 8th 1778.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Henry Wisner Esquire relative to bounty on Gun Powder reported that as to the Gun Powder manufactured at Mr Wisner's mills it appears to your Committee that near two thousand weight thereof hath been delivered to the Order of the Convention of this State & that the Remainder was delivered to the several Orders of Genl. Washington & Genl. Schuyler at different Times, excepting about One Ton Weight thereof remaining in the Powder House & ready to be delivered to the Order of this State. That the said Powder agreeable to a Resolution of Provincial Congress should have been delivered to the Committees of the respective Counties where it was manufactured, but that the aforesaid Applications & Orders presented a Compliance therewith. That Mr Wisners answering the Demands of the Generals aforesaid was highly expedient; as a speedy Supply of that Article was indispensibly Necessary to promote the public Good & that he has fully complied with the Spirit of the said Resolution.

The Committee, therefore recommended, and the Convention approved, a direction to the Auditor General to audit Mr Wisner's accounts although they were "unattended with the necessary Vouchers required by the Letter of the said Resolution".

The State of New York

	Dr.
To Henry Wisner & Co	
To Bounty on 14737 lb Gun Powder Manufactured in Ulster County by Henry Wisner Sen <sup>r</sup> . from July 9 1777.....1/ Pr lb .....	£736 17
To Bounty on 3725 Manufactured in Orange County from June 9 1776 to June 9th 1777 .....	1 Pr lb ..... 186 5
	£923 2

Cr		
By Cash Rec <sup>d</sup> of the Treasurer for which I gave my bond . . . . .	£150 0 0	
By d <sup>o</sup> Borrowed . . . . .	200 0 0	350 0 0
		£573 2 0

Feby 25. 1778

Examined & Allowed the above Ballance of five Hundred & Seventy three pounds Two Shillings  
Comfort Sands Aud Secy.

To Peter V B Livingston Esqr

Rec<sup>d</sup> March 24 1778 from P V B Livingston by the Hands of Gerard Bancker five Hundred and Seventy three pounds two Shillings in full for the within Account

Henry Wisner Junr.

In 1778, it was resolved that Powder should be delivered on the order of the Governor or the Council of Safety. A large Magazine was located at Fishkill, where the price was stated to have been \$6 per pound, in 1779. The State stored the largest quantity of Powder in Albany. It was under the control of Hendrick Roseboom, who was nearly 70 years of age at the time. For many years before the breaking out of the War, he had stored Powder for the Colony. On June 10, 1777, an entry in his books showed that 100 barrels of Powder had been "loaded by order of Mr. Philip Van Rensselaer, 25 wagons, each 4 barrels". This large requisition was sent to the North for the operations that ended in the surrender of Burgoyne in the fall of that year.

Early in the War, the Albany County Committee paid 1/- each for 40 Powder Horns; but, later, they were quoted at 3/6. Bullet Pouches were made of sheepskin

**Flints**

Recd Decr 7 1775 of Peter T. Curtenius Ten boxes bullets & buck Shott Two hundred pounds in Each & three Kegs flints gt Nine Thousand five hundred flints which I promise to Deliver to Abrm Yates Esqr at Albany, he paying me the Customary freight, having Signed Two receipts of the same date, the one being accomplit the other is to stand void

Isaac Fonda

(The proportion was 1 ball to 5 flints e. g.)

	Ball	Flints
Trion County	600	3000
Westchester	800	4000
Ulster	400	2000
Duttches	1000	5000
Albany	2000	9500
Suffolk	400	2000
Do	200	1000
Do	400	2000
	5800	28500
New York	1350	Lead
	7150	

[Comment by Peter T. Curtenius, Commissary] the above Lead and ball I delivered before Mr. Norwood was appointed and was sent to the County Committees for the Militia.

The same proportion of 1 to 5 holds good in the following:—

The Proportion of 50,000 Flints and 10,000 lb of Ball to be sent to the several Counties of this Colony —

	Flints	Ball	
To New York	9000	1800	1350 Delivd
Albany	10000	2000	Sent
Tryon	3000	0600	All sent
Dutchess	5000	1000	Sent
Westchester	6000	1200	Sent
Ulster	2000	0400	Sent
Orange	3000	0600	
Suffolk	3000	0600	Sent
Queens	3000	0600	not to be sent without orders
Kings	0750	0150	
Richmond	0750	0150	
Charlotte	1500	0300	
Cumberland	2250	0450	
Glocester	0750	0150	
	50000	10000	

I approve the above disposition

Alexr McDougall [Col. 1st Line]

New York 13 Decr 1775

The Provincial Congress, or Convention, July 26, 1776, voted £70 to Messrs. Marsh, Stevens and Sessions for transporting Flints to the counties of Cumberland and Gloucester. On Dec. 10, 1777, the Treasurer received cash from John Moore which he, in return, had received from a Commissary who had taken Ball and Flints that were sent to Tryon County, viz: for

400 lb Ball at 8 <sup>d</sup> .....	£20. 0. 0
3000 Flints at 40/.....	6. 0. 0
	£26. 0. 0
Deduct so much Mr Moore pd freight.....	17. 0
	£25. 3. 0

### Lead

Lead was the most difficult of the warlike stores to secure. The Committee, named above, did not discover any paying mines of that article. (See "Public Papers of George Clinton", Vol. II, pp. 489 and 498). As it was impossible to import Lead, the Troops from this State resorted to pewter dishes as material for their Bullets. At Fort Montgomery, even the weights on fishing-nets were used for this purpose. Small quantities of Lead were brought from Connecticut. Finally, early in 1776, a happy thought came over the Provincial Congress. Here is the story, as told by Peter T. Curtenius, in making up his Accounts against the United States:—

The reason that there is no account of Purchases Produced by P. T. C. is because by a Resolve of the Provincial Congress the Window Leads were taken out of the Windows of the Inhabit-

ants in the City of New York & deliv'd to P T Curtenius then Commissary of the Provincial Congress amounting to Something above 100 Tons w<sup>t</sup> for which the Citizens were paid for by the Treasurer of the State after the War was over at 9<sup>d</sup> pr lb this is the reason why It does not appear in P T C acct of Purchases — the 4 Ton 7.1 — was sent by P T C to Brig<sup>r</sup> Genl Geo Clintons Encampment at Westchester the 12 Ton was Sent up to Orange County as a place of Safety & afterwards was delivd to J Rudduch who was a Contin<sup>l</sup> Officer & the remainder Say 6324 was Sent up to Albany & delivd to Phil Vanrenselaeer who was a Military Store Keeper for the United States —

This is the form of Certificate that was given by Daniel Dunscomb :—

1776 State of New York to Paulus Banta Dr.  
July. For 124 lb. Window Lead taken from my House by Order of Convention for  
public use as pr Danl. Dunscomb's Certificate at 9<sup>d</sup> pr W..... £4.13.—

New York 7th Decem<sup>r</sup> 1784 I have examin'd the above account and allow to be due thereon the Sum of Four Pounds thirteen shillings Currency which please to pay Mr. Nicholas Bogart on his producing Mr. Banta's Receipt on the Back of this Accot.

Gerard Bancker Esqr. Treasurer.

Peter T. Curtenius State Audr.

[Indorsed, as follows]

Rece'd New York 7th Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1784 from Gerard Bancker Treasurer of the State the Sum of Four Pounds thirteen shillings in full of the within Account.  
£4..13.. 0

Paulus Banta.

New York the 7th Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1784.

I Certify that there was taken out of the house of Paulus Banta in Dey Street One hundred & twenty four pounds of window leads for Public service by order of Convention.

Peter T. Curtenius Esqr. Auditor.

Daniel Dunscomb.

A deposition of Edward Blagge, made on Feb. 14, 1785, states " that sometime in the Month of July in the year of 1776, a Number of Men came to the house of Capt George Codwise and took from the Windows of the Dwelling House of the said George Codwise a Number of Leaden sash weights & put them in a Cart with a Number of Others, & when this deponent ask'd what Authority they had for so doing he was answer'd 'twas by Public Authority ".

The following is the only claim that appears from any locality outside the City of New York :—

State of New York to Frederick Roorbach . . . . . Dr  
For 91 1/4 lb Lead Weights delivered for public use as pr Certificate from Robert  
Boyd, junr Chairman of Ulster County Committee a 9<sup>d</sup> pr lb..... £3. 8. 3

I hereby certify that Mr Frederick Roorbach delivered to me as Chairman of the Committee for the County of Ulster Ninety one pounds and a Quarter of lead, and that the same was made into Bullets and used by the Militia of the County aforesaid when going to Forts Montgomery and Clinton in the Month of July 1776 —

New York 30th December 1784.

Robt. Boyd Junr.

[The account was allowed by the Auditor-General on Jan. 10, 1785; and paid the same date.]

Previous to the removal of the Window Leads belonging to the private citizens of New York, Samuel Prince and two assistants, on June 5, 1776, took the Leads from the City Hall and the Exchange; and, on July 12, 36 bars of Lead, weighing 1069 pounds, were taken from Jacobus Depeyster. John Davis, July 17, 1776 charged the Committee of Poughkeepsie 9<sup>d</sup> per pound for 41 pounds of Lead. Daniel Dunscomb was paid by a law passed May 12, 1784.

Window Leads were taken from the houses of these citizens:

Abrams Andrew	Breested Andrew	De Peyster Cornelia (Mrs.)	Grigg Henry
Abrams Anthony	Brevoort Elias	De Peyster Nicholas	Griswold Joseph
Ackly Anthony	Brevoort Henry	De Peyster William	Groesbeck Elizabeth (Mrs.)
Algier (Mrs.)	Brewerton George	Des Bosses Elias	Hallett James
Alner John	Brewerton Jacob	Des Bosses James	Hallett Joseph
Also John	Brinckerhoff Abraham	Dickson David, Capt.	Hamstead Phebe
Alstye Elizabeth	Broome Samuel	Dobson Thomas	Ham Coenrad W.
Anderson Elbert	Brower Abraham	Dodge Amos	Hammond Elizabeth (Mrs.)
Anthony Nicholas	Brower Jeremiah	Dodge Samuel	Hardenbrook Abel
Anthony Nicholas N.	Brower John	Drake Jasper	Hardenbrook Theophilus
Aspinwall John	Brower Peter	Duane (Mrs.)	Hardenbrook William
Bache Theophylact	Brown John	Dudley John	Haring Elbert
Ball Cornelia (Mrs.)	Brown Mary (Mrs.)	Duncan George	Harris Richard
Banta Paulus	Brown Thomas	Dunscob Daniel	Harrison George
Barclay Andrew	Brownjohn William	Dunscob Edward	Harsin Garrit
Barclay Henry, Rev.	Buller Jane	Dunscob John	Hayes (Mrs.)
Barnes Mary	Burke (Mrs.)	Dunscob Samuel	Haynes Joseph
Barnes Phebe	Burling Lancaster	Duryee Abraham	Harderson Thomas
Barrea Francis	Burras Lawrence	Duryee John	Henshaw Daniel, Capt.
Barrow Thomas	Butler William	Dutch Church Convention	Heyer William, Col.
Bassett (Mrs.)	Byvanck Evert	of the	Hicks Whitehead
Bassett Francis	Byvanck John	Duyckinck Gerardus	Hildreth Benjamin
Bauman Sebastian, Maj.	Callow Stephen	Eagles William	Hitchcock Daniel
Bayard Samuel	Car Anthony	Ebbetts Daniel	Hodgeson John
Bancker Adrian	Carmer Henry	Elliott John	Holland Henry
Bancker Evert	Carpenter Elizabeth	Ellison Thomas	Hopkins George
Bancker John	Carroll James	Elsworth Johannes (Mrs.)	Hopper Matthew
Beekman (Mrs.)	Cheesman Thomas	Elsworth Theophilus	Hopper Rynear
Beekman Abraham	Clark John	Elsworth William, sr.	Housman Aurt
Beekman Gerard G., jr.	Clarke James, Dr.	Elsworth William, jr.	Howard Sheffield
Beekman Gerard William	Clarke Thomas, Capt.	Fangere Lewis, Dr.	Hoyer Peter
Beekman Henry	Clarkson David	Farman Samuel	Hughes, Mary Walton
Beekman James	Clopper Peter	Farmer Maria	(Mrs.)
Beekman John	Cockeroff William	Fell John	Hunt Davis
Beekman Samuel	Cockle Hannah (Mrs.)	Filkin Francis	Hunt Jane
Beekman Theo's	Codwise George, Capt.	Finch Alexander	Hyer Walter
Beekman Wm. & Family	Cooley George	Fine Frederick	Jandine Charles
Bend Grove	Cornelison Michael	Foght John M.	Jarvis James
Bender Matthew	Couwenhoven Nicholas	Forbes Gilbert	Jauncey James, jr.
Benson Benjamin	Covenhoven Edward	Forbes Joseph	Jauncey John
Benson Robert	Crolius John	Fox Mary (Mrs.)	Jauncey Mary (Mrs.)
Blake Jonathan	Crommelin Robert	Franklin James	Jay Frederick
Blau Cornelia (Mrs.)	Crooke Annahe (Mrs.)	Franklin John	Johnson Jane (Mrs.)
Bockee Abraham	Crooke Elizabeth (Mrs.)	Franklin Samuel	Johnson John, Capt.
Bogart Henry C.	Crosfield Stephen	Franklin Walter	Johnson Samuel
Bogart Nicholas, Capt.	Cruger Henry	Fraunces Samuel	Johnson Simeon
Bogert Cornelius	Cruger John	Gaine Hugh	Jones Humphrey
Bogert Elizabeth (Mrs.)	Curtenius Peter T.	Gautier Andrew	Jones Margaret (Mrs.)
Bogert Jacobus	Dale Robert, Capt.	Giffing George	Kelly William
Bogert John	Davis Benjamin	Gilbert John	Kemmeny Engelbart, Dr.
Bogert Nicholas	Deall Samuel	Gilbert William	Kendall Mary (Mrs.)
Bogert Peter	Deane William	Goelet Peter	Kennedy Archibald
Bonta Jacob	De Lancey John	Gomez Moses	Ketellas Abraham, Rev.
Bouvelot James	De Lancey John Peter	Graham Ennis	Ketellas Peter, jr.
Bowne Samuel	De Lancey Peter	Gregg David	Kibbel Stephen
Brasher Abraham	Delaplane William	Griffith Robert	Kiersted Rufe, Dr.
Brasier Meads	Denning William	Griffiths John, Capt.	King Linus

Kip Abraham	Mercier William	Kemsen Henry	Stoutenburgh Peter
Kip Henry	Mesier Abraham	Remsen Jacob	Sweedland Christopher
Kip Jane (Widow)	Mesier Peter	Richards Paul	Talman William
Kip Leonard	Milliner William	Richards Stephen	Taylor John
Kippin William	Misnard Daniel	Riker Andrew	Ten Eyck Abraham
Kissick Philip	Moncrieff Thomas	Riker Henry	Ten Eyck Anthony
Knack Reinier	Montanye (Mrs.)	Riker John	Ten Eyck Daniel
Kortright Lawrence	Montanye John	Rivington James	Ten Eyck Mary (Mrs.)
Laight Edward	Montanye Joseph	Robert Christopher	Teppet Stephen
Lasher John	Moore Benjamin, sr.	Robertson Alexander	Tetard John Peter
Latham Daniel	Moore John	Roome Jacob	Thurman John, sr.
Latham John	Moore Lambert	Roome Luke	Thurman John, jr.
Latham Joseph	Moore Michael	Roorbach Frederick	Tiebout Teunis
Lawrence Augustin	Moore Thomas William	Roorbach John	Tillou Peter
Lawrence Caleb	Moore William	Roosevelt Isaac	Todd Sarah (Mrs.)
Lawrence Catharine (Mrs.)	Morton John	Roosevelt Jacobus	Tolmie Norman
Lawrence John	Murray Robert	Roosevelt Nicholas	Totten Joseph
Lawrence Thomas	Myer John R.	Rutgers Elizabeth (Mrs.)	Towt Robert
Leake Ann (Mrs.)	Myers Myer	Rutgers Henry	Troup John I.
Leake John	Neillson William	Rutherford Walter, Maj.	Troup Robert, Capt.
Leary John, sr.	Nicoll Charles	Sackett Samuel	Tucker Thomas
Leaycraft Viner	Nicoll Edward	Sands Comfort	Turk Aha's
Lee John	Oakes Thomas	Sarly Jacob	Turner John
Lefferts Jacobus	Ogsbury Alexander	Schermerhorn John, Capt.	Ustick Henry
Lester Joseph	Oothout John	Schuyler Elizabeth (Mrs.)	Ustick William
Lispenard Leonard	Oudenaarde Henry	Schuyler John	Van Alstyne Abraham
Livingston Elizabeth (Mrs.)	Panton Francis	Schuyler Samuel	Van Alstyne John
Livingston John	Parceles Abraham	Seaman Edmond	Van Alstyne Roome
Livingston Philip	Payne Ann (Mrs.)	Sears Isaac	Van Antwerp Jacobus
Livingston Robert	Pearsall Thomas	Sebring Bannat	Van Buren Beekman, Dr.
Livingston Robert G.	Pearse William	Sebring Cornelius	Van Cortlandt Augustus
Long John	Pell Samuel	Shand Mary	Van Cortlandt John
Lott Abraham	Pettit Thomas	Sharp Richard	Van Cortlandt William
Lott Abraham P.	Phillips Charles	Shoals John, Capt.	Van derbilt John
Louden Samuel	Phoenix Daniel	Sickels Robert	Van derseigle John
Lowe Michael	Pinto Rachel	Sickels Zachariah	Van der Voort Peter
Ludlow Cary	Play Hannah (Mrs.)	Silvester Francis	Van der Water William
Ludlow Gabriel	Prince Samuel	Simson Solomon	Van Dolsem John
Ludlow William	Provoost David	Smith Abraham	Van Drill William
Lupton William	Provoost Eve (Mrs.)	Smith Ann (Mrs.)	Van Dum Catharine
Lyng John Burt	Provoost Peter	Smith Barnardus	Van Dum Sarah
Lynson Catharine (Mrs.)	Puffendorf (Mrs.)	Smith Christopher	Van Dursen Peter
McAdam William	Quackenbos Walter	Smith John	Van Dyck Abraham
McAlpin Robert	Quackenbush Johannes	Smith Thomas	Van Dyck Jacobus
McCready James	Quackenbush Nicholas	Smith William	Van Gelder Abraham
McEvers Charles	Quick Abraham	Smith William Peartree	Van Gelder Colin
McEvers James	Quick Jacobus	Spraggs Samuel	Van Horne Augustus
McKenny John	Quill Thomas, Capt.	Stagg John	Van Horne David
McKinly William	Ramsay John	Stanton George	Van Horne Samuel
Mallet Jonathan	Randall Thomas	Steele Stephen	Van Keuren Margaret (Mrs.)
Marsalis Peter	Rapalje Garret	Stephany John Sebastian	Van Renst Catharine (Mrs.)
Marschalk Francis	Rapalje Rem	Stevens John	an Solingen Godardus
Marston Nathaniel	Ray John	Stewart Alexander	Van Varck Effie
Marston Thomas	Ray Robert	Steymets Benjamin	Van Varck James
Martin John	Reade John	Steymets Christopher	Van Varick Guillian
Masterton David	Reed James	Stiles Daniel	Van Vleecck Henry
Matthewman Catharine	Remney William	Stout Benjamin	Ven Vleecck John
Maxwell William	Remsen (Mrs.)	Stoutenbergh Tobias	
Mead Isaac	Remsen George	Stoutenburgh Isaac	

Van Vorhis Jacob	Vredenburgh Matthias	Watar Agnes	Wickham William
Van Wagenen Huybert	Vredenburgh William	Watson Jacob	Williams Erasmus
Van Wagenen Jacob	Waddle (Mrs.)	Watts John, jr.	Williams William
Van Wyck Theodorus	Waldron Kilah (Mrs.)	Weeks Peezard	Witter Thomas
Van Zandt Jacobus	Waldron Richard	Wells James	Wolfe David
Van Zandt Peter	Waldron Sarah (Mrs.)	Wendover Hercules	Wood John
Varick Guillian	Walker John	Wendover Thomas	Woodward John
Varick John	Walton Cornelia	Wessels Francis	Wright John G., Dr.
Verplanck (Mrs.)	Walton Jacob	Wetherhead Rachel (Mrs.)	Yates Richard
Verplanck Samuel	Walton William	Wetzell John	Zuricker John
Vredenburgh John	Wardell Thomas	Whiteman Henry	

In July, 1776, the Provincial Congress, or Convention, voted £40 to Nathaniel Sackett for transporting Lead in Dutchess County; £50 to Henry Wisner, jr., for transporting Lead to the Counties of Orange and Ulster; and £70 to Messrs. Marsh, Stevens and Sessions for transporting Lead to the Counties of Cumberland and Gloucester.

The 100 tons of Lead secured from the windows in New York City proved invaluable. The fate of the American cause might have been much more doubtful, had it not been for this supply. From July to December, 1776, about 20 tons of this lead had been delivered to the Army. In July and August, a large part of it was shipped to Col. Levi Pawling, in Gen. James Clinton's Encampment; to Nathaniel Sackett and Jonathan Platt, in Dutchess County; and to Henry Wisner, in Ulster and Orange Counties — £20. 0. 6 having been paid to the latter, Oct. 23, by the Treasurer of the Provincial Congress. The Committee of Ulster County, Oct. 25, paid 4/6 to Johannes Hardenbergh for freight on Lead; and, also, the same amount to William Elsworth for freight paid "for Lead Carried to Kingston from N. Y. of which the lower end of the County had none". Some of the last named Lead was afterward carted from Kingston to Newburgh.

		State of New York to Henry Bogart Dr.	
1776	Nov <sup>r</sup> 10	To Cartage for Sash Leads from Hobuck & Newark .....	£3. 4.
		To Cartage down to the Ferry .....	10.
		To casting 15 C <sup>t</sup> Lead into Musket Ball @ 8/— .....	6.
1784	July 10	To 15 Boxes for the Ball — 2/— .....	1. 10.
		To my Wages going to Hackensack to dig up the Bullets & carting them to the Landing 4 days @ 10/— .....	2.
		To 9 New Boxes the old ones being rotten .....	18.
		To freight paid to the Boatman from Hackinsack including cartage to the Barracks .....	12.
			£14. 14.

This bill was audited and paid May 15, 1786. The State, May 29, 1777, paid a bill of the Committee of Newburgh Precinct, dated July 4, 1776, for 186 3/4 pounds of Lead, at 8<sup>d</sup>., delivered to Col Hasbrouck's Regiment at Fort Montgomery.

### Flags

Here is a bill for Flags:—

1776		State of New York to Eliza & Grove Bend, Dr.		
June 17	To 7 ps brown Hessian Linnen deld Richd Kip .....			£14. 14. 0
24	8 yds Yellow Taffety .....	14/—		5. 12. 0
	4 1/2 do White do .....	14/—		3. 3. 0
	19 yds Blue Italian Silk .....	13/6		12. 16. 6
	1 3/4 yds Green do .....	13/6		1. 3. 7
	4 Skains Silk .....	1/4		5. 4
	7 1/2 yds Pink Lute string .....	10/—		3. 15. 0
	2 2/3 yds Green do .....	10/—		1. 6. 8
the above was for Colours for the Regiments in the New York Line.				<hr/>
				£42. 16. 1

### Horses

Horses were usually paid for in what were called "Horse Notes".

Arrangement of the Business of purchasing 600 Horses for the Use of the Army.

No. of the Districts	Purchasing Districts	Names of Purchasers	No. of Horses to be purchased by each
1	Goshen Precinct in Orange County	Joseph Wood of Goshen	33
2	Cornwall Precinct in Orange County and such part of the County as lies on the South Side of the Mountain	Ebenezar Woodhull of Blooming-grove.	17
3	Westchester County	Major Nathan <sup>l</sup> Delivan Courtlands Manor.	20
4	Kingston, Hurly, Marble Town and Rochester in the County of Ulster	Cornelius D. Wynkoop of Hurley	40
5	Any part of the County of Ulster except Hurley, Kingston, Rochester and Marble Town	James Hunter of Shawangunck	60
6	The Precincts of Philips, Fred'k <sup>s</sup> . Burgh, South East and Rumbout in Dutchess County	Platt Rogers of Rumbout Precinct	30
7	The Precincts of Poughkeepsie, Charlotte, Beekmans, Paulings & Amenia in Dutchess County	Nath <sup>l</sup> . Platt of Charlotte Prec <sup>t</sup> .	60
8	Rhinebeck & N. East Precincts in Dutchess County, East Camp & the Manor of Livingston in Albany County	Samuel Tenbroeck of the manor of Livingston	60
9	Claverack, Kinderhook & Kings District in Albany County	Wm. Vn. Ness Junr. of Claverack	40
10	The East District of the Manor of Ransalier & the Districts lying to the Northward thereof and on the East Side of Hudson's River	Jacob Schermerhorne of Schotack	50
11	Great Imbought & Coxhacie Districts in y <sup>e</sup> County of Albany	Sam <sup>l</sup> . Vn. Veighten of Catskill	20

No. of the Districts	Purchasing Districts	Names of Purchasers	No. of Horses to be purchased by each
12	Any part of the County of Albany lying on the South Side of the Mohawk the East side of Hudson's River and Northward of Coxhacie	Jacobus Teller of Schenectady	60
13	Any part of the County of Albany on the west side of Hudson's River, and North of the Mohawk	Dirck Swart of Stillwater	30
14	The County of Tryon	Jelles Fonda of Tryon County	80
			600

### Forage

Richard Hatfield, Philip Pell, jr., Melancton Smith, Jonathan G. Tompkins and Micah Townsend were Commissioners of Forage. Andrew Coldelugh, H. E. Lutterbok and John Stagg were Commissaries of Forage. Abraham Furman was Issuer of Forage. Jonathan Douglass, Daniel Hearn, H. T. Helmenhausen, James Johnson, Hugh Newton and Martin Roberts were Forage Masters.

The Committee of Safety, Feb. 22, 1777, appointed John Thomas, jr., Col. Samuel Drake, Stephen Ward, William Miller, Nathaniel Hyatt, jr, and Israel Honeywell Commissioners to remove Grain, Forage, Cattle &c., in Westchester County, out of the way of the Enemy. (See the Special Committee of Westchester County in the Chapter on "The Commissioners of Sequestration").

The accounts of Richard Hatfield, Jonathan G. Tompkins and Micah Townsend, Forage Commissioners, amounted to £5024.0.3, from June 1777 to July 1778. On Jan. 2, 1778, the Council of Safety ordered an accounting from Melancton Smith, Agent to Purchase Forage.

A large part of the Forage was paid for in Certificates, receivable for Taxes, under the law of Feb. 12, 1780. Other laws relating to the impress of Forage, and the providing of Pasturage, were passed:— Apr. 2, 1778; Oct. 1, 1779; Oct. 8, 1779; Feb. 26, 1780; June 30, 1780; Oct. 5, 1780; and July 24, 1782. In Westchester County, considerable of the Forage was under the charge of Francis Chandonet, Assistant State Agent, for the use of the French Army; and of William Brown and John Haynes, Assistant State Agents, for the use of the American Army. The accounts of the several Assistant State Agents should be consulted for further details.

## CLOTHING

Early in the War, large quantities of Linen, Shirts and Blankets were imported from France; but, when further importation was impossible, Clothing was either bought in Connecticut and Pennsylvania or "made up" in the country districts of this State. Shirts and "Home-spun" came from those districts; and it is probable that the linen-clad Americans owed the uniform success of their summer campaigns to the lightness of their clothing, as compared with the woolen fabrics of their Enemy.

Robert Harpur was Chairman of the Clothing Committee; and Mr. Brasier was a member of the same Committee.

The accounts of Peter T. Curtenius, Commissary of the Provincial Congress to provide Clothing, Arms, Accoutrements &c., commenced, on June 3, 1775, with items for Pork, Rice Powder &c. On July 1, 1775, he was ordered to supply sundry utensils for the Troops of Connecticut. The Congress voted to him the following amounts:— Aug. 24, 1775, £20,000; Sept. 2, 1775, £5,000; Oct. 5, 1775, £7,000; July 9, 1776, £5,000; Aug. 29, 1776, £10,000 that he must borrow himself. The Committee of Safety voted these amounts to Mr. Curtenius: Jan. 17, 1776, £6,000; Mar. 27, 1776, £5,000; Apr. 12, 1776, £5,000.

The Legislature, Feb. 27, 1778, passed a Resolution that Mr. Curtenius "Commissary to Purchase Clothing for the State" be requested to purchase Clothing for the Troops in the service of the United States; and voted £7379.13.6, with a commission of 3 per cent to the Commissary. He was also voted £5,000, June 30, 1778; and he was given still further authority, Oct. 30, 1778, Mar. 11, 1780, and Mar. 14, 1780.

[PETER T. CURTENIUS, COMMISSARY, TO GERARD BANCKER, STATE TREASURER.]

Gent.

Philadelphia Octo. 20th 1776.

This Serves to Inform you that I have purchased at this place for the use of the N. York Troops

1109 pr. buck Skin breeches  
1608 ful'd or Mill'd Stockings  
85 felt hatts  
1939 Check Shirts &  
1928 White Shirts

All which I have had packt & stord in this City. I would have sent them (agreeable to a Resolve of Congress) to Head quarters but we received accounts yesterday that our army was going to retreat from N. York Iseland where they will stop God knows and therefore thought it most prudent to leave them here until I know where Head quarters will be fixt Besides the above I have purchased here Linen enough to make ab't Two thousand Shirts more which will be made in about 5 weeks. At Brunswick I have got about 400 pr Shoes ready & have engaged from different Shoemakers in the Jerseys about 1000 pr more which will be done by Christmas. At Hackinsack & Tappan I have got about 200 pr buckskin breeches & abt. 213 Deer Skins ready Drest abt. 400 Shirts 160 felt hatts 200 Rifel frocks 90 pr Shoes. As to Cloth & blankets I have not been able to get nor do I expect to get any because the Congress Secure for the troops all the woollens that come in here & there are orders in every Sea port town on the continent to do the Same all which will be sent to head quart<sup>rs</sup>. where no doubt our troops will get their share. I shall Endeavor to get all I can but am afraid shall fall much short in procuring the whole quantity of Shoes Stockings & felt hatts & Leather breeches which you gave me orders to purchase they being very scarce. Would it not be proper to give the Committees in each County & town orders to purchase as many of these Articl<sup>s</sup> as they could get It being Impossible for one man to procure the whole as times are now circumstansed.

I take the liberty to return the resolve of the Convention authorizing me to borrow ten Thousand pounds on the Crdt. of which I have not been able to get more than Three thousand Two hundred pounds & that was from Mr. I. Roosevelt this sum came vastly short to pay for the goods I had bought & therefore have been obliged to advance of my own Cash the Sum of £3844:0:6. & I owe £10651:6:1. more together amounts to £14495:6:7. say fifteen thousand pounds, which Sum should be glad the Convention would be pleased to send me by Mr. Dykeman as soon as possible at Paramus & beg that I may not be disappointed for I am almost exhausted & people calling on me daily for Cash. Our Convention money will not pass here &

therefore should be glad to have it in Continental money of which Mr. Livingston tells me you have lately rec'd. from here One hundred thousand dollars.

Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly June 17, 1780.

Whereas the Monies arising from the Sales of confiscated Estates and which by the Act entitled "An Act for the immediate Sale of part of the confiscated Estates" are appropriated to the purpose of purchasing Clothing and other necessaries for the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, are not yet come into the Treasury and the Wants of the said Troops rendering it necessary that the Clothing should be procured without Delay.

Resolved if the honble. the House of Assembly concur herein that Peter T. Curtenius Esqr. Commissary of Clothing for this State be directed immediately to repair to such of the neighboring States, as he shall judge most proper, and endeavour to purchase the said Clothing on the credit of this State; and the public Faith of this State is hereby pledged that the Legislature will provide for the payment thereof within three Months after such purchase in Bills to be emitted in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 18th of March last with Interest at the rate of six per centum per annum.

The following were probably from Mr. Curtenius, as they appear to be in his handwriting:—

Estimate of Clothing in Philadelphia July 1780

Officers Suits of Good Second Cloth with Lining & Trimmings about . . . . .	£500. 0.0
2 Linnen Jacknets & Breeches of Striped Holland or Dimithy or some such.	380. 0.0
two ruffled Shirts . . . . . about . . . . .	225. 0.0
two plain do . . . . .	200. 0.0
4 stocks . . . . .	67. 10.0
2 pr worsted Hose . . . . .	75. 0.0
2 pr thread do . . . . .	90. 0.0
1 pr Boots . . . . .	150. 0.0
2 pr Shoes . . . . .	90. 0.0
1 Blanket . . . . .	100. 0.0
1 Hatt . . . . .	180. 0.0
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	£2057. 10.0

Soldiers Suits about \$300 Each	
Stockings . . . . .	£30 pr
Shoes . . . . . about . . . . .	£37.10 per pair
Blankets . . . . .	100
Hatts . . . . .	£30
Shirts . . . . .	£60

Officers Allotment about . . . . .	£2000	Each 200 Suits . . . . .	£400000
2800 Suits for Soldiers . . . . .	300	do . . . . .	840000
3600 pr Shoes . . . . .	37.10.		134000
1800 Hatts . . . . .	30.		54000
3600 Shirts . . . . .	60.		216000
3600 pr Stockings . . . . .	30.		108000
1800 Blankets . . . . .	100.		18000

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£1770000

N. B. The present Markets being fluctuating & many Articles to be purchased from Second purchasers, may cause a difference from the above prices — but do not suppose more than £50000 to £100000, more or less.

Capt. Hamilton To the State of N York Dr. for Sundries delivd him for the use of his Artillery Company by P T Curtenius.

1776				
Mar 10	To Cash pd Thomas Gardiner for Drummers & fifers Cloathing as Pr bill delivd . . . . .	£15	5	3
	To Ditto pd Lt James Moore for Cloth &c. . . . .	23	9	6
	To 7 Pr blue Strouds 149 1/4 yds 12/. . . . .	89	11	
	To 2 Pr long Ells for lining 80/. . . . .	8	0	
	To 88 yds blue Shalloon 3/ 3. . . . .	14	7	6
	To 4 lb thread 7/ . . . . .	1	0	
	To 1 Pr Oznabrigs 70 Ells 2/4 . . . . .	8	3	4
	To 16 gross & 8 doz buttons 17/. . . . .	14	3	4
May 10	To 5 Gross do 17/ . . . . .	4	5	
	To 1 Gross Vest do . . . . .		12	
July 20	To 8 Gross coat do 17/. . . . .	6	16	
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		£186	0	11
To Commissions which the State pd for purchasing the Goods . . . . .		2	15	10
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		£188	16	9

N. B I delivd Copy of the above account to Capt Hamilton when I was at head quarters the beginning of June & he promised to Send the money to Mr McKesson as soon as he was in Cash —

The documents show that the following fabrics were used in the army: Forest Cloth, Blue Duffel, Red Baize, Royal Rib, Nankeen, Brown Jean, Fustian, Dimmity, Corduroy, Oznabrigs, Blue Shalloon, Blue Strouds, King's Blue, Saxon Green, White Rattinette, White Jean, White Shalloon. In addition to these names there also occur:— Cambrick, Fustian and Royal Rep. Duffels were either red, blue or drab. Osnabrigs, or Osnabrigs, was a thin canvas originally used for the smaller sails of ships. The following seemed to be the prevailing prices, per yard:— Tow-Cloth, 2/3; Linen, 4/3; Red Duffels, 5/6; Yellow Taffety, 14/—; Italian Silk, 13/6; White Taffety, 14/—; Lutestring, 10/—.

### The Flax Committee

The Provincial Congress, Mar. 8, 1776, voted £1333 to John Ramsay to employ the poor of New York City in spinning.

The work of the Flax Committee was of great importance. The Committee of Safety, Feb. 3, 1776 voted £50 to John Foster to purchase Tow Cloth at not to exceed 2/— per yard. Later in the year this action was taken:—

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Fishkill October 3d 1776. Resolved that A Committee be appointed to take in Charge all the Flax belonging to this Convention — That the said Committee be empowered and directed to have the same manufactured into yarn & cloth as soon as possible — And that in the employment of the spinners, they direct that a special regard be had to the poor late of New York —

Resolved that Mr. Robert Harper Colo [Abraham P.] Lott & Mr [Nathaniel] Sackett be a Committee for that purpose —

[On October 16, 1776 the Convention ordered that Mr. Harper be paid \$100 for carrying out the above Resolution.]

This Committee bought large quantities of hemp-seed for planting. On Oct. 16, 1776 The Committee of Safety voted £100 for the Manufacture of Flax into fabrics.

1776	State of New York to William Prevoost	Dr.
Novr: 19.	To One Quarters Rent of a Store for the use of A Linnen Manufactory under the direction of John Ramsey from the 19th of August 1776 at £50 P Annum . . . . .	£12 10

[This account was audited and paid Oct. 16, 1786.]

**Shoes and Stockings**

The Congress, Apr. 15, 1777, voted £600 to Cornelius C. Schoonmaker, Chairman of the Ulster County Committee, for Stockings and Blankets ordered by the Committee of Safety.

The Accounts relating to Shoes and Stockings are very full. Hides were collected by the several County Committees and sent to the tanners, chief among whom were John Anthony and Matthew Cantine. When tanned, the Leather was delivered to Mr. Curtenius, the Commissary of the Congress, to be made into new Shoes, or to repair old ones. Shoes were made by private individuals, collected by the Supervisors of Precincts, delivered to the County Committees and, in the end, reached the Commissary. An average price was 18/— to 20/— a pair. Stockings were made and delivered in the same way. A law, passed Mar. 19, 1778, required the Supervisors of each County to buy Shoes and Stockings; and a law of Mar. 8, 1779, apportioned the making of Shoes and Stockings among the several Counties; and allowed \$8 for shoes, and \$7 for Stockings. Heavy fines were laid upon delinquents.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York May 10th 1777.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State advance to Mr. Philip Leake the Sum of Two hundred Pounds on Account of Shoes & Woolen Stockings to be by him purchased, pursuant to an Order of this Convention of this Day, for the Use of the Troops of this State — that the sd. Treasurer deliver the said Sum to Daniel Dunscomb Esqr. to be by him conveyed to Mr. Leake & take his Receipt for the same.

£200:

By Order Ap<sup>m</sup>. Ten Broeck  
President

Attest Robt. Benson Secry.

Rec'd. May 13th 1777 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands Gerard Bancker two hundred pounds pursuant to within Written Order.  
£200

State of New York In Senate March 2nd 1778.

The Senate being informed that the Hides which the Convention of this State some time ago put into the hands of Messrs. Matthew Cantine and John Anthony at Marblatown to be tanned and dressed by them for the use of this State, or some considerable part of them are prepared for working up into Shoes.

Resolved if the honorable House of Assembly concur herein; That Colonel Peter T. Curtenius the Commissary appointed to procure Cloathing for the Troops raised under the Direction of this State, take the said Quantity of Leather into his Care and cause the same to be made up into Shoes with all possible Dispatch, to be delivered by him or his Order into the Cloathing Stores of this State; And that Mr. Curtenius be & he hereby is authorized to give Exemptions from Militia Duty to such Shoemakers, their Journeymen and Apprentices as he shall employ in making the said Shoes; to avail them respectively no longer than during the time they shall severally be in the said Employ

Ordered that Mr. Roosevelt carry a copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Honble. House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

March 4th

A Message from the Honorable House of Assembly with their Resolution of Concurrence was received and read and is in the words following to wit —

“ State of New York. In Assembly March 4th 1778

Resolved that this House do Concur with the Honble. the Senate in their Resolutions authorizing Colo. Peter T. Curtenius to take the Leather therein mentioned into his Care and cause the same to be made up into Shoes for the Purposes therein directed, and to give such Exemptions as are therein mentioned ”.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Resolution of this Senate & of the Resolution of Concurrence of the Honble. House of Assembly thereto, be delivered to Colo. Curtenius.

Robt. Benson Clk.

The following shows how the people were assessed to provide Shoes and Stockings for the Army:—

I certify that in the Year 1782 Capt Teunis Tappan Delivered for the use of Colo. Wisenfelts Regiment of Levies then stationed on the frontier a Quantity of Shoes and Stockings which had been assessed for Public Service and Deposited with him To the Best of his Recollection to the Quantity then in his possession Amounting to Five hundred and Eighteen Shoes and One hundred and forty One pair of Stockings but many of the Shoes were of Such bad Quality and impaired and the Stockings Damaged by moth that they were not Worth removing and Accordingly left in his hands and which I am informed and believe were afterwards Consumed in the Court House at poughkepsie When the Same was Destroyed by Fire.

Given under my Hand this Twentyeight Day of January

Geo Clinton.

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### The State Clothier

David Currie, Commissary to the New York Line, acted not only as a Seller (See “ Provisions ”) but he also bought Clothing in Boston, and other places in Massachusetts. His work commenced May 9, 1777, and extended for about two years. He was paid 24/— per day.

The Council of Safety, in June, 1777, for better security from the Enemy, removed the state Clothing Store from Fishkill to Kingston. The State Clothier, John Henry, delivered the Clothing to the several regiments. His accounts from March, 1777, to January, 1779, reached a total of £4157.10.5. The Legislature, Mar. 13, 1779, appointed him Director of Clothing at a Salary of 10/— per day. Another law, Sept. 23, 1779, authorized the Governor to appoint a State Clothier, to be paid £65 per month. James Black and George Dunn, as well as John Henry, appear as State Clothiers in the documents.

(EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF CONGRESS MARCH 23, 1779)

The Sub or State Cloathier is to receive from the Cloathier General the proportion of the Cloathing assigned for the troops of his State, out of the public cloathing imported, or purchased by Contentental Agents And from the State for which he is appointed, all the cloathing which may at Continental expence be purchased in such state; of the latter their Quality and price; he shall transmit exact accounts to the Cloathier General, and when required, Submit the Several Articles to the cloathier general's inspection or any person for that purpose deputed by him.

When from a deficiency in the public Stores the troops of any state shall not have received their allowance of cloathing the state cloathier is without delay to represent their wants particularly enumerated in return for that purpose to the executive authority of the state to which he belongs, requesting a Speedy and adequate supply —

And in case a state at its own expence shall give and deposit with him any cloathing for the more comfortable Subsistence of its Quota of troops in addition to the allowance made by Congress, he is strictly to pursue the directions of Such States And whereas discretionary changes of the Uniforms of Regts. have proved inconvenient and expensive the commander in chief is hereby authorized and directed according to the circumstances of supplies of Cloathing to fix and prescribe the Uniform as well with regard to the Colour and facings as the cut or fashion of the Cloaths to be worn by the troops of the respective states and Regmts. which shall as far as possible be complied with by all purchasing Agents employed by Congress as well as particular States, by the Cloathier General Sub or State Cloathiers and Regimental Cloathiers; and all officers and Soldiers in the Armies of the United States and when Materials can be purchased instead of ready made Cloaths, it shall always be preferred in order that they may be made up by the Taylors of the Several Regiments to save expence and prevent the disadvantages which the Soldiers frequently suffer from their unfitness; and instead of Breeches woolen Overalls for the winter and Linen for the Summer are to be Substituted.

**Commissioners of Clothing**

Later in the War, when the securing of Clothing grew more difficult, the Legislature authorized the Governor to appoint Commissioners to procure Clothing, and Money on Loan, presumably to pay for the Clothing. The appointees were Isaac Roosevelt and William Floyd. The agents on Long Island and in Connecticut were John Davis and John Grenell. These legislative acts were passed:—Apr. 4, 1778; May 30, 1780; and Mar. 7, 1781. On Apr. 16, 1787, Isaac Roosevelt received £100 “as a compensation for my services as a Commissioner for procuring Clothing &c during the late war”.

The Commissioners secured the loans first. (See Accounts of Messrs Floyd and Roosevelt in the Chapter on “The Treasurer”). When the work of securing subscriptions had been well advanced the Commissioners turned their attention to the Clothing.

An Account of Subscription of Clothing Recd from the following Precincts in Ulster County—

	Shirts.	Overalls.	Yds. Linen.
From Shawingonk . . . . .	43	16	34
N. Malborough . . . . .	3	1	
N. Paltz . . . . .	21	7	20 3/4
Kingston . . . . .	28	28	
Hurley Township . . . . .	23	24	
Marbletown . . . . .	26	15	33
Rochester . . . . .	12		18 3/4
Newburgh . . . . .	26	9	8
10 bundells	182	80	114 1/2

A law was passed, Feb. 26, 1780, placing a limitation on the prices of Clothing. On July 1, 1780, the Legislature authorized John N. Bleecker, of Albany, Gilbert Livingston, of Dutchess, Jonathan Hasbrouck, of Ulster, Elihu Marvin, of Orange, Joseph Benedict, of Westchester, and Peter S. Deygart of Tryon, to collect Shirts and Linen for the overalls of the troops

Invoice of Linen Shirts overalls &c delivered to Lieutenant Connelly by John N. Bleecker Received from a few districts of the County of Albany Vizt

6 fine white shirts  
 49 Tone & Check Shirts  
 141 1/4 yards tone & other linen  
 16 pair trowsers & overalls  
 4 pair stockings  
 2 pair linen breeches  
 4 Linen Jackets  
 1 Hat  
 3 pair Shoes

Albany 5th Augt 1780

John N. Bleecker.

Recieved August 20th 1780 from Lieut. Michael Connolly pay Master to the fifth New York Regiment one Hundred & Eight Shirts one Hundred & fifty yards of Linnen Thirty Nine Overalls one Jacket & one pair of Shoes being the proportion of Cloathing given by the People of the State of New York to their Troops recieved for the fourth New York Regiment.

Israel Smith Capt. P. M. & Regt. Clerk 4th N. York Regt.

Rec'd. of Lieut. Michl. Connolly one Hundd. & Sixty Shirts fifty five Overalls two Hundd. & thirteen Yards Linnin one Hatt & one pr Old Stockings being our Proportion of Cloathing given by the Peopel of this State of New York to their Troops Recd. for the 3d N. York Regiment. Camp Newyorkton Orangetown Augt. 21st 1780.

Ph. Conine Capt. Lt. 3d New York Regt.

It will be observed that while most of the Clothing was for the men, yet some provision was made for the Uniforms of the Officers. The several acts of the Continental Congress, as shown in the documents, were as follows:—

In Congress November 25th 1779.

Whereas Congress by Sundry Resolutions have provided that Cloathing be furnished to officers of the line and others at prices proportionate to their pay, but no enumeration of the articles intended to be comprehended in a Suit of cloathes having been made, or any rules explicitly laid down for the delivery or pay of the Same;

Resolved, that the following articles be delivered as a Suit of Cloathes, for the current and every Succeeding year of their Service, to officers of the line & Staff, intitled by any resolutions of Congress to receive the Same Vizt —

1 hat 1 Watchcoat 1 Body coat 4 Vests 1 for winter and 3 for Summer, 4 Pr breeches, two for winter and two for Summer, four Shirts, 4 Stocks, 6 Pr Stockings, 3 Pr Woorsted, & three of thread, four Pr Shoes — For which articles of Cloathing the officers Shall pay on receipt thereof one half more than the prices at which the Same were currently Sold before the commencement of Hostilities in April 1775 — And for this end the purchasing agents employed on continental account Shall transmit to the clothier general, with the cloathing they Shall respectively purchase, the prices marked thereon at the rates aforesaid, and also correct Invoices of the Same, and copies of such rates and Invoices, to the board of War — And all the cloathing purchas'd on continental account by the respective States shall be valued, marked and Invoiced in like manner, and copies of Such Invoices and rates also transmitted to the board of war and the clothier general: The cloathing So purchased Shall be distributed to and among the Sub or State Cloathiers, to be Issued by them to the regimental clothiers, and by the latter to the Officers of the Regiments and corps; and the Said regimental clothiers Shall receive from the officers, on the delivery of the cloathing, the prices thereof So fixt; and they shall every three months Settle their accounts of monies received for cloathing with the auditors of the army in which they Shall Serve, and pay the monies which in Such Settlements Shall be found chargeable to them or in their hands to the paymaster general or deputy paymaster

general of the army or detachment in which Such regimental cloathiers Shall Serve — And the Said paymaster general or deputy paymaster general Shall make returns of the amount of Such monies So received to the board of Treasury, that the Said paymaster general or deputy paymaster general may be duly charged with the Same — The auditors making Such Settlements with the regimental cloathing Shall transnit to the paymaster or deputy paymaster general abstracts of Such Settlements, Specifying the ballances due from the regimental cloathiers respectively, that in cases of neglect they may be duly called on for payment of the Same: Copies of Such abstracts Shall also be transmitted to the board of treasury — Excepting from this rule of distribution all Staff officers not taken from the line, who are to receive their cloathing Immediately from the Cloathier general, or if attached to the corps of residing in any State at a distance from the Cloathier general Store, from the Sub cloathier of Such State; paying for the Same at the rates aforesaid — And all monies So received by the cloathier Genl or Such Sub or State cloathiers, Shall be placed to the Credit of the United States, and accounts thereof duely transmitted to the board of treasury — The Cloathier general to be charged in the Settlement of his contingent account with the monies So received, and the Sub or State cloathiers to be accountable for and pay the monies received by them to the order of the executive of the State appointg. them respectively: and the State to be charged in its cloathing account with the amount of Such monies — Excepting also all Staff officers who receive commissions on their expenditures of public monies, who are not to receive any cloathing provided at continental expence

That all cloathing issued to non-commissioned officers and Soldiers, inlisted artificers and waggoners beyond that allowed to them as bounty, Shall also be valued and paid for at the rate before mentioned; but no non-commissioned officer, Soldier, waggoner or artificer, Shall be intitled to purchase in any one year out of the public Store any other additional articles than these of hatts, hose Shirts & Shoes, and not more of these than are absolutely necessary, and not exceeding the number of the like articles allowed as their bounty cloathing — That all the cloathing before mentioned for officers in the line and Soldiers, Shall be Issued on returns certified by the Commanding officer of the corps to which they belong; all cloathing to Staff officers on the certificates of their principal with the army or in the district within which they Shall Serve; to artificers on the certificate of the commanding officer of their corps; and to waggoners on the certificate of the quartermaster general or one of the assistant quartermaster general or of the deputy quarter Master general employing them, or of the waggonmaster general or deputy waggonmaster general under whom they serve —

That no Staff officer, artificer or waggoner, not being engaged for at least one year, Shall receive cloathing; and if any Such officer, artificer or Waggoner, being engaged for one year or more, after receipt of Such cloathing, Shall quit the Service before the expiration of the term for which he or they are or Shall be engaged, he or they Shall forfeit and pay the full value of Such cloathing, and be Subject to all other penalties & inconveniences attending his or their breach of contract or desertion —

November 26th. 1779.

Resolved, That the returns for cloathing for officers in the medical Staff, regimental Surgeons and their mates who are to draw with the regimental Staff, excepted, be Signed by the director general or the physician general and Surgeon general of the district; and Such cloathing Shall be delivered either by the Cloathier general or any Sub cloathier in the State in which the officer to receive cloathing Shall reside, as is provided in the cases of other Staff officers not taken from the line —

That no cloathing Shall be Sold or delivered to noncommissioned officers or Soldiers beyond the articles they have received as their bounty cloathing, it being the intention hereof, that the Supplies only Shall be disposed of

Charles Thomson Secrey.

### Uniforms

#### GENERAL ORDERS 1779

Uniform of the Troops raised by New York and New Jersey is Blue Coats faced with Buff and lined with white, Buttons white, white undercloaths.

5 Regiments	{	Their Uniform Blue faced with Buff White Lining & Buttons, White Vests & Overall	Each 27 Serjs. 135— Better Cloathing than the Rank & file with
		Worsted Epuletts	Each 18 D & fifes 90— Buff faced with Blue Trimm'd with Blue Tape & Epuletts
5 Companies	{	Blue faced & lined with Scarlet Yellow Buttons and Tape Drum & fifes 10	
		Artillery	Scarlet faced with Blue
Dragoons		Short Blue Coats white facing & lining white Buttons & Under Cloaths.	
The other corps of infantry Credited to the State will be in the state Uniform.			

This is the Account presented by the State to the United States on the score of Clothing:—

3598	3/4 doz	Stockings	£1872.	19.	7
10	"	Mittens	26.	11.	6
1575		Knapsacks	42.	6.	0
73		Coats	109.	10.	0
1838	1/2 yds	3370 P. Blankets	4530.	6.	5
239	Ps	4293 y. Cloth	10885.	16.	5 3/4
421	lb	Thread	117.	6.	10
375	Ps	12912 1/2 y. Linnen	1710.	12.	3 1/2
484	5/12 doz	Hatts	966.	14.	4 3/4
634		Shirts	7244.	2.	4
5689		Shoes	2418.	6.	0
974	gr.	Coat buttons	221.	1.	1
1770		Stocks	86.	7.	8
505		Bear Skins	199.	12.	0
41	gr	Shirt Buttons	4.	11.	4
Dear		Skin Breeches	3456.	6.	8
			£33892. 10. 7		

(See the Chapter on "The Auditor General" for the inquiries by Mr. Curtenius of Philip Schuyler as to the claims of the State of New York against the United States for Clothing. See, also, "Powder".)

## PROVISIONS

Peter T. Curtenius was the Commissary of the Provincial Congress; and Henry Schenck acted as his agent. Jacob Cuyler, James Gamble and Adam Gilchrist were Deputies. Albert Adriance, John N. Bleecker, Matthew Dubois, John Franks, Isaac Goes, Samuel Hilt, Abraham Livingston, Richard Norwood, Joseph Peirson, Elisha Phelps, Tunis Tappen, Richard Ten Eyck, Lucas Van Brakel, James Weeks, Harmanus A. Wendell, John Wiley, John Woolsey and Henry Wyckoff were Commissaries. David Currie, John Currie, Peter T. Curtenius, Cornelius Cuyler, Jacob Cuyler, Jonathan G. Tompkins, Volkert Veeder and John Wiley were

Commissaries of Purchases. Victor Bicker, Joseph Bouton, Aaron Buell, John Else, Theodorus Van Wyck Graham, Henry Grigg, James Hamilton, Gilbert Horton, Robert Hunter, John Knight, Enoch Leonard, Thomas Lindsay, John Little, Abraham H. Marthings, James Moore, Elias Newman, Robert Nesbitt, Alexander Patterson, William Shute, Melancton Smith, Benjamin Stevens, Bethuel Washburn, John W. Wendell, James Winney and James Yale were Commissaries of Issues. Ezekiel Cheevers, Richard Norwood, Philip Van Rensselaer, Richard Ten Eyck and Harmanus A. Wendell were Storekeepers. James Giles was Conductor of Stores. Hugh Hughes was Commissary of Continental Stores. The following officers of the Continental or United States Government are mentioned in the documents:— Benjamin Mifflin, Qr.Mr.; Timothy Pickering, Qr.Mr.Gen.; Jonathan Trumbull, Commy. and Joseph Trumbull, Commy. Gen.

The Committee of Safety, Mar. 27, 1776, approved a bond of £30,000 from Philip Livingston, John Alsop and Abraham Livingston for the faithful performance of Abraham Livingston's contract for victualing the Troops; and the latter was voted £5,000. The Legislature, July 1, 1780, refunded £856.16 to Egbert Dumond for provisions that he had purchased for Gen. Clinton's brigade. Other instances of Legislative action appear in the Specific Supplies, named below.

John Wiley was Commissary of Purchases, by a law of Mar. 11, 1780. He was given £150,000 by Governor Clinton, July 25, 1780; and £100,000, Oct. 26, 1780. David Currie was appointed by the Provincial Congress, May 9, 1777, Commissary to provide the Continental Troops with articles not allowed by the Commissary General. The Council of Safety voted him £3000, June 3, 1777. The Legislature gave him £1000, Mar. 10–11, 1778, to use in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; £5000, June 30, 1778, and £6000, Nov. 4, 1778. He received a total of £18876.27 between June 12, 1777, and Aug. 6, 1779—the most of which was expended for port wine, brandy, rum, spirits, chocolate, pepper, coffee and tobacco.

According to the following concurrent Resolutions of the Legislature, dated February 21, 1778, it would seem that David Currie acted as Sutler also:—

Resolved that David Currie Esqr. Commissary for supplying the Troops of this State with such Articles as are not allowed them by the Commissary General be requested to provide for the Use of the said Troops four Hogsheads of good proof rum Two Hogsheads of muscavado Sugar and fifty weight of pepper and that he supply the said Troops with the same on credit in the Manner heretofore Observed, at the same prices at which the same are supplied by the State of Connecticut to the Continental Troops raised under the direction of that State; And that this House will with the concurrence of the Honorable the Senate provide for the expence thereof.

The average cost of Provisions, between 1775 and 1778, taken from numerous bills, was as follows:— by the Barrel,— Pork, £3 to £7; Codfish, 28/—; Rum, £5 to £6; Small Beer, 3/—; Potash, £3; by the Cwt.,— Flour 24/—; by the pound — Mutton, 4d.; Lard, 8d.; Bacon, 8d.; Veal, 10d.; Beef, 9d.; Pork (sides), 9d.; Pork (shoulders), 7d.; Butter, 1/— to 2/6; Smoked Beef, 1/—; Tallow, 2/6; Tobacco, 1/—; by the bushel — Potatoes, 4/—; Wheat, 2/8; Corn, 8/— to 10/—; Turnips, 1/6. Milk was 4d. to 6d. per quart; Soap, 1/— per gallon; Bread, 1/— per loaf; Wood, 4/— to 8/— per load; Linen, 21/— per yard; and Shoes, 24/— per pair.

In the final bills of the State against the United States these items appear:—

2003	1/2 B Peas	£585.	2.	9
10	Sheep	6.	0.	0
35210	lb Beef	671.	2.	2
383	Po Potatoes	89.	3.	7
6262 B. 10747 Ct	393 lb flour	11451.	16.	6
950 3/4 B	2779 lb Pork	3981.	4.	4
38297	lb Rice	336.	9.	4 1/2
2829	lb Butter	415.	9.	8 1/2
4395	Bs Salt	586.	1.	2 1/2
407	1/2 Bs Beer	282.	5.	6
8	Bs Cyder	17.	9.	0
41	lb Candles	2.	1.	0
20	cds Wood	14.	0.	0
1609	gall Rum	223.	4.	0
10080	lb Bread	81.	7.	7 1/2
	Different Articles	10591.	12.	8 1/4
				£29334.
				9. 5 1/4

### Spirits

The drinking habits of those days are constantly before the reader in running over the bills. One of the Accounts makes a charge of seven pounds "for allowance of liquor when at work"; and Col. Peter R. Livingston, in his report upon the payment of Bounties, includes "six barrels of Beer, by my orders, to encourage the people to enlist". On July 14, 1777, the Treasurer of the Provincial Congress received £521.7.8. from Richard Hatfield, the produce of several hogsheads of Rum formerly purchased by the Westchester County Committee and lately sold to Samuel Drake by order of William Duer.

Just before the burning of Kingston, a quantity of Rum was taken from Col. Lott. Although the Rum was probably lost at that time, yet the bill for the same is still in existence:—

1777	State of New York Dr to Abraham P. Lott	
October 15	— To 1 Htt Containing 32 gallons West India Rum taken out of his Store by order of his Excellency Governor Clinton for the use of the public as pr affidavit given by Jacobus Low and Sworn to by said Abraham P. Lott —	
	32 gallons @ 12/— per gallon	£19. 4. 0.

The Testimony of Benjamin Man and Zenas Skinner of Lawfull age that being employed as Carmen in the Continental Servis and Being on the way Between Hartford and Fishkiln that on the Night of the 14th Day Instant July in Kent in Litchfield County Lying under the Carts to wach and gaurd the Liquers in the Carts Some Time in the Night Between Mid Night and Day Said Deponents were Beset by a Number of Men armed with Guns and Bayents and other accotrements and Taken by Said Company and Carried Seperate from the Carts and from Each other Some ways and Threatned by them that if they the Deponents together with Elijah Webster a Carman with us would Not Settle with those Men that they the Deponants had Entered Complaint against or Robing Said Carts the Night Before and Let them go without paying Costs of Suit they the Said Teammen Should Never be able to go up the Great Hill for they would certainly Kill them if they did not settle the matter for it was they that got the Rum and they were the Kings Rangers and Lived in the woods and had a Right to Take Such things where they could Light upon it and further the Deponants says not.

Benjamin Man.  
Zenas Skinner.

Litchfield County Ss Kent the 15th of July 1777 personally Appeared Benjamin Man and Zenas Skinner the signers of the foregoing Deposition and mad Solemn Oath to the truth of the Same.

Sworn before me. Ephm. Hubbel Jr. Just. of peace.

In the preliminary discussion, in 1784, as to the claims of the State against the U.S., the Auditor-General queried, and the Commissioners of Accounts answered, as follows:—

April 14th 1779, Continental Congress recommend to the different States to appoint an Agent to supply their Officers with Rum at 5/ 4 pr Gallon, Sugar at 4/ & Tea at 8/ pr at the Expence of the United States. Query, If the Articles cost the State more than the price here limited, whether the State is to loose the difference

The Cost & Charges of those Articles must be charged.

The accounts of Commissaries David Currie and John Currie contain many items relating to Spirits of various kinds. Other items will be found in Governor Clinton's Accounts and in Entertainments, in the Chapter on "The Governor".

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### Pork

The Provincial Congress, Mar. 9, 1776, ordered the Deputies of Westchester County to purchase 1200 barrels of salted Pork; and the Committee of Safety, Mar. 18, ordered that not more than £4. be paid per barrel. The Congress, June 15, voted £70. to Col. Gilbert Drake for purchasing Pork; and he bought large quantities afterward. The Congress also, Aug. 4, voted to give Col. Joseph Trumbull, Commissary General of the Continental Army, such amount as he needed of the Pork stored in Westchester County; and there is a bill, from Gerard Bancker, for going after the parties in that County who had delivered Pork to Col. Trumbull. The Committee of Safety, Sept. 9, 1777, ordered the Auditor General to charge the Pork and Provisions, spared to Col. Trumbull, to the U.S. at the market price at the time of delivery. The detailed accounts of Col. Drake and Col. Trumbull are quite voluminous.

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### Beef

Ebenezer Foote and Asa Worthington were Inspectors of Cattle. Timothy Benedict and Tinas Benedict were Receivers of Cattle. A Law to prevent a Monopoly of Cattle was passed, June 24, 1780.

1780	State of New York to Daniel Graham Dr.			
March	For 10 Head Cattle purchas'd & deliver'd for the use of Genl. Clinton's Brigade—			
	Viz:			
	3 Head Cattle from Wells		£4000	
	2 do Goldsmith		2236.16.—	
	1 do Smith		1020.	
	1 do Keembergh		700.	
	2 do Gillesby		1650	
	1 do Crance		1230	
			<hr/>	
			10836.16.—	

1780			
March	my own Expences	234 Doll <sup>rs</sup>	} 137.12
	Goldsmiths Boy, to drive Cattle	50	
	Col. Isaac Nicoll	60	
	To Crance & Keemburgh for purchasing & driving part of the above Cattle to Newburgh		150.
	To 4 days Service — at 100 Dollars pr day		160.
			<hr/> 11284. 8.
		Cr.	
	By Cash from the Treasurer		3000.
			<hr/> £8284. 8.

[Certified by Genl. James Clinton.]

### Tea

The price of Tea rose so rapidly that, in June, 1776, the Committee of Albany County ordered that Tea should be taken from all dealers who sold it at more than 6/— per pound; and that such confiscated Tea should then be sold, in small quantities at 6/3 in Continental Money. There was almost a riot in Albany against the high-priced dealers.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Kings Town April 25th 1777.

Resolved that Colo. Allison & Colo. Hethorn be appointed to receive from Gen<sup>l</sup>. George Clinton the Hogstead of tea now in His possession and which was taken at Hackensack New Bridge Some time in Jany. Last by a part of the said Colo<sup>s</sup>. Regments of Militia in General Clinton's Brigade and that they Deal out one pound of the said tea to each of the officers and Privates of the said Regements who were or had been in actual Service Before the taking of the said tea and did not Desert the Said Service or who have not heretofore had any Shair of the said Tea they paying at the rate of Six Shillings per pound for the Same.

Robt. Benson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

23<sup>d</sup>. July 1777 William Allison to the State of New York Dr.

Had for the Use of my Regement

To 336 lbs. of Tea found and taken from the Out House of Doc<sup>t</sup>. Bushkirk at Hockensock New Bridg the 7th Day of Jan. Last By a Detachment of Mine and Colo. Hathorn's Regts. and some Part of which Dealt to the people of the two Regements then in Service By agreement of the Colonels and a part by order of the Convention at 6/ pr lb. amounting to ..... £100:16: 0

To 42 lbs. Remainder proportion of My Regiment after Serving Each officer and private with one pound as above and Distributed in the Regts. at 8/ pr lb. amt. to. . 16:16: 0

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£117:12: 0

I do hereby Certify that the above is all the tea Dealt to My Regement to My knowldg and that I have taken Every precaution in My power to Have a fair and true ac<sup>t</sup>. kept of all the tea that came into my Possession and know of no person Receiving any but the two Regts. Except Capt. Bell of Orange town who assisted in geting it and Drew 13 or 14 lbs. for Himself and Men.

Wm. Allison.

July 23, 1777.

Examined the above Account & allow that the Sum of One hundred and Seventeen pounds Twelve Shill<sup>s</sup>. be paid into the Treasury of this State for 378 lbs. tea, distributed by Col. Allison to his Regiment as pr Resolve of Convention April 25, 1777.

Comfort Sands Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>.

To Peter V. B. Livingston Esqr.

**Peas**

The Provincial Congress, Mar. 9, 1776, ordered the Deputies of Albany County to purchase 50 bushels of Peas and send them to the Deputies of Westchester County. The Accounts of Col. Trumbull contain many charges for this staple article.

**Grain**

The Provincial Congress, or Convention, May 13, 1777, fixed these prices, per bushel:— Wheat, 7/—; Rye, 5/—; Oats, 3/6; Indian Corn, 5/—; Buckwheat, 3/—. The Congress, in 1776, ordered large quantities of Wheat shipped from one point to another. The Governor often ordered the impress of Wheat and Flour under the Commissioners, Egbert Dumond, Henry I. Van Rensselaer and Marinus Willett. The impressments took place in 1780 and 1781; but some of Willett's bore an earlier date. (See Laws passed, Oct. 3, 1778, June 28, 1780, and Mar. 27, 1781; also "Bounties" in this book.) The following is one of Col. Willett's impressment Accounts:—

United States Dr. To State of New York for Sundry Provisions delivered to Issuing commissaries by Colonel Willet which provisions were Seized and impressed by him from disaffected persons who were gone of to the Enemy by which means the property became forfeited to State NB the Receipts were taken in Col Willets name who has delivered them up upon his being Indemnified by the State as will appear by an act passed the 22<sup>d</sup> April 1785 an Extract of which is hereunto annexed—

Interest Calculated from the date of Deliv<sup>y</sup>. till 1 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1787 @ 6 Pr C<sup>t</sup> Pr Annum.

Date	To whom Delivered	What Articles	Am <sup>t</sup> .
1781			
Aug 31.	James Moore	27 Cattle 6439 lb 27 Hides 755 lb Mutton 460 lb Beef 926 lb is 8580 lb. . . . . at 44/ . . . . .	£188.15. 2
		Rough Tallow 199 lb @ 6 . . . . .	4.19. 6.
		Flour 3866 lb equal to 34 Ct 2 Q <sup>r</sup> 2 lb 36/. . . . .	62. 2. 6.
Sept <sup>r</sup> 30	ditto	5 Cattle 1115 lb 5 Hides 135 lb Mutton 74 lb beef 244 lb is 1568 lb. . . . . 44/ . . . . .	34. 9.10.
		23 Barr flour 136 Ct . . . . Q <sup>r</sup> 2 lb . . . . at 36/. . . . .	245. 2. 5.
		Rough Tallow 43 lb @ 6 . . . . .	1. 1. 6.
Oct <sup>r</sup>	ditto	Beef 1787 lb Hides 224 lb Mut <sup>n</sup> . 30 lb is 2041 lb @ 44/ . . . . .	44.18.
		Rough Tallow 63 lb @ 6 . . . . .	1.11. 6.
		Flour 147 C <sup>t</sup> C 2 Q <sup>r</sup> 19 lb 36/ . . . . .	256.16.
Nov 22	ditto	8 Cattle 15.39 lb 6 Hides 210 lb Mut <sup>n</sup> . 92 lb is 1841 lb 44/ . . . . .	40.10.
Nov 30	ditto	Flour 4 C <sup>t</sup> 1 Q <sup>r</sup> 11 lb . . 36/ . . . . .	7.16. 7

Date	To whom Delivered	What Articles	Am <sup>t</sup> .
1781			
Decr.	James Moore	Beef 218 lb Mutton 34 lb is 252 lb .... 52/ .....	£6.11.
1782		Flour 10 C 1 Qr 22 lb 36/ .....	18.16.
July 30	James Yules	Flour 2. C 2 Qr 26 lb 36/ .....	4.18. 4
31	ditto	11 Cattle 1960 Hides 315 lb is 2275 lb 44/.....	50. 1.
		Tallow 6 lb .... @ 6. ....	3.
Aug <sup>t</sup> 31	ditto	4 Cattle 4382 lb Hides 681 lb 5063 lb ... 44/.....	111. 7. 8
		Tallow 8 lb .... @ 6. ....	4.
24	Tho <sup>s</sup> . Lindsay	Mutton 188 lb .... 44/ .....	4. 2. 9
25	ditto	ditto 611 lb .... 44/ .....	13. 8. 10
31	ditto	ditto 94 lb .... 44/ .....	2. 1. 4
Decr 24	ditto	Flour 12 C <sup>t</sup> . 1 Q <sup>r</sup> . 25 lb 36/ .....	22. 9.
16	ditto	Hay .... 17 C <sup>t</sup> . .... 6/ .....	5. 2.
1	ditto	Oats 7 1/2 Bushels .. 4/ .....	1.10.
Aug <sup>t</sup> . 9	I Gamble	1 Cow 300 lb .....44/ .....	6.12.
19		1 Cow 300 lb .....44/ .....	6.12.
Nov 17	A Walrath	1 Cow 300 lb .....44/ .....	6.12.
Decr. 5	E Nestle	3 Sheep 141 lb .....52/ .....	3.13. 4
	E House	1 d <sup>o</sup> 47 lb ..... 52/ .....	1. 4. 5
26	C Ehl	Oats 16 1/2 Bush ... 4/ .....	3. 6
			£1165.17. 4

[The amount of the above in Dollars was 2913 61/90; and the interest was 903 50/90. The Vouchers ran from No. 2 to No. 26, inclusive]

### Flour

Systematic records of this article seem to commence with the Accounts of Col. Trumbull, June 14, 1776. The adjoining States took so much Flour from New York that the supply, in the latter, became short. Hence the Council of Safety, Nov. 4, 1776, passed a resolution forbidding its exportation.

In Council of Safety for the State of New York — Hurly December the first, 1777.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State pay to Robert Benson, Esquire, one of the secretaries, twelve Dollars for the like Sum by him advanced for the State to James Campbell on the Twenty fourth day of November last for carrying the Resolutions of the Council of Safety (relative to the Exportation of Flour and Meal out of this State) to the Chairmen of Committees of the north & south side of the Mountains in Orange County and to the Chairman of the Committee of Ulster County.

Attest John McKesson, Secr'y

Evert Bancker Prest pro tem.

Decr. 25th, 1777. Recd of Gerard Bancker the Sum of four pounds Sixteen shillgs for the within Order.

£4.16.0.

Robt Benson

The Council, Dec. 12, 1777, sent a similar notice to the Committees of Dutchess and Orange Counties. Finally, the Legislature, Mar. 14, 1778, passed the celebrated "Embargo Act". Other acts, explanatory of this, were passed:— Oct. 20, 1779; Sept. 22, 1780; Mar. 10, 1781; Mar. 15, 1781; Apr. 13, 1782; and July 22, 1782.

### Bread

The records of Bread, as of Flour, apparently commence with Col. Trumbull's Accounts, June 14, 1776. Col. Abraham P. Lott bought and stored large quantities, which were known as the ordinary Bread and "hard Bread".

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### Salt

Matthew Cantine, William Harper and Jonathan Lawrence were Commissioners charged with the duty of finding Salt. Peter R. Livingston was a Purchaser. James Robinson was an Agent. Henry Remsen, Alexander Robertson, Peter Sim and Marinus Willett were Manufacturers.

State of New York In Convention A. M. July 30th 1776.

Resolved, unanimously, that this Convention will (upon good security) lend to the first five persons (Skilled in the process of extracting Salt from Sea Water) who shall apply for the same, a Sum of Money not exceeding five hundred Pounds to each Person, for the Term of two Years from this date, without Interest, for the purpose of erecting Salt Works within this State.

Resolved, unanimously, that such works be erected at such place or places as in the opinion of the respective County Committees, where such works shall be erected, shall be most proper; provided always that the said Works be not erected within less than fifteen Miles of each other on the Sea Coast.

Resolved, unanimously, that this Convention will receive Salt at eight Shillings per bushel in payment of the respective Sums, advanced to the different Adventurers — provided the said Salt be manufactured by the Person who shall offer it in payment, and that the same be tendered for payment before the expiration of two Years after the Loan of the Money.

Resolved, unanimously, that if any of the said works should be destroyed by the Enemy; this State will lose one half of the money which has been appropriated for the purpose of erecting such Work out of the Money advanced on Loan by this State to the proprietor.

Resolved, unanimously, that nothing in the foregoing Resolves Shall extend to the Loan of any Sum of Money to any Person who shall not apply before the first day of October next, nor then unless upon Condition that the Work shall be completed within three Months of the said Loan.

John McKesson late Secretary.

Qu. Who furnished Salt within three Months of the Loan?

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York — Haerlem — Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1st 1776

Mr. Robert Harper & Mr. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Morris reported that they have examined Peter Sim as to his Skill and Knowledge in the Art of Extracting Salt from Sea Water and think him well skilled in that Art and that in their Opinion the application of the said Sim and his Copartners in every respect comes within the Resolutions of this Convention for encouraging the manufacturing of salt.

Resolved that the said Alexander Robertson Marinus Willett Peter Sim and their Copartners shall have the sum of five hundred pounds on Loan on their joint and several Bond or obligation Conditioned for the payment thereof to the Treasurer according to the said Resolutions.

Ordered that the Secretaries prepare such Bond, and that on the Receipt thereof by the Treasurer duely executed by the said Alexander Robertson Marinus Willett Peter Sim and their Copartners and Conditioned for the payment of five hundred pounds he do advance to them that sum taking a Receipt for the same

John McKesson Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Received August 28th 1776 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker Treasurer five hundred pounds agreeable to the above order.  
£500..

Alexander Robertson.

The State of New York Dr. To Alexander Robertson, Henry Remsen & Others for Sundry Materials bought & furnished for Salt Works begun at Huntington on Long Island, in consequence of a Resolve of the Provincial Congress, but by the Enemies taking possession thereof were destroyed—

1776 June 26	To paid by A. R. for 12,000 hard Bricks a 32/	£19: 4
	To ditto for 7,000 soft do 22 $\frac{1}{4}$	7:14
	To ditto for freight	5: 7: 6
	To ditto Marinus Willett pr Auct	21.12: 7
	To ditto George Lindsay pr do	22:16: 4
	To ditto Peter Sim pr do	18: 9: 9
	To ditto do pr do for furniture	74:16: 6
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		£170: : 8

The Salt Compy, To Marinus Willet, Dr.

1776	To Expences going to Huntington	£ 4:16: 4
	To do to Hellgate for Stones	8: 3
	To Cash paid for Boards Sent to L. Island	16. 8
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		£21:12: 7

Received Morris County 2d December 1777 of Alexr Robertson & Co. The above Sum of Twenty One Pounds Twelve Shillings & 7d New York Curry in full of all Accots  
Marinus Willett

1776 New York June 1

Mr. Alexander Robertson & Com. To George Lindsay Dr.

For Expences Laid out for the Salt Works		
	go on time at Rockaway	1: 8:
	Payed for fraught of Brickets	5:14
	Payed for 12 of Lime at 24/ Ech	14: 8
	go on time at Huntington with Mr. Willet	3: 4
	Payed James Gardentr for his Work in part	8
	go on time at Huntington with Mr. Sim	15
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	Red the above in full Georgē Lindsay	£22:16: 4

An Account of Traveling Expences while Employed in The Company Salt Works

New York May 4th Two days a Rockway in Compy with Mr. Shaw and Lindsay Looking out for a Place fite to Erect the Works		
	Payd for horse hyre 12/ and for other Conjunct Expences 8/6	£ 1: 0: 6
	May 20th went with Mr. Lindsay 4 days 1/2 with the bricks To Huntington Spent 12/6 Lent Mr Lindsay 8/ to make payment for the freight of Bricks	1: 0: 6
	June 1st Went to Kingwood 4 days in going and comeing Pay for horse hire 20/ & my own expences & horse 27	2: 7
	Sent out to Harlem for the Bond horse hyre	6
	August 12th Three days at Mr Ogdens for horse hyre 18/ To Breekfast 1/ for the horse /6 to Dinner 1/3 Drink 1/ the horse /6 to Supper 1/ Drink 2/ ye horse 1/6	1: 6: 9
	To Breekfast 1/ the horse /6 Dinned with Colnel Ogden and gave him the Dementions of the Salt Pan and Left 8/ with the forman for the men Lodged in a Publick near to Colnel Ogdens for Supper 1/3 Drink 2/ and the 1/9 for Breekfast and Dinner for my self 3/6 ye horse 1/.	14: 6
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		4: 6

Bot a gallon of Rum a 9/ and gave the man for To Pile up the Bourds and cover the lime for fear of Rain Payd a man to help to Put the Bourds in ye Sloop 3/ To Cash advanced out of my own Pocket for Bourds Bot at the Albany Peir	£12: 4:10:
	<hr/> £12: 1: 9 4:16:
To Cash Received on Said account	
	<hr/> 7: 5: 9 6: 8: 8
	<hr/> 13:14: 5

Albany Decm. 11, 1785 Recvd from Alexander Robertson Thirteen pounds thirteen Shillings  
and Nine Pence the Ballance due me upon the within Acct.

£13:13: 9

Peter Sim

4:16 Cash paid before

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£18: 9: 9

Inventory of Sundries Shope Tools Sent to cold Springe on Long Island about the first of  
August 1776

To a large cast Stove and funnel for my Shope	£10:15:
To a large grindstone fitted up a	2: 8:
To 2 of my Shope Benches a 40/ pr Bench	4:
To a Large Iron Crampe for breinging up Joints	3: 4
To 2 Iron hold fasts @ 8/ pr & 2 bed keys 1 at 10/ & 1 a 8/	1.14
To 1 Turkey oilstone a 17/6 and 2 Shope hatchets a 5/ pr	1: 7: 6
To 2 hand Sawes a 36/ & 2 pannel Sawes a 37/	3:13
To 2 Tennant Sawes a 32/ & 2 Sach Do a 28/ & 2 dovetail 32/	4: 2
To 1 Chairback Sawe & two turning Sawes & 1 key hole	1: 8
2 Breaking out Sawes with frames fitted up a	2:16
To a Breass and brass Pade and Bites	3: 4
To 2 Jointers 1 a 12/ the other 8/	1:
To 2 Double Iron traying Planes a 12/ pr	1: 4
To 2 Double Smouthing hand plains a 10/ pr	1:
To 3 Common traying Plains a 6/ pr & 2 Smouthing Com a 5/	1: 8:
To 3 Jack Plains a 4/6 & 1 Pair Inch groveing Do a 10/6	1: 4:
To 3 hammers a 9 and a Veniearing Do a 4/	13:
To 2 Pairs of Pinchers a 8/	8:
To Three Sett of Bed screws a 6/ pr Sett	18:
and aboute 4 or 5 Dozen of firmers gouges & Mortice Chizels handled for the Shope use a 15/ pr	3:
To a Nest of Drawers with Plain Irons hinges Screwes and brad firmers & gouges unhandled files and Rasps some fret Sawes gamblits and Brad alles I think worth	5:10
	<hr/> 54:16: 6

Besides Sundrie other things such as Mallets squars and gages that I can make  
No account of

Houseld Furniture Sent to Said Place

To a Wood Axe & wood sawe to two Mahy Tables and six Rush Bottom Chairs  
& 4 Mahy Rush Bottoms and 2 Smal bedsteads a kitchen Table and a New Case  
of Bottels and a Coffie Mile Brass Scales and Waights Two kitchen Tramelts two  
Pickel tubes & two wash Tubes an Iron hooped Pall and a Soap Barrel Mostly full  
of Soape and the Ticke of a Stra bed I Think the amount of them at that time to  
be about twinty Pound or Beter

20:

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74:16: 6

These works were destroyed by the Enemy before they were fairly in operation. In 1777, Jonathan Lawrence, as Commissioner for Exploring Mines of Lead, Sulphur &c, made trial of the Salt Springs at Oriskany, Schonnondoak, Conogoty and Andrestown, all in the valley of the Mohawk. In the same year the State Salt was carted from Simsbury and Turkey Hill to the Oblong. The Provincial Congress, or Convention, May 13, 1777, made the price of Salt 20/— per bushel in Westchester County; and ordered the Salt, after its removal to Kingston, to be subject to the orders of the Legislature or the Council of Safety. Two days later, the Council of Safety voted £13000 to Col. Abraham P. Lott to purchase and transport Salt to this State.

In Council of Safety for the State of New York In Kingston 7th June P.M. 1777.

Resolved that the sum of Four thousand pounds be put into the hands of Peter R. Livingston for the purpose of bringing salt into this State for the use of the Inhabitants thereof, on his giving his receipt for the faithful Expenditure thereof.

Resolved, that the said four thousand pounds be by the said Peter R. Livingston laid out in Salt in the Eastren States, on the best terms in his power.

Resolved that such Salt shall be brought into this State and Stored at such safe places therein as the said Peter R. Livingston shall direct — That he thereupon transmit to the Council of Safety or the future Legislature of this State an Account of the prime cost of the said Salt, his Expences in procuring, and the charges of transporting the same, to the end, that proper regulations for the Sale and distribution thereof may be made.

Attest

Pierre Van Cortlandt Presdt.

John McKesson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

Rec'd June 9th 1777 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker four thousand pounds pursuant to the within Written Orders for the faithful Expenditure of which I promise to Accot.  
£4000..

Peter R. Livingston

In Council of Safety for the State of New York Kingston Augst. 1, 1777.

Resolved that Mr. Platt & Col. D. Witt be appointed to write to Colo. Peter R. Livingston & that they be authorized to give him Directions to cause the Salt by him purchased on Acct. of this State to be conveyed to such Places in this State as they may think proper.

Robt. Benson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

The Council of Safety, Aug. 1, 1777, voted £2100 in addition, to Col. Peter R. Livingston, for the above named work, the same to be paid to James Robinson; and, on Aug. 12, £350 to Elias Hasbrouck for transporting Salt from Canaan to Radley's Landing, on the Hudson River. The following letter, (address uncertain) shows the difficulties under which Salt was procured:

Sir I am very glad you sent me word by Mr Robertson that you wanted me to Account with you Respecting my going up Among the Indians on Purpose to Exammine the Salt Springs for to make Salt for ye use of this State.

It will be necessary to aquante you the first time ye Members of Convention Spoke to me wass at Fishkills befor they left that place. Where they Detaind me three days when Jas. Duane Esqr. in Conjunction with ye Committee told me they would be very glad if I would agree to go to Said Springs as soon ase possable that they would make it an Object well worth my Attention, that I need not be afraid of the Indians that they were our friends. I told them if that was the Case I would go home & advice with my family and Return back in About ten days and give them an answer.

Which I Accordingly did but ye Convention was Desolved and the Most of ye Members gone to Esopus, I spoke to Mr Robt. Harper who was their on publeck bussenes he Advised me without lossing time to go to Esopus, and by no Means to Refuse going up to Make the Experement as Salt was so much wanted, he was shoure that I would be abundantly Recom-penced for my time and troubles on Account thereof whether it Succeeded or not. I immeidilly went home and hyred a horse on ye 24 of february. 1777 came to Esopus on the 26th gote my In-structions on the 5 of March from Jas. Duane Esqur. Chairman of the Committee, with a leter to The Honable. General Schuyler for his advice and to be Intyrley att his Deriction. I came to Albany on the 7th and deliver'd my leter to ye General who att the same time desired to See my Instructions, and then he told me it would be Some time yet befor the way was Clear, that we must take care to do nothing to offend the Indians, that he expected Mr Dean the Inter-preter very soon down to Albany in the meantime that I should go in to toune and take lodg-ers and be in the way when Called for. I then Sent a leter to Jas. Duane Esqur. for further advice but got no answer, I often called upon the General as the only person I had to go to & findeing he was called on to go to Congress, I asked him What I was to do in his absence he Said he had wrote up Respecting my going up but had gote no ansure, and that nothing further could be done untill he came home which would be in about three weeks.

I thought then as my family was at Such distance from this place and liveing att a very great expence, and myself on Expence here That I hade beter go and bring them up as it would be more Convenint To have them here then doune att N Windsor.

I then wrote a second leter for Jas. Duane Esqur. which you Received but got no Ansure. I went doune att the same time which was the first of Aprile and was backe here with my family by the midle of Said Month, and finding the General was long in Comeing home I ap-plied to Colnel Fork, who did the Generals Bussines att the Time, the Colonel told me he would gladly do any thing to Oblige me that lay in his Power to Serve the contrey, but att Present the Indians were pretty Crusty & he would not advice me by no means to go up amonge them, that as soon as the General came home he was to hold a Convention with ye Indians att Albany which would determine my going up, but when he came home throu the multiplicity of bussines I found it very Dificult to Gett Access to him, at last he told me he would Send for me when he would be more att lessure, and that I Should not be out of the way, during which time he Sett of for Saratoga to my great Surprise.

Very Soon after I heard that Some Gentlemen were gon up from the Convention to Said Springs, but on their Return Mr Lawrence Called att my house which was the twenty fifth of June, and he told me that the Indians were not to be trusted and that they could not Proceed So far as they Intended, but that they have latly discoverd a Springs at Cherry Valley but of no great Consequenceas the Water was very Weake, but that I had better go up and see it whether It would be worth while to Erecte works or Not, and at the Same Time gave me New Instructions, I went then and gote a horse and made Ready to go their and had gote the lenth of Schnatedy when the very bad News of the enemys being upon the Contrey in different Parts made it Appear to me that doing any thing of the kind was Impractable untill it should Pleas god to deliver us from our Destructive enemys.

Sir by this you will see the time I have lost and what a Loss it has been to my family for upon the Account of it I have been out of bussines for Above a twelve month Still thinking that the time Might come Soon When Somthing Could be Done in that way. I have inclosed you a Note of My Traveling Expencess which is Twentey four Pounds one Shiling & ten pence and I Shall only Charge for four Months time from the first of February to the last of June which is 150 days At only 10/ Pr day which is ase lowe a charge as I can make is 75 Pound, at the time I left Esopus I Received 200 Dollars which is 80 Pounds Youl See their is a Small Ballance due to me of 19 Pound Should be much obliged To you Sir if you would bee so good as to Pay it in to Mr Robertson I would have come myself but traveling Ex-pence is So great att this time that Im very glad of Such an oppurtunity. I am, Sir

With all Due Respect Your Humble Servant

Albany 14th Decemr. 1778.

Peter Sim

Albany 14th Decemr. 1778

The Gentelmen of the Committee of Convention of this State for the Establishing Salt Manufactures Dr. To Peter Sim late of N, York

1777			
Feb	24	To my Expences at fish kills for 3 days attending the Convention	£ 1 : 2
		To horse hire for 11 days at 10/— pr day to go to Esopus to the Convention	5 : 10
		To Expended for man & horse for 9 days	6 : 3
Mar	5	To Cash pd a man to take home my horse 40/— & 12/— for horse feed	2 : 12
	6	To my Expences to Albany for 1 day	9 : 10
		the same night lodged at the Kings Arms paid for supper breakfast & dinner next day	1 : 2 : 6
	7	went to lodgings at 30/— pr week for 3 weeks & washing & sundry other Expences 37/6	7 : 2 : 6
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		To 150 days time from the first of Feby 1777 until the 30 June 10/— pr day	24 : 1 : 10
			75
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			99 : 1 : 10
Credit			
		By Cash recd of James Duane Chairman of the Salt Committee	80
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			19 : 1 : 10
1785			
Arpil	18	Peter Sim personally appeared before me & swore on the holy Evangelist that the above acct is a Just & True one	
		P. W. Douw Alderman of the City of Albany	

In regard to these Accounts, the Auditor-General made this statement: " Peter Sim's claim £19.1.10. for Superintending the Salt works I am of opinion ought to be paid ".

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## PRIVATEERS

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The documents relating to the Armed Vessels that preyed upon the Commerce of the British, while interesting, are not as complete as might be expected when it is remembered that there were 792 Privateers under the Stars and Stripes which captured or destroyed about 600 of the Enemy's ships; while the Continental Government, with 64 war-vessels, captured only 196. (See E. S. McClay's "History of American Privateers", published in 1900). Indeed, the destruction of British Commerce was so great from this cause that it was a part of every argument, in England, to bring about peace with the Colonies. We might, therefore, expect that the documents would give the history of a large number of the Privateers that were undoubtedly sent out by the State of New York; instead of the bare half dozen that are recorded in a fairly complete manner. The State charged the United States "for the Expence of building and fitting out Armed Vessels for the Defence of the Harbour"; and its bill for Armed Ships was £2715.11.2 1/2, in 1776 and 1777.

The Privateers belonging to this State were under the authority of the Provincial Congress; or of its substitute, the Committee of Safety. On Nov. 4, 1775, the Provincial Congress resolved to employ the "Hamden" pilot boat as a "Spy boat". The Committee of Safety acted as follows, in 1776; Mar. 21, £500. was voted to Capt. William Mercier to enable him to equip the Vessels lately purchased by the Congress and ordered to be fitted out and armed by the Marine Committee; Mar. 19, £430 was appropriated to refund to Capt. Anthony Rutgers for the purchase of a Sloop to be armed "for the defence of the Trade of this & the neighboring Colonies"; Apr. 12, Thomas Randall Esqr was paid £900 "in part of the Monies by advanced for the purchase of an Armed Schooner & Her Arms & outfit"; Oct. 22, £600 was advanced to Capt. Samuel Tudor, one of the Superintendents in charge of the building the Continental Frigates at Poughkeepsie, for rafts of timber. The money was usually advanced by the Marine Committee.

The record of the Sloop "Montgomery" is the most complete. Her armament and complement of men are mentioned in one of her prize accounts, below. The pay-roll commenced Apr. 18, 1776. Nearly all of her cruises were along the shore of Connecticut, and along the Southern shore of Long Island. In July, 1776, she lay off Fire Island.

		Dr.	
The Convention of the State of New York To Joseph Hallett			
To Freight of Prize Goods taken by the Sloop Montgomery Wm. Rogers Master from Huntington to New York pr Reuben Johnson			£ 5.13.
July	12 Paid Oliver Webbers for riding Express from New York to Fire Island		3.
	Paid Capt. Rogers		40.
	22d Paid Jabez Westcott Mariner part of his wages		8.
	24 Paid Thomas Hencock in part of ditto		6.
Augt	5 Paid William Mercier		6. 5. 8
	21 Paid Lionel Baker in part Wages		6. 6. 8
Octr	17 Paid Capt. Rogers		104. 6. 8
	To my Com for receivg storing & delivg sundry Goods to Continental Store Keeper as pr Accot delivd amountg to £1051.15.9 5 pr ct		52.11. 9
	To my Expences in going to New Haven by Order of Convention of New York		15. 9
Novr	28 Paid Samuel Hull		17.11. 4
Decr	4 Paid Peter Colt		128.
	Paid Capt. Rogers		150. 8
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Deduct Commissn on Goods deld Continent			£543.12. 1
			52.11. 9
			<hr/>
To Commn on £491.0.4 at 2 1/2 pr Ct.			491 4
			12. 5. 6
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			£503. 5.10

The Auditor General, Peter T. Curtenius, made this statement regarding another claim:—

Claim of Sarah Rogers, Administratrix, for 8 shares in a prize taken by him (William Rogers) when Capt. of the Privateer Montgomery, a Vessel belonging to the State. The articles taken were Intrenching tools &c which were valued by Joseph Hallett at £1051.15.9 & were delivered by him to Mr. Chevers the Commissary of Military Stores, but the U. S. have never paid the State for them. When I made out the claims of this State against the United States I charged the U. S. with the above Sum, but it was objected to because Mr. Chevers'

rect was not produced. This I acquainted Mr. Hallet of, who said it was Burnt, after which he swore to the delivery. I am of opinion the State ought to pay Capt. Rogers' widow her Share of the Prize money & also the rest of the Crew after deducting £20.7.8 for carting the goods to Huntington.

		Maryt. Curr.	Exch Pr Ct	N. Y. Curr
Dr. Francis Lewis Esqr. his a/c with the State of New York				
1777				
May 1	To neet Proceeds of Sales of the Schooner Hannah & Cargo as pr account rendd by Luz & Bowley a Baltimore	£11814. 3		
	Sundry Arts taken by Capt. Rogers	129. 2. 9		
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		£11943. 5. 9		
	deduct for sundry Ex- penses	£ 72. 1. 3		
	Commissr of Agency at 5 Pr Ct on £11814.3	590.14.3		
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		£11280.10. 3	6 2/3	£12032.11.
	To Hire of the Sloop Montgomery Received from the State of Mary- land	175. 8. 9	"	187. 2. 8
1776				
Novr 6	To So much Received from Ph. Liv- ingston			£ 299. 4.
1778				
Decr 2	To " " " A. B. Bancker Doll	1000	6 fr 1	66.13. 4
1779				
Octr 1 9	To So much Received from Continent Treasury Doll	8000.	30 fr 1	106.13. 4
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				£12692. 4. 4
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				N. Y. Curr
Cr.				
1777				
May 1	By Capn Wm. Rogers So much Suppld him by Luz & Bowley	£ 754.12. 6		
	So much by Fs Lewis for 2 Pd Linnen	30. 47. 4.		
	Sundry Art. taken by him	94. 6. 9		
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		£ 926. 3. 3	6 2/3	987.18.
	By Sundry Articles taken by Capn Rogers for the use of the Crew of Sloop Montgommery	34.16	"	37. 2. 6
	By his Commissr on £10319.11. at 2 1/2 Pr Ct	£ 257.19. 6	"	275. 3. 6
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1777			
May	1	By the following Articles bought of Margaret Duncan for the Troops of the York Line 25 Ps Coating 615 Yds at 65/ 4 Ps half Tick 132 Yds at 35/	£1992. 5. " 231.
			<u>£2223. 5</u>
		By Service as Delegate in Congress from 1 Jany 1776 to 23 May 1777, 508 days a 34/	863. 12.
		By Service as Delegate in Congress from 1 decr 1777 to 20 Novr 1779 720 days a 34/	1224.
		Ballance due the State	6932. 19
			<u>£12692. 4. 4</u>
		To Ballance due the State	£ 6932. 19

Upon a full Investigation of the Case of Mr. Francis Lewis, It appears to us, that he was appointed by the late Convention of this State as their Agent to dispose of the Prizes taken by the Privateer Sloop Montgomery commanded by Capt. William Rogers, That in the beginning of the year 1777 Capt. Rogers came into the Port of Baltimore with a Prize Schooner called the Hannah, which together with the Cargo were there Sold under the direction of Mr. Lewis, and the neat Proceeds lodged in his hands for the use of the State and Captors in Continental Money, That Capt. Rogers fitted his Vessel for an other Cruise & that the Moiety due the Captors remained in Mr. Lewis hands waiting for their return to Baltimore, the other Moiety due the State he also retained Subject to the order of Convention, who directed him therewith to purchase Salt for the use of the State, which he endeavoured to do but found it Impracticable, & not receiving any further directions from the Convention how to dispose of the money he Vested fourteen thousand dollars of the money in his hands into Pennsylvania Loan Office Certificates & the remaining sum of three thousand three hundred & thirty-two dolls &  $\frac{3}{8}$  in Continental money Issued in the year 1776 (the proceeds of the prize) remains still into his hands, all which he is ready to pay into the State Treasury — In pursuance therefore of the powers vested in us by the 10th Clause of an Act Authorising the Auditor to Audit Certain Accounts & Claims & for other Purposes therein mentioned, passed the 22d April 1785 — We do determine & direct that Mr. Francis Lewis pay within ten days into the State Treasury the Ballance of the within Account amountg to Six thousand nine hundred & thirty two pounds 19/ in the following Species of Certificates and money Vizt

12 Certificates Issued out of the Pensylvania Loan Office of 1000 dolls	
Each dated the 24th Decr 1778 is	12000
1 ditto dated Jany 25 1779	1000
1 ditto Nov 13 1779	1000
	<u>14000 at 8/</u>
	£5600.
3332 & $\frac{3}{8}$ dolls in Continentl Money at 8/—	1332. 19
	<u>£6932. 19</u>

Given under our hands this Second of March One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Seven.

Comfort Sands  
Wm. Denning  
Henry Remsen [Auditors]

In Committee of Safety for the Colony of New York during the Recess of Congress New York Sepr. 15th 1775.

Ordered that Messrs Jacobus Van Zandt Henry Remsen and Lewis Pintard be a Committee to employ a Vessel and dispatch her with proper directions to purchase Gunpowder & Arms — And ordered that those Gentlemen be supplied with four Thousand pounds by Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esquire Treasurer of the Congress of this Colony, for that purpose. And ordered that those Gentlemen Give directions to purchase Musquets and not more than seven hundred if powder can be obtained & to invest the residue of the Money in Gunpowder and if Muskets are not to be obtained then to lay out the whole Money in Gunpowder — If no Gunpowder is to be had that they direct the whole money to be laid out in Musketts — If neither Gunpowder or Musketts are to be obtained that they direct the whole money to be laid out in Saltpetre — If Salt petre cannot be purchased That they direct Twenty Tons of Lead to be purchased and the residue of the money invested in 2 1/2 & 3 point Blanketts fit for a Soldier to cover himself with or wrap himself in — and if Blanketts cannot be procured that they direct the Money to be Invested in such Coarse Wollens as are fit for Soldiers Coats, the Cloths to be blue brown or Drab Colours — And ordered that a Certified Copy of this Entry be a sufficient Warrant to the said Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esqr. as Treasurer as aforesaid to deliver to the Gentlemen before named the Sum of four Thousand pounds for the purposes above mentioned.

John McKesson Secy

Recd September 22d 1775, from Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esqr. by the hands of Gerard Bancker four thousand Pounds in full for the above Order.

Jacobus Van Zandt.

May 31st. 1776 Recd from Mr. Jacobus Van Zandt Capt. John Harrison's Receipt for the within Mentioned four thousand which was Shipt by him.

Gerard Bancker.

In provincial Congress — New York October 21st 1775.

Present Nathaniel Woodhull Esquire President &c

The Congress then proceeded to hear the proceedings of the Committee of Safety on the Afternoon of the 15th September last.

On reading the order appointing Jacobus Van Zandt Lewis Pintard & Henry Remsen a Committee for the purpose therein mentiond & to furnish them with £4000, the Congress requested Information what was done with the money & what contract was made for Importing the articles mentiond in that order.

The Congress was then Informed by Mr. Vanzandt that the £4000 is sent out on the Account & risque of the provincial Congress, and whatever profits arise on Said Goods the Congress are to have the benefit of — That a Vessel is Chartered by Messrs Jacobus Van Zandt Henry Remsen & Lewis Pintard to go to Sundry places to obtain those Goods for the Sum of £550 Sterling, payable on delivery of the said Goods in any place within particular Limits for that purpose mentioned in the Charter party But that in case of her being Seized or taken on the Voyage the owner of the Vessel is to receive £300 Sterling for her. That the Vessel is to lay 40 working days to receive her Cargo, after which she is to receive 40/ Sterg pr day Demurage — That whatever room may be in the Vessel after the goods ordered by the freighters for the Benefit of this Congress are laded on board, the Owner or Owners of the Vessel have the Liberty to fill up with any goods on their own account without any deduction from the freight agreed for.

John McKesson late Secy of the Provincial Congress.

Dr. The Provincial Congress of State of New York in a/c with Jacobus Van Zandt.

1775

Octor 14 To the amount of Invoice, Shiptd pr Sloop Nancy John Harrison  
master bound to Bordeaux and Consigned to Messr David Gradis  
& Fils, Merchs there as pr Acct A

£4100. 0. 0

1776			
Decembr	31	To ditto of ditto of Cargo Shiptd pr Ship Rosomond Write Southgate Mastr — bound to Mercellious Consigned to Mr. James Van Zandt Merch on board, as pr Account B	£2738. 5
June	6	To Ballance due to James Van Zandt for his Commissions as pr Acct Current C	270. 0. 8
		To my Attendance fitting out the Priveteer Schooner Genl. Putman in april 1776, on Acct. of Provincial Congress	25. 0.
		To 2 pr Swiffle Guns supplyd at £8 pr	16. 0. 0
		To postage of sundry letters	1. 10. 2
		To 15 days Warfage of Priveteer Montgomery 3/	2. 5.
		To postage letters from Saml Curson	1. 6. 8
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		Cr.	£7154. 8. 3
1775			
Sepr	22	By Cash of Peter V. B. Livingston Treasurer	£4000. 0. 0
1776			
March	8	By ditto of ditto	167. 19.
Decemb	3	By ditto of ditto	2500. 0. 0
		Ball due to Jacobus Van Zandt Carried to New Account	486. 9. 3
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			£7154. 8. 3

1776			
Decemb	31	To Balle due from above	486. 9. 3
		P. S. Interest due on Same till paid this is Exclusive of Sloop Nancey which is to be left to Genl Assembly — for £600 — more	
New York	Decembr 31, 1776		

Errors Exceptd  
Jacobus Van Zandt

Copy of a Memorandum Recd of Jaco Vanzandt

The £4000 was Exchanged for Silver gold and bills of Exchange & Shipt by Jacobus Vanzandt & Co on board the Sloop Nancy John Harrison Mastr by order of the Provinl Congress for Bourdoux which Silver, gold, & bills of Exchange was Invested into a quantity of gun powder and Cloathing for the use of the Army, which Said goods did arive Safe in Rhode Island by way of St. Eustatia in a Brig Jn Lawrence master & put into the hand of Danl Tillinghast at Providence, and who dispatc<sup>t</sup> the Same by land to fish Kill whare it was put in the public Stores to Mr Harper one of the Clothing Committee as appers by his accts for their use except 3000 lb of gunpowder which Cap<sup>n</sup> Harrison did dispose of at St. Eustatia to one Cap<sup>n</sup> Isaac Caton of Charles Town So Carolina at the rate of 5/ N. York Curry pr lb amounting to £750 which Sum Cap<sup>n</sup> Harrison has accounted for, and also 70 Bar<sup>ls</sup> of powder Cap<sup>n</sup> Harrison Shipt without any orders, to the Committee of Safety of South Carolina which Said Committee or State of South Carolina are I believe indebted to the State of N York as pr Acct Vizt —

70 Barls of gun powder each contg 100 lb making 7000 lb at 5/ N. Y. Cury pr pound as pr agreement as the rest Sold to Capn Isaac Caton & which 70 barls of gun powder was shipt by John Harrison (out of Said Sloop Nancey's Cargo at St. Eustatia) on board a Vessel called the Swift Charles Morgan Master bound to So. Carolina & Consigned to Said Committee of Safety as pr bill lading for the same amounting to in N. York Currency £1750. 0.

N. B. the 70 Barls powder arrived Safe into Charles Town So. Carolina

The Committee of Safety of So. Carolina must account with us for 70 whole Barls powder Capn Harrison Ship them from St. Eustatia on our Congress Acct the freight of which was Conditionally. If goods were admitted to be Exported from South Carolina to the amount of the powder. In that case we were to allow them no freight — If no goods were allowd to be Exported a reasonable freight was to be allowed on acct of Capn Harrison sparing Some powder to Capn Isaac Catan, the Vessels name was Swift & the Master Charles Morgan

The Sloop was afterward captured by the Enemy; and the owners, in 1779, sent a bill of £1443.16. 8 to the State, which was ordered paid in December 1786.

Capt. John Harrison

New York 5 August 1776.

Sir

As neither Mr. Vanzandt nor Mr. Pintard are in Town, I have to request you will without delay proceed to Providence in Rhode Island & take charge of the Blankets Cloths & linnens which you left there in the care of Saml Tillinghast Esqr. The risque of transporting them by Water from Providence is too great in the Opinion of our Honl Convention particularly as they are articles much wanted, and I am directed to order that they should be transported by land to Norwich & from thence to New York by water, unless you receive information Of the Enemies Ships or Cruizers being in the Sound, in which case the Goods must be left in a safe store at Norwich until you have farther Orders. You will have them Carried, if possible, in Covered Waggons to prevent damage by Rain, and keep an Exact account of the Charges. on your arrival at Norwich with the Goods, send advice (directed to Vanzandt & Self) by Post, & inform by What Vessel you intend shipping the Goods, that in case the Convention should order them to any other place than this City, we may have a boat laying in the Sound near West Chester with Farther orders. you will also bring with you the small Private concern of the Owners, if the same is at Providence, but if at New Haven, advise (on receipt of this) in Whose hand it lays, & leave directions to deliver the same to our Order during your absence. I am for Messrs Vanzandt Pintard & Self

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt

Henry Remsen

P. S. I have not time to write Mr. Tillinghast. please inform him that I wrote last Week by a Sloop, Copy I order'd my Clerk to send by Post. Inclosed you have order for the Goods.

The Council of Safety, Apr. 17, 1776, ordered £200. paid to Capt. William Mercier for his expenses in fitting out the Sloop. Messrs Lux and Bowly, of Baltimore, Mar. 22, 1777, acknowledged the receipt of £361. 4, Current Money, from "William Rogers Esqr, Commander of the Sloop Montgomery \* \* \* which said Sum is left in our Hands by him, as he is now bound to Sea on a Cruise against the Enemies of America".

Before June, 1776, the "Montgomery" had taken these six prizes:—Sloop "Charlotte", Brig "Pembroke", Brig "Speedwell", Schooner "Hiram", Ship "Crawford", and Sloop "Nancey".

The Sloop Charlotte a Prize taken by the Schuyler & Montgomery in June 1776 in a/c Curt with Danl Tillinghast

Dr.	Cr.
1776 To Charges & Expences &c.....	16. 9. 0
To pd Obed Bunker pr Ordr the judges for Sails .....	66. 4. 2 1/2
To the Sherefs Commission at 1 pr Cent .....	5. 0. 5
To the Judges Fees &c pr Recpt.....	33. 0. 1
	38. 0. 6
To the Balla divided betwixt the Schuyler & Montgomery .....	381. 4. 6 1/2
	501. 18. 3
	Cr.
By the Amount of Sales of the Vessel & Her Cargo .....	501. 18. 3
	501. 18. 3

Sloop Montgomery	44 men		
To 6 Carriage Guns	6		
12 Swevels	6	56.....	£201. 8 1 1/2
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Sloop Schuyler	42 men		
6 Carriage Guns	6		
4 Swevels	2	50	£179.16. 5 1/2
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2/3ds the Continents part			119.17. 7 1/2
1/3 the Captors pd Jared Miles	£56. 0. 3		
My Commission on £78.11. 0			
being the Captors part of the			
Gross Sales at 5 pr Cent	3.18. 6 1/2		59.18.9 1/2
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			179.16. 5
			<hr/>
			£381. 4. 6 1/2
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			Cr.
By the Ballance to be proportioned between the Schuyler & Mont-			
gomery .....			£381. 4. 6 1/2
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Providence 11 February, 1777, Errors Excepted Daniel Tillinghast.  
 The "Nancy" was used in the American service after her capture.

In 1776, the "Montgomery" also took the "Blue Mountain Valley", which was carried to Elizabethtown Point. On July 5, 1777, Eliphalet Wood acknowledged the receipt of \$30. from Joshua Rogers, "being for one Quarter part of all My Prize Money due from the Sloop Montgomeria Late Commanded by William Rogers"

Early in 1777, the Schooner "Hannah" was taken by the "Montgomery"; and the cargo was sold, in Baltimore, Feb. 5. The cargo consisted of Cheese, Ale, Port Wines, Handkerchiefs, Stockings, Spices, Linen, Shoes, Beef, Pork and Peas; of which Col. Richard Henry Lee bought two hampers of Port Wine. The net proceeds of the sale were £8684.13. 1 1/2. The prizes taken by the "Montgomery" were audited at £6933., in 1787.

An Account of the Cost of the Sloop "Schuyler", James Smith Master.

1776			
January	23	Paid Col. McDougel for the Sloop .....	£325. 0. 0
Febry	26	Paid Capt. James Smith his Accot of Outfit .....	248. 0.10
April	17	Paid do portledge Bill &c &c.....	268.12. 6 1/2
		Paid do do do .....	124. 9. 2
March	4	Paid do on Accot of Seamen's Wages .....	50. 0. 0
	12	Paid Chr Duyckink for Sails.....	17.19. 0

The Provincial Congress, March 2, 1776, advanced to Capt. James Smith for wages of the Seamen and Marines and for Arms and Appurtenances, £50. The Committee of Safety seemed to have charge of the Sloop, in 1777. Her armament and complement of men will be found in the account of the "Montgomery", above.

The Committee of Safety, Dec. 4, 1776, named Victor Bicker, jr., Lieut of Marines for the Sloop "Congress", directed him to enlist 30 Marines for the same term as the other Conti-

mental Troops, and declared it to be their duty to guard the "Congress" and "Montgomery" "and such other Vessels and Stores, belonging to the Continent, as may be laid up with them". The "Congress" had taken six prizes before June, 1776; and the cargoes were landed at Huntington, Long Island.

The Schooner "General Putnam", formerly the "Betsey", was fitted out, on account of the Provincial Congress, in April, 1776. As the "Betsey", it had been sold by Paul Mersereau to the State, Apr. 17, 1776 for £245. It was a Vessel of 27 tons, and it carried 5 Swivel Guns. The men were enlisted at once; and there was a large amount of grog in the outfit. The Council of Safety, Nov. 5, 1776, ordered an accounting of the expenses and the discharge of the Crew.

The Committee of Safety, Jan. 14, 1777, advanced to Capt. Robert Castle £80 for the maintenance of the Armed Sloop "Camden", "fitted out by Order of the Secret Committee for obstructing the Navigation of Hudson's River & for protecting the same against the Depredations of the Enemy". The owners stated that, about June 1, 1777, the Sloop was taken by the State, dismantled and sent down the river from Albany to form a part of the Fleet Prison. In settling the accounts, the Auditor-General seemed to think that there had been two Ships of this name. (See "Ships"; and the Fleet Prison, in "British Prisoners of War".)

An account of the expenses in securing a Prize, near Long Island, June 16, 1776, amounted to £32.10. 0. A Prize brought to Fire Island July 10, 1776, had a cargo worth £1071.15.9, which was sent to the Continental Store Keeper, by order of Gen. Washington.

The documents merely mention these Privateers, and their Captains who were appointed by the Council of Appointments:—"Fox", Samuel Hunt; "Greyhound", Joshua Rogers; "Independence", James Howlet; "Porpoise", James Vincent; "Ranger", Wm. Smith Scudder; "Refugee", Titus Conklin; "Resolution", Valentine Ryder; "Retaliation", John Ingraham; "Revenge", Daniel Griffin; "Shark", Frederick Donaldson; "Suffolk", Nathaniel Hortonson.

Occasional mention is made of the British Ships-of-War "Senegal", "Asia", "Phenix", and "Duchess of Gordon"; also, of the Privateer "Dragoon".

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## SHIPS

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On June 2, 1775, Henry Remsen, Lewis Pintard, Thomas Marston and Jacobus Lefferts, a Committee appointed by the Provincial Congress, borrowed £3987.14. 0. on subscription; and, on the same date, they hired the Sloop "Harlequin", and sent it after Powder. The loan was repaid, Sept. 1, 1775, the subscribers declining to receive interest. The Provincial Congress, June 12, 1775, sent the Sloop "Bishop of Landaff", Capt. Snell, on a voyage to the Windward Islands "for the use of the Continental Army laying before Boston". On Oct. 17, the Congress authorized Jacobus Van Zandt to purchase this Sloop of Francis James, and others, for £496; and, Apr. 26, 1776, the Treasurer of the Congress received £425 from Jacobus Van Zandt for the sale of the Sloop to Francis Randal.

The Committee of Safety, on Jan. 24, 1776, appointed Capt. Wm. Mercier to superintend and inspect the lading of all Vessels in the Port of New York. The Committee, Apr. 17,

ordered £650. paid to Comfort Sands for the Sloop "Sally", Wilkie Dodge late Master; and £500. for the Schooner "Polly", Matthew Van Alstyne Master " which was insured at that Price by Mr. Sands on Account of this Colony".

See Voucher	The State of New York To Comfort Sands	Dr.
313	To my Commission on 3 Cargoes of Provision shipt by Order of the Provincial Congress in Jan'y 1776 on board the Sloop James Richd Puller Master, ditto in the Schooner Polly Matthew Vanalstyne Master & the Sloop Sally Wilkie Dodge Master amounting in the whole to £3186.17.8p at 2 1/2 pr Cent which is allowed me by the house of Assembly See Journals of the house March 31 1784 page 99 . . . . .	£79.13. 5
	Audited Augt 16, 1784 (Paid Jan. 11, 1785)	

The "Sally" in July and August, 1776, carried the Poor up the Hudson River from New York City. The Council of Safety, May 9, 1777, ordered Capt. Charles Spranger to produce his accounts against the Brig "Mary", which had been taken up the River to Peekskill. The total of the Accounts was £148. 6. 0. Sampson Dyckman had a bill of £68.5.4, Nov. 15, 1780, for the hire of his Sloop "William Henry"—32 days, at 8d. per day, per ton.

In discussing the Claims of this State against the United States, the Auditor-General stated that there were several "For the purchase of Vessels & Cargoes sent out to procure Arms, Ammunition & Cloathing for the use of the Army, several of which were taken". The Auditor-General also made these comments:—

Gilbert Pell £127.18 for timber taken to build Gondolas. These vessels were built by order of the Commander-in-Chief & not by the orders of the Provnal Congress & therefore no claim against the State.

Theophilus Anthony £8.17.4 for Sundries deliv'd to defend the Continent'l Frigates that were built at Poughkeepsie.

The Continental Frigates were built previous to Aug. 16, 1776.

An a/c of Gilbert Pell for £127.18.0 for timber taken from his ship yard in the Out ward of New York City just before the British took possession of the city in 1776. The a/c is made out to Thomas Cheeseman, Benjamin Ayres and Thomas Dodge who directed the building of Gondolas and Row Galleys. Pell petitioned the legislature in 1790; but was referred to the United States as the State never built any such boat in New York but the United States did.

In the final Accounts against the United States the following items appear under the head of "Naval Stores" :—

41 Cr 2 gr 15 lb Oakum . . . . .	£107. 4. 4
151 ps Pitch . . . . .	197. 16. 0
7 ps Tarr . . . . .	5. 8. 0
23 Cr Cordage . . . . .	223. 11. 5 1/2
1371 Oars . . . . .	318. 6. 0
8 ps Turpentine . . . . .	27. 0. 0
different Articles . . . . .	22. 3. 4

£ 901. 9. 1 1/2

Rope for the Ships was made by Capt. Anthony Rutgers and Christopher Tappen, "a Committee for erecting a rope-walk in Kingston". The Committee of Safety ordered the rope-walk built, early in 1777. Timber was bought of Col. Henry Van Rensselaer, Elias Hasbrouck and Lawrence Van Gaasbeck. The Auditor-General made this comment on the claim for nails:—

Evert Bogardus' claim for making 325 lb. nails amounting to £12.3.9. I have examined the Account of C. Tappen & Capt. Rutgers who were appointed to Superintend the Rope walk & find this acct. not charged, & therefore I am of opinion he ought to be paid but not the whole sum because I think 9d p: lb. for making nails when the nail rods were found him is too much.

The Accounts of Messrs. Rutgers and Tappen amounted to £3634, from May 9, to Sept. 6, 1777. Large amounts of Hemp seed were purchased and given to the neighboring farmers. Some of it came from New Jersey. William Allison (then Captain, afterward Colonel) received £1000., May 9, 1777, to buy Hemp in Orange County; and it was kept, temporarily, in his store at New Windsor. When Kingston was burned, Oct. 16, 1777, the rope-walk was destroyed; and there is no evidence in the documents to show that it was rebuilt.

Ships were also used to obstruct the channels of the East River and the North River. In July, 1776, the Convention voted £5000. to the following:—Robert R. Livingston, Robert Yates, Christopher Tappen, John Jay, William Paulding and Gilbert Livingston "a Secret Committee to obstruct the Navigation of the Hudson River". The Committee met in New York City, June 19, to Aug. 17, 1776. In September, of that year, several Ships were sunk near Fort Washington, by order of the Commander-in-Chief. In October, the Committee paid £328.3.11 to Samuel Tudor for cutting timber. The Committee also paid £819.18.0 to Christopher Leffingwell for a Brig. The State paid £500. to Jesse Hunt for the Sloop "N. Y. Packet" to obstruct the channel of the East River; but, before it could be used, it was burned by the British. On Nov. 6, 1776, Patrick Dennis was paid £500. for obstructing the East river. In March, 1777, several anchors and cables were taken from Ships near the city of New York. The Committee expended about £15000. from 1777 to 1779.

The Secret Committee, in 1776, paid £400. for the Brig "Nancy", to obstruct the Hudson River. It had charge, also, of the "Camden" and other Armed Sloops, for the same purpose. The Committee of Safety, Jan. 14, 1777, voted £80. to Capt. Robert Castle for subsisting the "Camden" in obstructing the channel of the Hudson River. The following comments were made by the Auditor-General in relation to the Claims against the United States for the use of these Ships:—

The Sloops Hudson & Cambden (formerly the Ann & Bradstreet) were two armed vessels fitted out by the Secret Committee to protect the Inhabitants on the Banks of the Hudson against the British Tenders, the first was delivd to the Quarter Master & the latter was taken by the Enemy when Fort Montgomery was taken—this is proved by the Certificates of Gilbert Livingston & Chrstor Tappans late members of the Secret Committee.

The Sloop Schuyler (formerly the Sally) was fitted out for acct of the United States & the Command given to Capt. Pond.

These vessels were Sent down & Sunk in the Chanel of the North River opposite Fort Washington this is proved by the Certificate of Gilbert Livingston late member of the Secret Committee & by the Affidavt of Major Biches now delivd up

The Sloops Ann, Bradstreet, Mary Ann & Clinton acct for by the Certificates of Gilbert Livingston & Chrstr Tappan late members of the Secret Committee.

The Accounts of the other members of the Secret Committee will be found in the Chapter on "Fortifications". For further information regarding Ships, see the Chapters on "Privaters"; "Powder"; "The Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut"; and the Fleet Prison, in "British Prisoners of War".

# THE CIVIL SERVICE

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## THE JUDICIARY

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### COURTS AND JUDGES

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In Colonial and Provincial times, the Governor of New York enacted, interpreted and enforced all of the laws. He virtually enacted, under the Colony, because he had a veto or an approval upon the work of the representative bodies, subject always to the will of the Crown. The first Constitution of the State, 1777, deprived him of the supreme judicial function, and vested it in the Lieutenant Governor and Senate, and the Chancellor and Justices of the Supreme Court. The same Constitution also established the Court for the Trial of Impeachments and the Correction of Errors, which was abolished by the Constitution of 1846.

The Court of Admiralty was established by the Dutch. Under the supremacy of the English, its jurisdiction extended to Connecticut and New Jersey, as well as to New York. As the Revolutionary War approached, in 1774, the Judge, Richard Morris Resigned on account of his sympathy with the Colonists. Lewis Morris was appointed Judge, July 31, 1776; and Lewis Graham, Aug. 5, 1776. On the former date, the Convention appointed John McKesson, Register; and Robert Benson, Marshal. Thomas Ludlow, jr., had been appointed Marshal, in 1775. These were the only appointees who held office, in this Court, during the War.

The Court of Chancery, originating in the Duke's Laws, was recognized by the Constitution of 1777. Robert R. Livingston was appointed Chancellor by the Convention, May 8, 1777; was commissioned Oct. 13, of that year; and was re-elected, June 27, 1783, because it was doubtful if he had not vacated his office by accepting from Congress the office of Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Among the documents in this Office there is one showing that, on Aug. 13, 1783, the State Treasurer sent an order on the Governor for £200 in specie on account of the Salary of Robert R. Livingston, as Chancellor; and receipt of the same was acknowledged by John R. Livingston Aug. 16, 1783.

The Supreme Court was established, in 1691, soon after the occupation by the English. It was recognized by the Constitution of 1777; and reorganized May 3, of that year. The Judges were appointed by the Council of Appointment. During the Revolutionary War, and for many years afterward, the Court consisted of a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices. John Jay and Richard Morris were Chief Justices from May 8, 1777, to the end of the War; and

Robert Yates, as Chief Justice, signed many of the State documents at a later date. Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart were Puisne Justices during the War.

		The State of New York to Jno. Sloss Hobart Dr.	
1778	April 18	— To my attendance on the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Dutchess County from the 13 <sup>th</sup> inclusive, 60 Days @ 40/ .....	£12. 0. 0
	22 <sup>d</sup>	To 4 Days going to Albany at 40/.....	8. 0. 0
May	12	To my attendance on the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Albany County from the 4 <sup>th</sup> inclusive, 9 Days a 40/ .....	18. 0. 0
	14	To 2 Days returning home a 40/.....	4. 0. 0
	25	To 1 Day going to Poughkeepsie a 40/ .....	2. 0. 0
	30	To my attendance on the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Dutchess County from the 26 <sup>th</sup> inclusive 5 Days a 40/ .....	10. 0. 0
June	2	To 3 Days returning home a 40/.....	6. 0. 0
Octr	20	To 2 Days going to Albany a 80/.....	8. 0. 0
		To my attendance on the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Albany County 17 Days a 80/.....	68. 0. 0
		To 3 Days returning a 80/ .....	12. 0. 0
Decr	22	To 11 Days going to and returning from Goshen on Commission of Oyer and Terminer a 80/.....	44. 0. 0
	31	To 3 Days going to Goshen a 80/.....	12. 0. 0
1779			
Jany	13	To my attendance on the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Orange County from the 1 <sup>st</sup> inclusive 13 Days a 80/ .....	52. 0. 0
Jany	13		
	19	To 5 Days going to Albany a 80/ .....	20. 0. 0
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			£276. 0. 0

Feb<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1779 Errors excepted Jno. Sloss Hobart.  
 [Audited Mar. 6; and paid Nov. 19, 1779]

Rec'd in several payments from Gerard Bancker, Treasurer, the amount of the salary allowed me as One of the Puisne Justices of the Supreme Court of this State for my services from the first Monday in July 1779 to the first Monday in July 1780, pursuant to a Law passed the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1780 entitled "An Act for the payment of the several Officers of Government and of certain Debts due from this State," which Salary is three hundred and fifty pounds of the New Emittid Money equal to fourteen thousand pounds of the Old Continental Money in Circulation.

£350.

Albany Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1781

Robert Yates —

State of New York in Account with John M <sup>c</sup> Kesson Esq <sup>r</sup>	
D <sup>r</sup>	To Amot. of Costs of Prosecutions in Supreme Court as Per Accot. No. 1. £ 548:16: 3
	To Amot. of Costs of Prosecutions in Court Oyer & Terminer as Pr. Account No. 2 .....
	1077:14: 0
	To Costs on Indictments on Confiscation Law .....
	2020:19: 0
	To Travelling Charges .....
	223: 6: 8
	To Counsel Fees on Indictments drawn by him on Confiscation Law.....
	147:18: 0
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	£ 4018:13:11
C <sup>r</sup> .	By the Appraised value of a certain House conveyd to him, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature .....
	1750: 0: 0
	Ballance due John M <sup>c</sup> Kesson .....
	2268:13:11
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	£ 4018:13:11

To Gerard Bancker Esq<sup>r</sup> Treasurer of the State of New York —

We the Subscribers in pursuance of the Act entitled "An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the Officers of Government & other contingent Charges passed the twenty first Day of April last, have this day liquidated & settled the Accounts of John M<sup>c</sup>Kisson Esquire the Clerk of the Supreme Court for his services both as Clerk of the Supreme Court, and as Clerk of the Courts of Oyer & Terminer & Goal Delivery in Prosecutions on behalf of the People of the State of New York against Persons for having adhered to the Enemies of this State & in other prosecutions on behalf of the People of the State of New York and do hereby Certify that after deducting the Sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred & Fifty Pounds being the appraised Value of a certain Messuage or Dwelling House with the Hereditaments & Appurtenances — situate on the South Side of Queens Street in the East Ward of the City of New York conveyed to him by the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Southern District in pursuance of an Act entitled "An Act for the Speedy Sale of all confiscated and forfeited Estates within this State & for other purposes therein mentioned" there is due to the said John M<sup>c</sup>Kisson Esquire for his Services as aforesaid, a Balance of Two Thousand Two Hundred & Sixty Eight Pounds thirteen shillings & Eleven Pence Current Money of the State of New York —

Given under our Hands this thirteenth day of December 1787

The documents contain very few records of the transactions of the several Courts. Indeed, there is little of interest aside from the orders of the Governor to pay the salaries of the Judges. The documents, however, run far beyond the end of the War, and many important papers, containing testimony, orders &c, are signed by Judges and Justices.

# THE LEGISLATIVE

## THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESSES

The New York Colonial Assembly or "General Assembly", after an existence of 92 years, adjourned Apr. 3, 1775, and never again convened. It was succeeded by the **First Provincial Congress** on May 22, 1775. The Delegates were elected under the Articles of Association. The refusal to vote was sufficient to classify a man as a Non-Associate, and his Arms were at once taken from him. The vote was taken by Counties, a majority of the Counties forming a quorum. No matter how many Delegates a County had, its vote was fixed at a certain number. Gloucester had one vote; Albany, three; New York, four; and the remaining Counties, two votes each. The three Sessions of this Congress were held in 1775, in the City of New York, as follows:— May 22 to July 8; July 26 to Sept. 2; and Oct. 4 to Nov. 4. Just before the adjournment of July 8, the Committee of Safety was appointed (See the Chapter on "The Committee of Safety").

This Congress, on Oct. 17 and 18, 1775, ordered the payment of £496. for the Pilot-Boat "Bishop of Landaff"; and, on Oct. 21, took action relative to the employment of Vessels by Messrs Pintard, Remsen and Van Zandt.

The following bill was by the printer, James Rivington, who was at first inclined to side with the Enemy; but afterward, was with the Colonists, though not without some distrust on their part. The bill gives a fair sample of the transactions of the Congress in the early days of the War.

### Provincial Congress to James Rivington Dr.

1774. Nov <sup>r</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	To advertg the Election of a Committee of 60 Persons for purposes mentioned in the Association. . . . .	£ 0.10.0
1775 May	25	— To Do. Resolves for the Discharge of such money as is now lent &c. . . . .	0. 5.0
June	1	— To Do. No hostilities agt Canadians . . . . .	0. 5.0
		To Do. recommending to appoint County Committees & Sub-Committees &c . . . . .	0. 5.0
		To Do. recommending the Inhabitants of the Colony to Arm themselves &c. . . . .	0. 5.0
July	6	To Do. the Vessel to go to Newfoundland . . . . .	0. 5.0
	13	To Do. recommending 20 day of July as a day of fasting &c. . . . .	0. 5.0
	21	To Do. Ulster County subscribers recantation . . . . .	0. 8.0
Augt	10	To Do. Ways & Means of Discharging the debts already contracted &c . . . . .	0. 5.0
		To Do. a barge to be built for Ship Asia . . . . .	0. 5.0
	17	To Do. bounty on Gun powder . . . . .	0. 5.0
		To Do. Ship Asia's barge to be rebuilt . . . . .	0. 8.0

1775 Augt 17	To Do. forming a Militia . . . . .	£0.16.0
	To Do. the propriety of exporting flax seed . . . . .	0. 5.0
Sept <sup>r</sup> 7	To Do. not to assist the Ministerial army and navy . . . . .	1.17.0
14	To Do. necessary to detain Capn Wynn . . . . .	0. 5.0
28	To Do. Deserters . . . . .	0. 8.0
Oct <sup>r</sup> 19	To Do. that the Congress be dissolved on the 14 day of Novem- ber . . . . .	0.10.0
26	To Do. touching the election of a future provincial Congress. . . . .	0. 5.0

[This Account was Audited Mar. 5, and Paid Mar. 8, 1776]

£ 7.17.0

The First Provincial Congress consisted of the following Officers and Deputies:—

President — Peter Van Brugh Livingston  
 Presidents Pro Tem.— Nathaniel Woodhull and Abraham Yates\*  
 Vice President — Volkert P. Douw\*  
 Secretaries — John McKesson and Robert Benson  
 Doorkeeper — Thomas Pettit

<i>Albany</i>	<i>Kings</i>	<i>Orange</i>	John Sloss Hobart
Jacob Cuyler*	Nicholas Couwenhoven*	William Allison*	Ezra L'Hommedieu
Volkert P. Douw*	John Leffertse*	Jeremiah Clark*	Selah Strong*
Henry Glen	Johannis E. Lott*	Peter Clowes*	Thomas Tredwell*
Walter Livingston*	Theodoros Polhemus*	John Coe*	Thomas Wickham
Francis Nicoll	Jeremiah Remsen*	John Haring*	Nathaniel Woodhull
Peter Silvester*	Richard Stilwell*	Michael Jackson*	<i>Tryon</i>
Dirck Swart*	John Vanderbilt*	Abraham Lent*	John Marlett*
Abraham Ten Broeck	Henry Williams*	David Pye*	John Moore
Robert Van Rensselaer	<i>New York</i>	Isaac Seely*	Christopher P. Yates*
Abraham Yates, jr.	James Beekman	Benjamin Tusten*	<i>Ulster</i>
Robert Yates*	Abraham Brasher*	Jesse Woodhull*	Charles Clinton*
<i>Charlotte</i>	David Clarkson*	<i>Queens</i>	James Clinton*
Archibald Campbell*	John DeLancey*	Jacob Blackwell*	Egbert Dumond
William Marsh*	Walter Franklin*	Joseph French*	Johannis Hardenburgh*
George Smith*	George Folliot*	Thomas Hicks*	Jacob Hoornbeck*
David Watkins*	Joseph Hallett*	Jonathan Laurence*	John Nicholson
John Williams*	Benjamin Kijssam*	Daniel Rapalje*	Christopher Tappen
<i>Cumberland</i>	Leonard Lispenard*	Joseph Robinson	<i>Westchester</i>
John Hazeltine*	P. Van Brugh Livingston	Richard Thorne*	David Dayton*
Paul Spooner*	Isaac Low*	Nathaniel Tom*	Joseph Drake*
William Williams*	Alexander McDougall*	Samuel Townsend	Lewis Graham*
<i>Dutchess</i>	John Marston*	Zebulon Williams*	Robert Graham*
Dirck Brinckerhoff*	Isaac Roosevelt	<i>Richmond</i>	James Holmes*
Anthony Hoffman*	John Morin Scott	Richard Conner*	Gouverneur Morris
Jonathan Landon*	Isaac Sears*	Aaron Cortelyou*	William Paulding*
Gilbert Livingston*	Thomas Smith*	John Tourney*	John Thomas, jr.
Richard Montgomerie*	James Van Cortlandt*	Richard Lawrence*	James Van Cortlandt*
Ephraim Paine*	John Van Cortlandt	Paul Micheau*	Philip Van Cortlandt*
Zephaniah Platt*	Jacobus Van Zandt	<i>Suffolk</i>	Stephen Ward*
Nathaniel Sackett*	Samuel Verplanck*	John Foster	
Gysbert Schenck*	Abraham Walton*	James Havens*	
Melancton Smith*	Richard Yates*		

The Second Provincial Congress convened, in New York City, Dec. 6, 1775; and adjournment was made on Dec. 22. The Second Session ran from Feb. 12 to Mar. 16, 1776; and the third, from May 8 to May 13. The basis of representation and the manner of voting were

\* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

those followed in the First Congress. The records show that the Committee of Dutchess County paid the Deputies therefrom 10/— per day for their attendance.

Among the documents relating to this Congress is the following

In Provincial Congress New York Feby. 18th 1776.

Whereas tho' it is in the opinion of this Congress impracticable at present totally to cut off all communication of the Inhabitants of this Colony with the Ships of War now in this Port & the Ship on board of which his Excellency Governor Tryon resides; yet it appears necessary to confine such Communication to certain particular Objects, to the end, that the public service may not be injured by a free and unlimited Intercourse between them and this Colony It is therefore ordered that all Communication between the said Ships of War and all the Inhabitants of this Colony be and hereby is prohibited except upon special Permits to be obtained from this Congress or the Committee of Safety and also except for supplying the said Ships of War respectively with necessary Provisions from time to time for the use & consumption of their respective Crews only under the following Restrictions & Regulations to wit: That no Provisions shall be supplied for their use and Consumption by any other Persons than their respective Agent Victuallers in this City upon Permits to be obtained by them respectively from time to time for the purpose from this Congress or the Committee of Safety; which Provisions shall not in any case be put on board any Boat for such supply as aforesaid at any other Place than the ferry Stairs near the Exchange in this City & that in the presence of a Port Master to be appointed by this Congress or the Committee of Safety who shall carefully inspect the same & compare the Provisions with the Permit and thereupon countersign the said Permit and keep an exact & particular Account of the same to be reported by him to this Congress or the Committee of Safety from time to time when called for. Ordered farther that Mr. Elias Nexcen be and is hereby appointed Port Master for & during the pleasure of this Congress with an allowance at & after the rate of eighteen Dollars & one third of a Dollar per month for so long a time as he shall continue in the said Service. Ordered further that all communication between the said Inhabitants and the said Ship of his Excellency the Governor be & is hereby prohibited except with respect to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor; the Members of his Majesty's Council the Surveyor General the Deputy Secretary of this Colony and his necessary Clerks, and such other Persons as shall from time to time have particular Permits for the purpose from this Congress or the Committee of Safety; and except also such Intercourse as may be necessary for supplying the Governor the necessary Provisions for himself and his family which supplies shall from time to time be sent from the said ferry Stairs and no other place and that in the presence and under the inspection of the said Port Master who shall keep exact & particular Accounts of the same to be reported as aforesaid and except also that the Brewers supply the said three Ships with beer as usual till further Order of this Congress or the Committee of Safety.

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Benson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

1776

State of New York to Elias Nexsen ——— Dr.

April 18th To 2 months pay, as port Master, Appointed by the Honbl. Provincial Congress, for Attending with Supplys of Provisions &c. on board his Britanic Majesties Ship of war the Asia Phenix & Dutchess of Gordon Gov<sup>r</sup>. Tryon Ships &c. 2 months pay at 18 1/3 Doll..... £14:13: 4.

[This Account was audited Sept. 30, and paid Oct. 1, 1790]

The Second Congress, according to the documents, took action as follows:— Dec. 19, 1775, the Committee on Vessels reported upon certain articles that could be obtained abroad; same date, the same Committee reported on the Salt Petre that could be purchased; Dec. 19, the same Committee was given directions as to the cargoes of Powder, Muskets, Salt-Petre, Cloth &c that were to be brought from European ports; Mar. 2, 1776, £50 was ordered to be paid to the men of the Sloop "Schuyler"; Mar. 4, voted £40, to Samuel Prince to pay for transporting Continental Gun-Powder to Cambridge; Mar. 8, an appropriation for the wants of the

families of the Soldiers; Mar. 13, appropriations to the several County Committees; Mar. 14, voted £1000 to John R. Livingston for erecting a Powder Mill to be completed within three months, his bondsmen being Isaac Roosevelt, Nathaniel Woodhull and Abraham Yates, jr; May 10, voted £150 to Henry Wisner, jr., for Gun-Powder.

May the 18, 1776 The County of Albany To Francis Nicoll  
 For his Services attending the provincial Congress in New York these following Days —

From May the 18, 1775 to June the 7, Days . . . . .	21
From June the 25 to July the 10 . . . . .	16
From September the 10 to October the 8 . . . . .	29
From November the 19 to December the 17 . . . . .	29
From February the 9 to March the 8 . . . . .	27
	122

in all a 10/—

Francis Nicoll

£ 61. 0. 0.

[The Albany Committee ordered this account to be paid, June 24, 1776]

The Officers of the Second Provincial Congress were the same who served in the First Congress, except the President and Treasurer. The Deputies to the Second Congress follow the Officers:—

President — Nathaniel Woodhull  
 President pro tem.— John Haring  
 Treasurer — Peter Van Brugh Livingston

<p><i>Albany</i>                  John James Bleecker*                  Jacob Cuyler*                  Leonard Gansevoort*                  Henry Glen                  Peter R. Livingston                  Francis Nicoll                  Henry Oothoudt*                  Peter Silvester*                  Abraham Ten Broeck                  Robert Van Rensselaer                  Abraham Yates, jr.                  Robert Yates*</p> <p><i>Charlotte</i>                  John Williams*</p> <p><i>Cumberland</i>                  Paul Spooner*                  William Williams</p> <p><i>Dutchess</i>                  Jacob Everson*                  Morris Graham*                  Cornelius Humphreys*                  John Kaine*                  Gilbert Livingston*                  Robert G. Livingston*                  Beverly Robinson*</p>	<p>Henry Schenck                  Petrus Ten Broeck*</p> <p><i>Kings</i>                  Nicholas Couwenhoven*                  John Leffertse*                  Theodorus Polhemus*                  Rutgers Van Brunt*                  John Vanderbilt*</p> <p><i>New York</i>                  Evert Bancker*                  James Beekman                  Abraham Brasher*                  Cornelius Clapper*                  William Denning*                  Joseph Hallett*                  Benjamin Helme*                  John Imlay                  Benjamin Kissam*                  P. Van Brugh Livingston                  Gabriel W. Ludlow*                  Alexander McDougall*                  John Morton*                  Samuel Prince                  John Ray*                  Isaac Roosevelt                  Adrian Rutgers*</p>	<p>Anthony Rutgers                  Comfort Sands*                  John Morin Scott                  Isaac Sears*                  Thomas Smith*                  Isaac Stoutenburgh*                  John Van Cortlandt                  Theodorus Van Wyck*                  Jacobus Van Zandt</p> <p><i>Orange</i>                  William Allison*                  Jeremiah Clark*                  Peter Clowes*                  Theunis Cuyper*                  John Haring*                  Ann Hawk Hay*</p> <p><i>Queens</i>                  (No Delegates)</p> <p><i>Richmond</i>                  Adrian Bancker*                  Richard Lawrence*</p> <p><i>Suffolk</i>                  Daniel Brown*                  David Gelston                  John Sloss Hobart                  Ezra L'Hommedieu</p>	<p>Selah Strong*                  Thomas Tredwell*                  Thomas Wickham                  Nathaniel Woodhull</p> <p><i>Troy</i>                  John Moore                  Isaac Paris                  William Willis</p> <p><i>Ulster</i>                  Samuel Brewster*                  Matthew Cantine                  Andries DeWitt*                  Andries Le fever*                  Thomas Palmer                  Matthew Rea                  Henry Wisner                  Dirck Wynkoop, jr.</p> <p><i>Westchester</i>                  Gilbert Drake                  Joseph Drake*                  Lewis Graham*                  Robert Graham*                  Ebenezer Lockwood                  William Paulding*                  John Thomas, jr.*                  Pierre Van Cortlandt*                  Stephen Ward*</p>
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\* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

The session of the **Third Provincial Congress** was cut short by the threatened advance of the British upon the meeting-place, New York City. May 18 to June 30, 1776, was the limit of its existence. The ratio of representation was changed in this Congress so that the Counties had votes as follows:— Gloucester, one; Charlotte, Cumberland, Kings, Richmond and Tryon, two each; Orange, three; Queens, Suffolk, Ulster and Westchester, four each; Dutchess, five; Albany, six; and New York, eight.

The documents give little of note relating to the transactions of this Congress, except the following:—

The Honorable Provincial Congress Dr. to Samuel Fraunces— New York 14th June, 1776.

To an Entertainment . . . . .	£ 45. 0. 0
To 6 Dozn & 6 Bottles of Madeira . . . . .	23. 8. 0
To 2 do & 6 do Port . . . . .	9. 0. 0
To Porter 45/— Cyder 37/— Spruce 4/6 . . . . .	4. 9. 6
To Sangary 66/— To do 18/— Punch 12/— . . . . .	4. 16. 0
To Madeira 12/— Bitters 3/— . . . . .	0. 15. 0
To Lights 8/— Wine Glasses broken 16/— . . . . .	1. 4. 6
To 4 Wine Decanters 8/— 2 Water Decanters 14/— . . . . .	1. 2. 0
To a Chainie Pudding Dish 12/— Tumblers 14/— . . . . .	1. 6. 0

[This Account was audited and paid, June 25, 1776]

£ 91. 1. 0

Fraunces' Tavern, at the corner of Pearl and Broad streets, is still standing. It was here that Washington bade farewell to his officers.

On June 10, 1776, the Congress loaned £1500 to the authorities of the City and County of New York for the purpose of helping the poor.

The Officers of the Second Congress also served in the Third Provincial Congress. The Deputies in the latter were as follows:—

<i>Albany</i>	John Sessions	<i>Kings</i>	Francis Lewis*
Matthew Adgate*	Simon Stevens	Nicholas Couwenhoven*	Philip Livingston*
John James Bleecker*	William Williams	Lefferet Lefferts*	Abraham P. Lott
Jacob Cuyler*		John Leffertse*	Thomas Randall*
Leonard Gansevoort*	<i>Dutchess</i>	Theodorus Polhemus*	Henry Remsen*
Henry Glen	Benjamin Delavergne*	Jeremiah Remsen*	Isaac Roosevelt
Peter R. Livingston	John Field*	Rutger Van Brunt*	Anthony Rutgers
Francis Nicoll	Morris Graham*	Jeremiah Vanderbilt*	Comfort Sands*
John Tayler	Anthony Hoffman*	John Vanderbilt*	John Morin Scott
Abraham Ten Broeck	Cornelius Humphreys*		Isaac Stoutenburgh*
John Ten Broeck	Jonathan Landon*	<i>New York</i>	John Van Cortlandt
Robert Van Rensselaer	Gilbert Livingston*	Garret Abeel*	Jacobus Van Zandt
Abraham Yates, jr.	James Livingston*	John Alsop*	Peter Pra. Van Zandt
Christopher Yates*	Robert R. Livingston*	Evert Bancker*	
Robert Yates*	Zephaniah Platt*	James Beekman	<i>Orange</i>
	Nathaniel Sackett*	Abraham Brasher*	William Allison*
<i>Charlotte</i>	Henry Schenck	John Broome*	Peter Clowes*
William Duer	John Schenck*	William Denning*	John Haring*
William Malcolm*	Paul Schenck*	James Duane*	Archibald Little*
Alexander Webster	James Vanderburgh*	Daniel Dunscomb	Thomas Outwater*
John Williams*	Theodorus Van Wyck*	Joseph Hallett*	David Pye*
<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>Gloucester</i>	Robert Harpur*	Isaac Sherwood*
Joseph Marsh	Jacob Bayley*	John Jay*	Joshua H. Smith*

\* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy



1777			
Oct <sup>r</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	To Riding the above Records from Kingston to Rochester in 10 Waggon a 24/—.....	£12. 0. 0
		Providing Waggon and Attending the Removal to Rochester and Delivering the Records Unto Hendricus Hoornbeek, Comfort Sands & Johannis G. Hardenbergh, Esq <sup>r</sup> , According to a Resolve of the Council of Safety for said State of New York.....	3. 0. 0
		[This account was paid Dec. 31, 1777]	<u>£ 191. 12. 0</u>
1776			
June	30	To Cash pd. for a Box to put in the Vouchers .....	£ 1:
		a lock for ditto.....	4:
		pd for a Money Chest with Clasps .....	1: 4:
		pd Bayley for making a Strong Lock .....	16:
		pd freight for Chests &c. from N.York to Tarry Town ..	12:
		pd for a barrel in N. Y. & Cartage .....	6:
July	25	To my Service as Clerk to the Auditor from the 9th to 25th July— 17 days at 6/.....	5: 2:
Sept.	25	To my Expences in going after differ <sup>t</sup> . persons in W. Chester Co. who had delivered the Pork to Comm <sup>y</sup> . Trumble for their Rect. and afterwards to Mr. Trumble for Money—5 Days, including horse hire .....	3: 0:
Oct <sup>r</sup> .	15	To my Expence in going part of the way to Philad <sup>a</sup> after money in Company with Col. Birdsall & bearing his Expences, including my horse hire and ferriages.....	2: 16: 0
Octobr.	28	To my Expences in going to Joseph Paulding's after Mr. Curte- nius's papers—3 Days.....	1: 16:
			<u>£ 16: 16: 0</u>

The difficulty of securing the attendance of many of the Deputies is shown by the two documents following:—

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York-Fishkill December 21<sup>st</sup> 1776.

Whereas the Condition of this State, invaded and surrounded by numerous Enemies, required the constant sitting of Convention for the dispatch of the public Business, and

Whereas the Enemy have possessed themselves of Long Island, Richmond County and the City & County of New York; And it is out of the power of the Committees of those Counties to provide for the support of their respective Representatives, who being driven from their Habitations and deprived of their Estates, are the less able to Subsist at their own private Expence, while they are burthened with the accumulated Charge of maintaining their Families and attending on the Business of the State.

Resolved, therefore, that this Convention will advance on the Credit of the said respective Counties the allowances heretofore given to the Representatives of the said Counties in Convention, and which are in Arrear since the fourteenth day of May last. And to the Representatives of the City and County of New York, ten shillings per day, respectively; such allowance to be computed from the time the Convention removed to the White Plains.

Resolved that the Said Allowance be made on the Certificate of the President or Vice President of the Convention, or of the Chairman of the Committee of Safety, and that the Treasurer pay the same on such Certificate accordingly.

Resolved that the sums allowed and paid to such Representatives be charged to the Account of the City and Counties which they respectively Represent.

A true copy from the Minutes of the Convention —

Attest

John McKesson Sec<sup>y</sup>—

James Livingston Chairman of the Committee of Safety

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1777

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, Kingston May 9<sup>th</sup> 1777. Whereas the County of Queens, being now in the Power of the Enemy, it hath become impracticable to assemble a County Committee therein:

Therefore on Application of the Deputy of the said County for Money to defray the Wages due to the Deputies of the said County:—

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State pay to the Deputies of Queens County, or either of them, on Account of the County of Queens to be accounted for by the said County to this State, and for the Disposition whereof the said Deputy or Deputies shall be held to Account with the said County, the sum of Two hundred Pounds on Account of the Wages due to the Deputies who have been elected and represented that County —

£200. Attest

Rob't Benson, Secr'y —

By Order.

Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck President

Recd, May 13<sup>th</sup> 1777, from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker two hundred pounds pursuant to the above Order —

Jon'n Laurence

The Officers and Deputies were paid, as follows.

The State of New York To Robt. Benson Dr.		
To his Services as Secretary to the Convention from the 14th May 1776 to the 1st Day of Aug <sup>t</sup> . 1777 inclusive — is 443 Days at 20/ pr Day.....		£ 443:
Disbursements by Order of Convention & Committee of Safety — to wit —		
To an Indigent Person by Order of the Committee of Safety . . . . .	£ 1: 4:—	
To Capt. Man with Dispatches to the Albany Militia . . . . .	2:— —	
To 12lb. Candles . . . . .	12:—	
To Major Tappen for his Expences in escorting Lady Johnson to Wallkill . . . . .	1:14: 9	
To Gouverneur Morris for so much by him pd. to an Express & the printers Boys . . . . .	3: 4:—	
To John Sickles for riding Conventions Chest of Papers &c. from Harlem to Fort Washington . . . . .	1: 4:—	
To James Weeks for the Hire of his Horse for Pat. McCloskey an Express from cont <sup>l</sup> . Congress to the eastern States . . . . .	1:10:—	
To Postage . . . . .	5: 9	11:13:6

[Robert Benson received pay for this claim, Aug. 6, 1777]

£ 454:13:6

The County of Suffolk to William Smith one of the Deputies of the said County at Convention..... Dr.

To attending Convention from the eighth day of July to the Twenty first day of September 1776 both days included, is Days . . . . .	75
To the like attendance from the seventh day of Oct <sup>r</sup> 1776 to the Twenty fourth day of January 1777, both days included, is Days . . . . .	109
To one Day travelling to Blooming Grove, viz <sup>t</sup> — the 22 <sup>d</sup> of September, and one day in returning, vizt on the sixth day of October, for which I charge my County as I could not go to my Family & went there for Necessaries Days . . . . .	188

As Chairman of the Committee of Safety I do hereby certify the above Account of the Attendance of William Smith, Esqr, on Convention. And the Treasurer of the State of New York is hereby required to pay to the Said William Smith, Esquire, as one of the Representatives of Suffolk County in Convention One hundred Eighty Eight Dollars for his Attendance at Convention and Time of Travelling on the Times above mentioned taking his receipt for the same. And the said Treasurer is further required to charge the same One hundred & Eighty Eight Dollars to the Account of Suffolk County pursuant to Resolutions of the Con-

vention of the Representatives of the said State passed on the Twenty first day of December last past — Dated this Twenty fourth day of January 1777  
 Dollars 188

John Livingston, Chairman

[William Smith received pay for this claim Jan. 24, 1777]

In Convention of the State of New York — Kingston April 26<sup>th</sup> 1777

It is hereby Certified that Capt. Anthony Rutgers hath as a Deputy for the City & County of New York attended the Convention & Committees of Safety from the first meeting of the Convention at White Plains to this Day, One hundred & two days —

Attest

Pierre Van Cortlandt, V. Prest.

Robt Benson Secr'y —

[Anthony Rutgers received £51. for this Claim, Apr. 25, 1777]

The State of New York to Thomas Pettit, Dr.

1776		
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	To my Service as Doorkeeper to the Convention from the 1 <sup>st</sup> Instant to this Day, is 31 Days at 8/— . . . . .	£12. 8.0
	To Cash pd a party of Soldiers at Fort Washington for carrying the secretaries Baggage, papers &c off to the Sloop . . . . .	0. 16.0
	To my Expences coming up with the Sloop & Baggage . . . . .	1. 3.0
	To Cash pd Cleaning the Harlem Church . . . . .	0. 4.6
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	[Thomas Pettit received pay for this Claim, Sept. 12, 1776]	£14. 11.6

In spite of being driven from pillar to post, the Convention did some very important work. In 1776, it included these items:— July to October, many appropriations were made for Bounties, in several of the Regiments; July 16, it was Resolved to call out one fourth part of the Militia in the Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Ulster and Westchester; July 23, it was Resolved that Companies of Rangers should be raised in the Counties to the North of Dutchess and Ulster; July 30, it was voted to loan £500 to the first five persons who should extract Salt from sea-water, and the loan was made to Alexander Robertson, Peter Sim and Marinus Willett on the following day; Aug. 28, Mr. Gelston was ordered to proceed to Connecticut with letters to Governor Trumbull; Aug. 29, it was recommended that the inhabitants of Suffolk County should remove as many as possible of their Women, Children, Slaves and Stock “to the main”, and it was declared that the Convention would pay the Expense; Sept. 4, Committees were appointed in the Counties of Albany, Dutchess, Orange, Ulster and Westchester to secure 4000 lances; Oct. 3, Robert Harpur, Abraham P. Lott and Nathaniel Sackett were appointed a Committee to have charge of all the Flax belonging to the Convention, and to have the same manufactured into Yarn and Cloth.

An outline of the Convention's work, in 1777, is this; Apr. 5, the sum of £1000. was voted to the Commissioners of Conspiracies; Apr. 25, it was directed that certain Tea, taken by Col. Allison at Hackensack, be dealt out to the officers and men of the Regiments that took it, “one pound to each man, they paying at the rate of six shillings per pound for the same”; Apr. 26, it was voted to give £100 to the Committee of Kingston for the night watch over the Prisoners; May 5, Commissioners of the Poor were appointed in the Several Counties; May 10, Philip Leake was given £200. to pay for Shoes and Stockings; May 13, directions were given for the removal of the well-affected inhabitants and the Grain and Forage from the lower part of

Westchester County; same date, it was ordered that the price of Salt in Westchester County should be 20/—, and that all Salt taken in that County should be removed to Kingston, subject to the order of the Council of Safety or the Legislature; June 9, there was offered a Bounty of £5. for every hundred weight of Powder “manufactured within this Colony”.

The Officers of the Fourth Provincial Congress, or Convention, were the following, the remaining Officers having been those of the First Congress:—

Presidents — Peter R. Livingston, Abraham Ten Broeck, Pierre Van Cortlandt, Nathaniel Woodhull and Abraham Yates, jr.

Presidents pro tem.— Leonard Gansevoort, William Smith and Abraham Yates, jr.

The Deputies, or Delegates, were:—

<i>Albany</i>	Henry Schenck	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Tryon</i>
Matthew Adgate*	John Schenck*	William Allison*	William Harper
John James Bleecker*		Jeremiah Clark*	John Moore
Jacob Cuyler*	<i>Gloucester.</i>	John Haring*	Benjamin Newkirk*
Leonard Gansevoort*	Jacob Bayley*	Archibald Little*	Isaac Paris
Peter R. Livingston	Peter Olcott*	Thomas Outwater*	Volkert Veeder*
John Tayler	<i>Kings</i>	David Pye*	<i>Ulster</i>
Abraham Ten Broeck	Theodorus Polhemus*	Isaac Sherwood*	Matthew Cantine
John Ten Broeck	<i>New York</i>	Joshua H. Smith*	George Clinton*
Robert Van Rensselaer	Garret Abeel*	<i>Queens</i>	Charles De Witt
Abraham Yates, jr.	Evert Bancker*	Jacob Blackwell*	Arthur Parks
Robert Yates*	James Beekman	Abraham Kettletas*	Levi Pawling
<i>Charlotte</i>	Abraham Brasher*	Jonathan Laurence	Matthew Rea
William Duer*	John Broome*	Benjamin Sands*	Christopher Tappen
George Smith*	William Denning*	Waters Smith*	Henry Wisner
Alexander Webster	James Duane*	James Townsend*	<i>Westchester</i>
John Williams*	Daniel Dunscomb	Samuel Townsend	Gilbert Drake
<i>Cumberland</i>	Robert Harpur*	Cornelius Van Wyck*	Lewis Graham*
Joseph Marsh	John Jay*	<i>Richmond</i>	Samuel Haviland*
John Sessions	Francis Lewis*	(No Delegates)	Ebenezer Lockwood
Simon Stevens	Philip Livingston*	<i>Suffolk</i>	Zebediah Mills
<i>Dutchess</i>	Abraham P. Lott	Thomas Dering	Gouverneur Morris
Dr. Joseph Crane*	Thomas Randall*	David Gelston	Lewis Morris*
Anthony Hoffman*	Henry Remsen*	David Hedges*	William Paulding*
Jonathan Landon*	Isaac Roosevelt	John Sloss Hobart	Jonathan Platt*
Gilbert Livingston*	Anthony Rutgers	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Benjamin Smith*
James Livingston*	John Morin Scott	Burnet Miller*	Jonathan G. Tompkins
Robert R. Livingston*	William Scott*	William Smith	Pierre Van Cortlandt
Zephaniah Platt*	Isaac Stoutenburgh*	Thomas Tredwell*	
Nathaniel Sackett*	John Van Cortlandt	Nathaniel Woodhull	
	Peter P. Van Zandt		

The following Accounts show some of the transactions of the several Provincial Congresses, relative to the progress of the War:—

AN ACCOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR REMOVING THE RECORDS, MEDICINES &c. PAID BY JOHN MCKESSON

1776

June 17th To a Horse and Chair to remove the Plates of the State Bills of Credit from the City of New York to the White plains & which was then detained for want of an opportunity to have the same returned in the whole eight — at 14/ per day..... £5:12:0

\* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

		1776		
June	25th	To cash paid Manning Bull for keeping said Horse . . . . .	£2: 0:0	
		To cash paid by order of Convention for cartage of a Box of Records and Documents from the receiver General's Office to Harlem . . . . .	12:0	
At Fish Kill				
Sept.	1st	To cash paid Francis Winne for Sloop hire conveying the Records of Convention & the State Treasury & records thereof and the Records of the receiver General's Office &c. from Harlem to Fish Kill as per receipt . . . . .	4:15:0	
		To cash paid Capt. Danl. Ter Boss at Fish Kill Landing for Storage and to Negroes with a craft for bringing on shore and Storing the records Treasury &c. . . . .	18:0	
	2nd	To cash paid Danl. Ter Boss George Brett & Jacob Gray for convey- ing the same to Fish Kill Village three Waggon Load . . . . .	1: 0:0	
		1777		
Jan.	7	Doctor Williams one of the Members having by order of the Con- vention inspected the Medicines and directed the putting them up— Cash paid Gilbt. Barns for making a Box, repairing another Box & hooping & heading a cask in which the Medicines are — 10/. . . . .	10:0	
On the Convention removing to Kingston.				
Febry.	16th	Cash paid at Poughkeepsie for the expences of the Slaymen & Horses.	1:12:0	
	17th	To Cash paid at Mulfords for the expences of the Slay men & Horses all night & in the Morning &c. . . . .	2:16:0	
		To cash paid three Slaymen Vizt. Jacob Bayley, Cornelius Adriance and John Cooper at 9 Dollars each . . . . .	10:16:0	
Febry.	19th	To Cash paid Andries Lawson for bringing from Fishkill the remain- der of the Medicines belonging to the State & part of the large stove used by Convention . . . . .	2: 0:0	
			£32:11:0	

AN ACCOUNT OF MONIES ADVANCED BY JOHN MCKESSON ONE OF THE SECRETARIES BY ORDER OF THE CONVENTION & COMMITTEES OF SAFETY AT SUNDRY TIMES VIZ<sup>t</sup>.

		1776		
May	18th	To cash paid John Henderson a witness summoned by Convention against Israel Youngs & others for counterfeiting continental Money 16/ to bear his expences to his place of abode at Huntington . . . . .	£ 0:16:0	
		To cash paid Charles Friend twenty Dollars as a Reward for his Fidelity Time & expence in coming to New York to give Information against the said Israel Youngs & others & remaining there as a Witness . . . . .	8: 0:0	
Sept.	9th	Cash paid a Messenger to Genl. James Clinton with Letters relative to the Stores by him requested and Ordered by the Convention of this State to be furnished to the Continental Forts & Garrisons in the Highlands . . . . .	8:0	
Decr.	9th	To cash paid Major Lockwood to reimburse him three Dollars paid to a Messenger sent to the Committee of Safety with a Letter of Intelli- gence . . . . .	1: 4:0	
Jany.	9th	To cash paid Govr. Morris Esqr. 40/ for that sum by him paid by di- rection of the Committee of Safety to a person who came express from Genl. George Clinton with the Account of General Washington's suc- cessful attack at Trenton and the further sum of 24/ for the like sum paid by Mr. Morris to the printers workmen for dispatch in printing the Address to the people of the State of New York . . . . .	3: 4:0	

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Jany.	30.	Paid by order to William Grant and William Curry two deserters from the Senegal Ship of War in the Enemy's Service to bear their expences to the Continental Frigates at Esopus Landing where they are recommended for employment as per rect . . . . .	£16:0
		Cash paid Robt. Yates for himself & James Duane Esqr. six pounds fourteen shillings & one penny to reimburse them their expences attending their Journey to Kingston in Ulster County by order of the Committee of Safety . . . . .	6:14:1
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		Cash paid Horse hire & ferriages to New Windsor to order the removal of Gun powder from thence. . . . .	£ 0: 8:0
		Cash paid the passage of a Guard from Peekskill to Poughkeepsie with Prisoners . . . . .	0:12:0
		Cash paid Wm. Green for a Bound book of four Quires for the Committee for detecting Conspiracies which was appointed in N. York . . . . .	1: 4:0
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			£21: 2:1
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			£23: 6:1
Cr.		By Twenty two Dollars received for the two Articles charged on the 18th May, which was paid on the 17th August 1776 . . . . .	8:16:0
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		Ballance	£14:10:1

The Honbl. the Convention of the State of New York To Samuel Loudon Dr.

1776

Feb.	9.	To Printing 3000 Essays on making Salt Petre &c. . . . .	£ 34:15:
March	5.	100 Letters to Colonels—on fine paper . . . . .	16:
		1 Box Wafers . . . . .	2:
April	3.	3000 hand Bills, respecting the Election of Deputies for Convention, and for dispersing the same. . . . .	4:10:
May	22	1000 Commissions—fine paper . . . . .	4:10:
June	1	Resolve for raising and regulating the Troops—100 Copies . . . . .	3:
July	6	50 Commissions—on fine paper . . . . .	1:—
Sept.	18.	50 Copies of Resolve of 17th Sept. appointing Treasurers . . . . .	10:
	21.	200 Do . . . . .	1:16:
Octr.	11	Resolve of 2nd Octr.—a pamphlet, with folding, into 500 Copies. . . . .	4:
	14	Resolve of 9th Octr.—for Purchasing Tour Cloth . . . . .	14:
		100 Commissions with Alterations . . . . .	1: 8
	17	200 Resolve— for Straw, in Westchester County . . . . .	14:
Novr.	15.	40 do . . . . .	16:
		200 Orders for Commissions to grant passes . . . . .	12:
		4000 Permits— or passes— fine paper . . . . .	3: 5:
Decr.	21	250 Instructions for Recruiting Officers . . . . .	2: 5:
		50 Resolves for Calling the Militia. . . . .	12:
	22	250 hand—the devastations by y <sup>e</sup> Enemy in Jersey . . . . .	1: 4:
	24	50 Resolves—Exempts from the Militia Duty . . . . .	8:

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Jany.	2	Postage of a Letter to Convention. . . . .	: 1:6
		500 hand bills— Genl. Washington's Victory—Trenton . . . . .	2: 2:
	3	2000 Addresses of Convention to their Constituents, folding, stitching, &c. . . . .	34:10:
	5	1000 American Crisis No. 1 . . . . .	6: 5:

1777		
Jany.	23	100 Resolves concerning the Small Pox . . . . .
	24	Instructing for Recruiting . . . . .
		100 Resolves for Calling the Convention . . . . .
		200 do for Collecting fines . . . . .
Feb.	11	Postage of a Packet from Virginia to Convention . . . . .
	12	1000 American Crisis No. 2 . . . . .
	20	500 Resolves for a Fast Day . . . . .
March	7	500 do of 1st March for supervision, Price of Grain &c. . . . .
		6 sheets large Paper 2/ . . . . .
		300 Hand Bills, concerning Disaffected Persons . . . . .
	11	6 Quires Paper for the Committee 3/6 . . . . .
		Advertising Accounts against Convention to be brought in . . . . .
		300 Hand Bills . . . . .
		500 do for Punishing Spies and Traitors . . . . .
		150 do for Procuring Persons to serve as Soldiers in the room of others . . . . .
		Cash paid Mr. Van hevan — Express to Convention — for carrying a Packet . . . . .
		To Sundry Advertisements in the News Paper, published in New York . . . . .
May 16th		To Printing, Folding & Stitching 2216 Pamphlets — The Constitution of this State, finding Paper . . . . .
		1000 Ordinances, folding — on fine paper . . . . .
		1000 Hand Bills offering Pardon . . . . .
		100 Certificates . . . . .
		900 Crisis No. 3 . . . . .
		Paid Campbell — riding Express to Esopas to Carry up Constitution & other printed Resolves . . . . .
		490 Dutch Address of the Convention of this State . . . . .
		£ 378: 7: 4
Cr.		By the Essays on Salt Petre &c. being paid 4th March 1776 . . . . .
		34:15: 0
		£ 343:12: 4
		To my Pension, 2 Quarters for Publishing my News Paper, Com- menced 15th January to 15 July last . . . . .
		100: 0: 0
		£ 443:12: 4
		The Honle. Convention of the State of New York To Sam <sup>l</sup> . Loudon Dr.
1776		For the following Advertised in the New York Packet, viz:
Resolve — of	8th Feb <sup>r</sup> .	Addressed to the Counties &c., to use Hospitality to those who are obliged to fly from the City . . . . .
	of 22 Feb.	Respecting Contractors for Provisions . . . . .
	of 17 do	..... Houses for Troops . . . . .
	of 28th do	..... Persons deserting Places in danger of being attacked . . . . .
	of 9th March	Respecting the Loan Office . . . . .
	of 12 do	..... Purchase of Blankets . . . . .
	of 12th do	..... Voting in Election for Members for Congress . . . . .
Advertising		the 3rd tuesday of April, the Day for electing Members for Congress . . . . .

1776			
Resolve —	of 16 March for Manufacturing Salt . . . . .	£ 15:	
	of 30 do . . . Manufacturing Musquets . . . . .	5:	
	17 April . . . . . making salt petre . . . . .	1:	
	31 May, concerning new mode of Government . . . . .	1:10:	
	11 June . . . . . Prohibiting the exporting of Salt Provisions . . . . .	5:	
	14th June . . . . . making Jail Keepers accountable &c. . . . .	5:	
	15th do . . . . . Military Officers not to sit in Congress . . . . .	5:	
	20 do . . . . . Forms of Association . . . . .	1: 4:	
	30 do . . . . . Disaffected Persons, secreting themselves . . . . .	5:	
	9 July Sheriffs to detain their Prisoners . . . . .	5:	
	16 do Enemies taking up Arms . . . . .	7: 6	
	15 do..Dangerous Persons holding meetings . . . . .	5:	
	23 do..Exportation of Provisions . . . . .	5:	
	2d Aug <sup>t</sup> ..Quit rents due to Convention only . . . . .	5:	
	3 " ..Prohibiting the killing of Lambs . . . . .	5:	
	17 " ..Removal of the Poor . . . . .	5:	
	Amount carried to Acco <sup>t</sup> . No. 1		£12:12: 0

### Aid to the Families of Soldiers

The great charitable efforts of the War were begun by the Provincial Congresses; and some of them were afterward continued by the Legislature.

The Congresses extended aid to the Families of Soldiers who were absent from home on duty:—

In Provincial Congress New York March 8th: 1776.

Orderd that Peter Van brugh Livingston Esqr. as Treasurer of this Congress pay into the hands of Colo. Peter T. Curtenius the Sum of forty one pounds one shill<sup>s</sup>. and 4d.— that Colo. Curtenius dispose of the said Money in advancing to the distressed Wives and friends of Sundry Soldiers now in Canada in the service of the United Colonies agreeable to the list delivered him and that Colo. Curtenius transmit to General Schuyler an Acct. of the same to the end that the same may be stopped out of the pay of those Soldiers to whose Wives or friends such money's have been advanced)

£ 41 1 4

Robt. Benson Secry.

The Legislature, by a law passed June 30, 1778, provided that the families of Soldiers should be supplied with the necessaries of life at moderate prices. Another law, Oct. 20, 1779, allowed a gratuity of \$30 per head to the families of men serving in the Continental Troops. The following were appointed Commissaries to carry the law into effect in the several counties:— Albany, Elbert Willett; Charlotte, John Rowan; Dutchess, Samuel Dodge; Orange, William Holly; Tryon, Peter S. Deygart; Ulster, Daniel Graham; Westchester, Samuel Haight. Acting under this law, and a supplementary law passed July 1, 1780, Mr. Dodge furnished a list of such families in Dutchess County as had been returned to him by the Supervisors of the respective Precincts.

In Pursuance of a Law of the State of New York for allowing certain Gratuities to the Families of the Continental Troops raised within this State I do hereby certify that John Ernest Pier, John Williamson John Hartigh Ganet Marselis Jacob Walter John House John

Helmer, John Bangel, Conrad Pease and John Smith are Soldiers in Colo. Van Schaick's Regiment of N. York Troops and that their respective Families are necessitous and stand in need of Relief—Also that the Family of John Ernest Pier consists of three Heads—that of John Williamson of two—that of John Hartigh of five—that of Garret Marselis of four—that of Jacob Walter of Six—that of John House of four—that of John Helmer of two. that of John Bangel of two—that of Conrad Pease of two—and that of John Smith of Six Heads—Given under my Hand the 27th March 1780.

Chris. P. Yates Supervisor  
of Palatine District and County of Tyron.

To Peter S. Deygart Esq. and all whom it doth or may concern.

### The Poor who Came Out of the City of New York

Just before the Evacuation of New York by the Americans, in 1776, the Poor of that city began to emigrate to the surrounding country in such numbers that, on Feb. 28, the Provincial Congress voted £500 to Col. Abraham P. Lott for the purchase of Bread. The employment of the Poor who remained in the City devolved upon John Ramsey. Directly upon the Evacuation, the Congress, or the Committee of New York, ordered numerous families into Westchester County. Many of these families were from the Almshouse. The Congress, Aug. 17, 1776, voted £200 to Col. Lott and James Beekman to remove the Poor out of New York; and Aug. 26, voted £200 to Mr. Beekman to complete the work. On Dec. 2, 1776, the Committee of Safety voted £100 to Col. Lott for monies advanced for removing the Poor. On May 13, 1777, Col. Lott was paid £19—10s (39 days at 10s)—“By order of the Convention, sent to New York to send the Poor out of the City and going to New Roshal, New Windsor and Fiskils to inquire how the Poor was provided for.” There also appears an Account of Col. Lott against the State for £281.0.4 for transportation and provisions to aid the Poor. These people were landed at Tarrytown, Gorges, Second River, Newtown, Tappan, Haverstraw, and many other places.

State of New York to Robert North Dr:

For moving the following Persons out of New York by Order of Abraham P. Lott & James Beekman appointed by the Committee to remove the Poor from the City

1776			
Aug: 27.	W <sup>m</sup> : Tellers family landed at Fish Kill . . . . .	£	18
	John Matten Sister & Sundries . . . . .		12
	Mr Leake, Family & Goods . . . . .	1	6
	Mr Douglass & Goods . . . . .		16
	Mrs Teller & Goods . . . . .	1	
	Mary Morris & ditto . . . . .	1	4
	Abigail Logan & ditto . . . . .		12
	Elizabeth Kip & ditto . . . . .	1	4
	Mrs Maxwell & ditto . . . . .		18
	Mrs Legang & ditto . . . . .		16
	Patrick Wood & family . . . . .	1	
	Mr Eagles three Load Goods . . . . .	1	4
	do 3 grown Persons & 5 Children . . . . .		18
	Mr Hoff & Sundries . . . . .	1	2
	Mrs Van Everen & 1 Load Goods . . . . .		12
	One Woman carried to Rhyneck & Goods . . . . .		18

[Sworn to, Aug. 29, 1786; paid, Aug. 30, 1786]

£ 15 — —

With the exception of a few families removed to Flushing, on Long Island, all the Poor from New York City were sent to the Counties of Dutchess, Ulster and Westchester.

In Dutchess, the County Committee often charged the several Precinct Committees, or the City Committee of New York City, with the cost of Supplies; but, more frequently, the charges were made against the Provincial Congress or the State. On Sept. 3, 1776, the Committee of Safety voted £100 to Peter Monfoort, deputy Chairman of the Committee of Rumbout Precinct, to support the Poor from N.Y. to Fishkill Landing.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, April 26th 1777 Ordered that the Treasurer of this State advance to Mr Frederick Jay, for the use of the Committee of Rumbout Precinct the further sum of One hundred Pounds towards the Provision for such of the indigent Persons of New York as were committed to their care; and that the Said Committee render a particular Acct. with proper Vouchers of the expenditure of this as well as the sums heretofore advanced them for the same purpose—

Attest

Rob't Benson Secr'y

By Order

Pierre Van Cortlandt, V. Prest.

[Receipt of the above was acknowledged by Mr. Jay, Apr. 29, 1777.]

A Receipt appears, dated July 17, 1777, for a small amount paid into the State Treasury by Frederick Jay by order of the Council of Safety; and the Council, Nov. 27, 1777, voted £400 to Abraham Schenck and Gideon Vervalen, Commissioners of the Poor in Dutchess County. The Commissioners were given £500 by the Legislature, March 13-14, 1778. Many of their Accounts were first paid by the Committee of Rumbout Precinct. Upon the resignation of the Commissioners, Dirck Brinckerhoff, jr., was appointed their successor, by the Legislature, June 29, 1778, at a salary of 16/— per day. The Legislature voted £1200 to him, Nov. 4, 1778. One of Brinckerhoff's Accounts shows that from July 9 to Oct. 2, 1778, he paid £600 for maintaining the Poor—the said amount having been advanced to him by the State Treasurer, on July 7, previous. Another Account, running from Oct. 16, 1778 to Jan. 9, 1779, itemizes expenditures of £1661.5.2., nearly all of which was paid by the State Treasurer on Nov. 14.

Mr. Brinckerhoff having resigned, the Legislature March 13, 1779, appointed Samuel Dodge, late Secretary of the Almshouse in New York, Commissioner of the Poor from that City to Dutchess County, at a salary of 32/— per day.

In Ulster County, the first arrivals from New York were taken to New Windsor, and Samuel Brewster, Chairman of the Committee of that Precinct, was given £56.14.7 by the Provincial Congress Oct. 4, 1776. Here is one of his Accounts:—

		State of New York to Samuel Brewster Dr—	
1776			
Agust	26	To 2 Days Providing Places for ye poor Sent by this State.....	£0— 12 0
Octor	2	3 Days myself and horse to Fishkills to Draw the cash for Sd Poor a 12/— .....	1 16 0
Nobr	15	Cash to Mr Hatfield to Leave this State .. .. .	0 8 0
1777			
Febr	6	3 lb. of thread Delivered to Sd Poor to make frocks and trowsers for the Contill Army @ 18/.....	2 14 0
May	10	2 Days Spent in removing Sd Poor a 10/ .....	1 0 0

1777				
June	1	71 lb. of Veale a 8 1/2d for Sd Poor . . . . .	£2	10 3
		2 c 20 lb of flower a 25/ . . . . .	2	15 0
		4 of Sugar a 2/4 & 3 1/2 of Pork a 1/ . . . . .		12 10
		3 lb of Butter a 2/ 4 and 1/2 Bushel Potatoes @ 5/ . . . . .		9 6
			£13	17 7

A little later, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker was also made Commissioner for Ulster County; and, on Dec. 9, 1777, the Council of Safety increased his salary from 10/— to 16/— per day. The Commissioners acted under a Resolution, passed May 8, 1777, just before the last Provincial Congress, or Convention, ceased to exist. In that year, 195 of the Poor came from New York to Ulster County. The Commissioners kept their Accounts in far better shape than the Commissioners of the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester. The Accounts are full of details as to the billeting of the Poor. Bills were paid by the Precinct Committees, and then presented to the State through the Commissioners. The price usually charged for board was 8/— per head, per week. Abraham Bevier was made Superintendent of the Poor in the County, in 1778; and the Legislature voted £800 to him in that year. He was allowed 32/— per day for his services.

The Poor from New York came into Westchester County, in large numbers, in August, 1776. Bills for transportation and expenses of supporting them were sent by the several Village Committees to the Committee of Safety, the Provincial Congress and the State. Several of these bills were approved by the Committee of Auditors of the Committee of Safety, Feb. 25, 1777. The accounts of Zebediah Mills, Commissioner, extended from 1777 to 1779. On March 13, 14, 1778, the Legislature voted £150 for his use. Ebenezer Purdy was made Commissioner and Superintendent, Mar. 13, 1779, at a salary of 32/— per day.

## Westchester County

The State of New York Dr To Ebenezer Purdy for Sundries pd by him for the Support of the Poor Removed out of the City of New York to Westchester County

1779	To Cash pd Joseph Owen for Sundry Articles of Provisions as pr Acc No 1 . . . . .	£ 141	13	0
Octo 29	To Interest from 30 Sept 1780 until July 20. 1782			
To May 1780	1 yr 9 mo 20 days . . . . .	17	11	10
	To do pd Calib Carpenter for ditto as Pr Acct N 2 . . . . .	64	14	6
	To Interest on this last Sum from the 30 Sept 1780 until July 20 1782 is 1 yr 9 mo & 20 days at 7 pr Ct . . . . .	8	3	4
Nov 1779	To Cash pd Carpenter N 3 . . . . .	61	7	
To Apr 1780	To 208 lb Rise — at 6d pr lb . . . . .	5	4	
June 12	To keeping one of the poor that was out of her Senses for 15 Weeks & 4 days — 20/ . . . . .	15	11	10
	To 4 bushl Wheat at 14/ . . . . .	2	16	
	To 1 Pr Shoes . . . . .		16	
	To 4 bushl Wheat at 16/ . . . . .	3	4	
	To my trouble & Expences for myself in Removing the Poor from North Castle to peekskill . . . . .	2	12	
	To Cash pd Saml Stokam for removing one of the poor to peeksKill that was mad on a Cart . . . . .	1	0	

June	1780	To Danl Trips acct for Provision N 4 . . . . .	£ 15 15 1
		To Timothy Carpenters Acct — 4 . . . . .	2 4
		To Boarding one of the poor for 10 Months . . . . .	5
		To My Wages for 24 days at 20 doll <sup>rs</sup> Pr day is equal to 7/ 5/ 4/ hard by the State Seale. . . . .	8 18 6
		To Aaron Furman for Boarding one of the poor for 10 days & curing him of the Itch & a Sore foot . . . . .	1 10
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			£ 350 1 1
		To 1 Pr Working Oxen lost & taken by the Enemy when re- moving the poor from north Castle property of Joseph Owen which I am bound to pay him . . . . .	25 0
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		Credit	£ 383 1 1
		By Cash Recd of the Treasurer in Continen <sup>l</sup> 2674 1/2 doll <sup>rs</sup> which Reduced into hard Cash I allow to be as Pr acct anexed	28 18 7
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			£ 354 2 6
		By Cash for 6 pork barrels. . . . .	1 16
			<hr/>
			£ 352 6 6

I audited the above acct & allow<sup>d</sup> to be due to Ebenezer Purdy £352 — 6 — 6 at Poughkeep-  
sie & gave him a Copy of the Acct July 20 1782  
Peter T Curtenius.

The Legislature, July 1, 1780, ordered that all of the Poor from New York should be turned  
over to Samuel Dodge; and on April 14, 1782, he was still further authorized to have charge  
of them, with Jonathan Dennis, Dirck Brinckerhoff, Thomas Storm, Abraham Paine, Jacobus  
Swartout and Cornelius Humphrey, as Superintendents. Soon after the close of the War Mr  
Dodge again became Keeper of the Almshouse, in New York City. His Accounts as sole Com-  
missioner seem to have been merged with his previous Accounts as Commissioner from  
Dutchess County.

State of New York in Acco <sup>t</sup> : with Samuel Dodge Commiss <sup>r</sup> : for the Poor		
Dr:		Continental
	To Amo <sup>t</sup> of Cash expended for Necessaries . . . . .	£50435 15 5
	as Pr Accot of Particulars	
1780	Middle District	
Novr	14 To Commissrs: Forfeitures for Monies paid into Treasury. . . . .	16081 12
	To Cash Lent the Comrs: Forfeitures to be account for. . . . .	8332 12
1783		
Augt	13. To do paid the Treasurer. . . . .	185 4
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		£75035 3 5
Cr:		Continental
1779		
March	16 By Cash from the Treasurer. . . . .	£1000
Novr:	18 By do . . . . . do . . . . .	6000
1781		
Feby	14 By do . . . . . do . . . . .	13939 12
Decr:	By Ulster County Comrs Forfeitures . . . . .	54095 11 5
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		£75035 3 5

Dr:	State of New York in Accot: with Samuel Dodge Commissioner for the Poor			
	To Amot of Cash expended for Necessaries as Pr Accot of Particulars . . . . .	1146	18	9
1784				
July 7	To Cash paid at Poughkeepsie for Pork bot in 1782 . . . . .	2	10	
	To 85 days actual service in superintending the Poor between 13th March 1779 & 1st July 1780 @ 10/ . . . . .	42	10	
	To Sundry Outstanding Acc <sup>ts</sup> : not paid, nor included in the foregoing Acc <sup>ts</sup> : for which I am answerable . . . . .	385	19	
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Cr:		£	1577	17 9
1782				Specie
May 22:	By Ulster County Com <sup>rs</sup> Forfeitures rece'd from Johannis Acker . . . . .	29	5	
Sept <sup>r</sup> 24.	By Cash rece'd from Col Udney Hay . . . . .	200		
Dec <sup>r</sup> 18	By do from Treasurer Pr R. Hoffman . . . . .	200		
	By Sale of £ 77 — 8 — 8 New Emiss <sup>a</sup> at 4 for 1 . . . . .	19	7	2
	By do . . 1203 — 4 — 2 do . . 5 for 1 . . . . .	240	12	10
1783				
Aug <sup>t</sup> 13.	By Cash from Treasurer . . . . .	200		
	By Balance due Samuel Dodge . . . . .	688	12	9
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		£	1577	17 9

N. B. Besides the above Balance Cap<sup>t</sup> Bovier & Judge Platt have Accot<sup>s</sup>: for sundries supplied the Poor, which not being render'd could not be included in the above — I suppose the Amount to be about £100 in Specie —

1784	State of New York Dr to Samuel Dodge Com <sup>r</sup> : for the Refugee Poor			
Nov <sup>r</sup> 20	To Cash p <sup>d</sup> Isaac Balding for Sundries . . . . .	£	6	2 1
1785				
Jany 24.	To Cash p <sup>d</sup> to the Order of Pearsal Brown . . . . .	10	4	1
March 4.	To Dirck Brinckerhoff for Provisions . . . . .	15		
April 30	To Israel Knap of Dutchess County . . . . .	10		
	To Richard Dodge for Wheat for the Poor . . . . .	4	1	
		<hr/>		
		£	21	12 2
Nov <sup>r</sup> 28.	To Daniel Way for Provisions . . . . .	1	9	
Dec <sup>r</sup> 14.	To Doct <sup>r</sup> Thorn Medicine & Attendance . . . . .	2	8	
1786 July 20	To Joseph Dobbs for Ab <sup>m</sup> : Brinckerhoff . . . . .	3	10	8
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	[Audited 25th July 1786: paid Aug. 19. 1786]	£	28	19 10

The following is a list of the Poor who came out from New York City:—

*Dutchess County*

Alner Apolonia	Boss Anne	Carter Hannah (Mrs)	Chase Catharine (Mrs)
Alner Mary	Boss Leah	Carter James	Clatworth Margaret
Anderson Ann (Mrs)	Boss Sam <sup>l</sup>	Carter John	Crow Henry
Anderson Elizabeth	Briley Jane Br	Carter Mary	Crow Lenah
Anderson John	Brower Mary	Carter Rachel	Daily John
Anno Marcia	Brower Sam <sup>l</sup>	Carter Vincent	Douglass William
Bennet John	Brown Margaret	Carter William	Dunbar Andrew
Bigelow John	Bush Samuel	Charlot James	Egan Timothy
Black Mary (Mrs)	Byvanck Cathar'e (Widow)	Charlot Mary	Forbes Duncan
Bogart Brache (Mrs)	Carter Elizabeth	Charlot Samuel	Fordon Abraham

Fordon Adriantis	Kortright (Mrs)	Murray Alletta	Shurts John Washington
Fordon Altice	La Grange Sarah (Mrs)	Murry Diana	Shurts Margaret
Fordon Cady	Lake (Mrs)	Murry John	Shurts Oliver
Fordon Cornelia	Lane Billy	Murry Mary (Mrs)	Shurts Susannah
Fordon Elizabeth	Lane Sarah	Nash Abigail (Mrs)	Shurts William
Fordon Phebe	Lashly Elizabeth	Nash George	Slidel Mary
Fordon Samuel	Lashly Mary	O'Neal Anne	Smith John
Foy John	Legg Elizabeth	Peppinger Elizab'h (Mrs)	Smylie John
French Margaret (Mrs)	Lewis William	Peppinger Richard	Smylie Peggy (Widow)
Fry Millicent (Mrs)	Lindsay Mary	Phillis (A Wench)	Springsteen Harmanus
Golden Elizabeth	London (Negro)	Rea William	Spring Anne
Graham (Widow)	Losie Peter	Reed Catharine	Spring Charity
Graham Catharine	McClosky Alexander	Richards Rebecca	Spring Elizabeth
Graham Ellinor	McClosky Margaret (Mrs)	Ritche Catharine	Spring Jane (Mrs)
Graham Thomas	McMenomy Elizab'h (Mrs)	Ritche Edward	Spring Jeremiah
Ham (Widow)	McMenomy John	Ritche George	Spring Peter
Ham Edward	McMenomy Peggy	Ritche John James	Stevenson Polly (Widow)
Harris (Widow)	Marchant Mary (Widow)	Ritche Margaret	Stuart Jacob
Harris John	Maxfield (Mrs)	Ritche Mary	Thompson Archibald
Herring David	Maxwell Abigail	Ritche Sarah	Van Deusen Gilbert
Herring David, jr.	Maxwell Anthony	Robb Elizabeth	Van Kleeck Ann Mariah
Herring John	Maxwell John	Robb James	Van Kleeck Braache
Hinds Elizabeth	Maxwell Joseph	Robb Jane	Van Kleeck Catharine
Hitchin Mary	Maxwell William	Robb Michael	(Widow)
Holmes Sarah	Merrit Elizabeth	Robb Nicholas	Van Kleeck John
Hults Anthony	Mitchel Isabel	Robb Returah (Mrs)	Van Nort Hester
Jemison Elinor	Mitchel Susannah	Schurman Garret	Ward Sarah
Johnson Elenor (Mrs)	Montayne Becka (Mrs)	Schutt Johannes	Warner (Widow)
Kain Arthur	Montayne Janitje	Shurts Aaron	Williamson Thomas
Keyser	Montayne Rachel	Shurts Ann	Winslow (Widow)
Kingston Rachel	Moore Edward	Shurts Horatio Gates	Young Elsie
Kip Elizabeth (Mrs)	Morgan Mary (Mrs)	Shurts Jacob	Young Peter
Kipp Jacob	Morrison Daniel	Shurts Jacob, jr.	Young Sarah

*Ulster County*

Allener Appolone (Mrs)	Curry Ann	Hynes Mary	Peck William
Allener Prudence	Dayley John	Kingston Rachel (Mrs)	Rea William
Anderson Anne (Mrs)	Docherty Catharine (Mrs)	Lattimore Margaret (Mrs)	Vandebergh Elizabeth
Betty (Mrs)	Docherty Martha (Mrs)	LeFever Andrias	Vandebergh Harmanus
Bogs Rachel (Mrs)	Dunscob Mary (Mrs)	Lindsey Mary (Mrs)	Van Nort Hester (Mrs)
Brower Catharine	Gibbons (Mr)	McFarthing Neal	Van Steen Mary
Brown (Widow)	Graham Esther (Mrs)	Magans Jude (Mrs)	Wadick (Widow)
Brown (Mr.)	Graham Phebe (Mrs)	Matthews Mary (Mrs)	Wilson Elizabeth
Brown Anne (Mrs)	Hatfield (Mr)	Molley (Mrs)	Wilson Sarah (Mrs)
Brown Mary	Hunt Catharine	Orr Ann	Wood Patrick
Cousins Elizabeth	Hunt Joseph	Page Hette (Mrs)	Young Elsie (Mrs)
Craning Effee	Hyne Elizabeth	Peck Phebe (Mrs)	Young Peter
Crow Bety			

*Westchester County*

Anne Mary	Bowman Elizabeth	Dickson Anne	Gotterton James
Amia Mary	Brown Ruth (Mrs)	Dickson Samuel	Griffis Sarah
Anderson Elizabeth	Calican Edward	Drake John	Griffis Susanah
Anno Mary	Caril James	Field William	Hains Henry
Auchmuty James	Chew Elizabeth	Flint Catharine	Harin David
Bartley Elizabeth	Chew Richard	Foster Sarah	Hickey Catharine
Biglou John	Clark William	Foster William	Hickey John
Biglou Marah	Crow Henry	Gobert Peter	Hilman Henry
Biglou Sarah	Deveriks Robert	Gorbett Peter	Holaway Lewis

Howser Elizabeth  
 Howser Jacob  
 Howser Mattis  
 Hunt Hannah  
 Justis Hannah  
 Kain Arter  
 Lane Mary  
 Lain Josiah  
 Lain William  
 Leg Elizabeth  
 Login Robert  
 McCarte Thomas  
 McCorpin Dougle  
 McDonald Alexander  
 McGogan Lydia

McGogan Mary  
 Mason Mary (Mrs)  
 Merritt Elizabeth  
 Michael Ezebel  
 Michel Susana  
 Midky Catharine  
 Montayne Rachel  
 More Ann  
 More Catharine  
 More Phane  
 Murry James  
 Nowlin John  
 Par Else  
 Ramer Martha

Reed Dunkin  
 Reeves Benjamin  
 Richets William  
 Riley Else  
 Riley James  
 Rushton Elizabeth  
 Slidle Mary  
 Slover Sarah  
 Smith John  
 Spoke Cathrine  
 Springer Martin  
 Sullivan John  
 Swales Bellow  
 Thomas William

Tidd William  
 Van Dooser Gilbert  
 Van Nort Catharine  
 Van Nort Cornelius  
 Van Nort John  
 Van Nort Mary  
 Warner Eve  
 Welch Elizabeth  
 Welch Jane  
 Welch Nancy  
 Youngs Abram  
 Youngs Catharine  
 Youngs Elizabeth  
 Youngs John  
 Youngs Mary

*Not located by Counties*

Able Jane  
 Ackles Elisabeth  
 Ackron Mary  
 Anderson Mary  
 Anter Samuel  
 Backer Albart  
 Backer Sara  
 Bell Jane  
 Black Susannah (Widow)  
 Bogart Elisabeth  
 Braley Jerry  
 Brasher Jane  
 Broune John  
 Brouwer Ann  
 Brownson John  
 Burdenham Margrit  
 Burger Jane (Widow)  
 Burroughs Benjamin  
 Burrow (Mrs)  
 Bush Helena  
 Camble  
 Camble Fiby  
 Campbell Elenor  
 Campbell Jane  
 Campbell Margrit  
 Campbell Sarah  
 Canady Sarah  
 Caraens Catherien  
 Carry Mary  
 Castle Mary  
 Chadne Mary  
 Chambers Maria  
 Christainse Angeltue  
 Christie Elisabeth  
 Codwise Sarah (Mrs)  
 Colden Justice  
 Colverd John  
 Cornell John  
 Cosk Joseph  
 Crocker Andrew  
 Davis Eve  
 Deane Betsy

Delanoy John  
 Denmark Rachel  
 Deoson George  
 DeRett John  
 Desiortor Jane  
 Devoe (Mrs)  
 Dougherty Elisabeth  
 Douglass (Mr)  
 Douglass Elenor  
 Downes Susanah  
 Duff Alexander  
 Eagles (Mr)  
 Elsworth Jane  
 Ennis Sarah  
 Erlin Margrit  
 Evens Ann  
 Fardon Margrit  
 Fensher Hanah  
 Finsher Ann  
 Flood Elenor  
 Forbus Mary  
 Ford Sufy (Widow)  
 Forman Margret  
 Fowler Catharine  
 Francis C. (Widow)  
 Frasher John  
 Freman Asra  
 Fullerton Alexander  
 Gallalant Elisabeth  
 Gareson Mary  
 Gasley Henry  
 Geffers John  
 Gemble Munya  
 Gerrebrants (Widow)  
 Gibbons (Mrs)  
 Gorden Elisabeth  
 Gordon Ruth  
 Goulden Benjamin  
 Graham John  
 Graham William  
 Grant Mary  
 Gray Ann

Green (Mrs)  
 Green Ann  
 Griffith Elisabeth  
 Gunn George  
 Gutrey John  
 Gutrey Samuel  
 Hall (Mrs)  
 Halsted Elisabeth  
 Halsted Phebe  
 Hay Jane  
 Henderson Ann  
 Hill Deborah  
 Hills John  
 Hoff (Mr)  
 Houward Mary  
 Hugh Mary  
 Hugh Sarah  
 Hunter Ann  
 Hurrelston Elisabeth  
 Jackson Hanna  
 Jordan Abigail  
 Jordan Peter  
 Kelly Elisabeth  
 King Ann  
 King Elenor  
 Kipp Catherien  
 Kipp Jane  
 Kipp Sarah  
 Kirk John  
 Lakerman Catherien  
 Leake (Mrs)  
 Lehys William  
 Lent Hallul  
 Lasiere Ann  
 Light Mary  
 Linch Jane  
 Linch Margrit  
 Lintenau Catherien  
 Logan Abigail  
 Lyell Sarah  
 McAlpaen Catherien  
 McCarter Sarah

McDaniel Hannah  
 McDavitt Eve  
 McDonald Sarah  
 McGurney (Widow)  
 McKisler James  
 McManis Hugh  
 Makentass Sarah  
 Mangel Johannis  
 Marchall Abram  
 Marschalk Abraham  
 Martaen Mary  
 Marten Hugh  
 Marten John  
 Mash Elisabeth (Widow)  
 Mass Margaret  
 Matten John  
 Miller Mary  
 Mills Mary  
 Monroe Hugh  
 Moody Sarah (Mrs)  
 Moor Mary  
 Morrell William  
 Morris Mary  
 Mullenar Susanah  
 Murry William  
 Narrin William  
 Neil Mary  
 Nichelson Sara  
 Nox Richard  
 Nox Sarah  
 Oats Elisabeth  
 Ogdon Sarah  
 Orr Hannah  
 Ostrander Jacob  
 Padgett John  
 Page Esther  
 Palmater Joshua  
 Pauck Rachael  
 Peock John  
 Perkins James  
 Phillips Ellerner  
 Poudy William

Price Catherien	Saxson Ann	Telier William	Vroman William
Provost Elisabeth	Shaffers Thomas	Thompson Margaret	Waass John
Quackenbush Ann	Shepperd Mary	Thomson (Mr)	Warner Jane (Mrs)
Reis Peter	Smith Ann	Thorn Catharine	Wassels Ann
Renby Catherien	Smith David	Tomkins Nancy	Watson Jane
Rice Peter	Smith Thomas	Tommelson Ann	Webster Elihu
Ridgway Christien	Stark Thomas	Turner Margrit	Wendle Barberie
Riese John	Statia Rebeca (Widow)	Van Everen Martha (Mrs)	Wessels Margrit
Rigger Mary	Stevenson Hanah	Van Gelder Elizabeth	Whilehand Elisabeth
Riney Elesabeth	Stewart Catharine	Van Nies John	Wiley Ann
Roberson Adam	Studiford (Widow)	Van Orden Minee	Winshell Pelitya
Robinson (Widow)	Table John	Van Vorst Peggy	Wood Mary
Russell Mary	Taylor Betsy	Veltbergh Cornelius	Wood Unity
Ryne Catheren	Taylor Chaterin	Vine Robert	Young Althe
Ryne Christopher	Teller (Mrs)	Vogel Peggy	

### Poor and Distressed Inhabitants

The Accounts relating to aid given to the Poor are, in many cases, difficult to distinguish from the preceding Accounts relating to the Poor who came out of New York City. Therefore, all Accounts of this sort, in the Counties of Dutchess, Ulster and Westchester, are to be found under "the New York Poor", as they were generally called. In the other Counties, aid was often given by the Commissioners of Conspiracies, the Commissioners of Sequestration or the County Committees, to which Chapters reference should be made. The transfer of so many cases to other departments of the Government left comparatively few to be dealt with by the Commissioners appointed by the Convention who, apparently, drew the money directly from the State. The first order of that body, April 7, 1777, was the appointment of William Allison and Matthew Adgate as a Committee to Superintend the Poor. Then followed this resolution:—

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Kingston May 8th, 1777

Whereas a regard to the Sacred Cause we are engaged in, as well as common Justice & Humanity dictate the Propriety of adopting some mode of Relief for such of the Inhabitants of this State as have by the Hand of Tyranny and Injustice been driven from their Habitations and deprived of their Subsistance and thereby rendered unable to Support themselves and Families

Therefore Resolved, that in the County of Westchester Zebediah Mills and Nathaniel Hyat Esquires, in the County of Dutchess Ezra Thompson & Frederick Jay Esquires in the County of Ulster Cornelius C. Schoonmaker and John Sleght Esquires & in the County of Orange John Brewster & Tunis Cooper Esquires be and they hereby are Appointed Commissioners to take the General Superintendance & care of All such poor as aforesaid in each of the respective Counties for which they are Appointed & that the Commissioners of any two or more Counties agreeing, be Authorized to remove said Poor, from one or either of such Counties into another, and the Commissioners of each of the said Counties to remove them from one District to another within the same County for the convenience of keeping them employed, of supplying them with necessaries, and with such other Things as they shall judge necessary for their Comfortable Subsistance from time to time; and to keep them employed at such Business as they shall be able to perform, and as the said Commissioners shall judge to be most Advantageous to the said Poor and the public. Provided always that no such removal or Residence shall be construed to gain a Right of Settlement to any of such poor in the County to which they are or shall be removed.

Resolved that the Commissioners for either or any of the above Counties have power at their Discretion to bind out to Trades or other Occupations the Children of such of the said Poor, as were Objects of the Public Charity before they were driven from their Habitations as aforesaid. Provided that no male among such Children be bound out for any longer Time than until he shall arrive at the Age of twenty one Years, nor Female than until she shall arrive at the Age of Eighteen. And that they Assist such Persons who before they were driven from their Habitations as aforesaid were not indebted to the public Charity, but were able to support their Families by their own means & Industry in putting out their Children to such Places & Employments and for such Time or Times as the said Parents shall consent to. And that the said Commissioners do from time to time discharge from their care, and withhold the Public Benevolence, from such Persons, as in the Judgement of said Commissioners shall be able to support themselves without it.

Resolved that the said Commissioners be allowed at & after the rate of ten Shillings per Day for their Expences and Trouble in executing the foregoing Resolutions while actually employed therein.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the poor in each respective County be empowered to draw on the Treasurer of this State for a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds for each County, to be Accounted for by the said Commissioners respectively.

Robt. Benson Secry.

Recd May 21st. 1777, from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker five hundred pounds — pursuant to the above order.

£500

Fred Jay, one of the Commiss<sup>r</sup>  
for Dutchess County.

The Council of Safety, June 4, 1777, having learned that Frederick Jay and Ezra Thompson declined their appointments, placed Abraham Schenck and Gideon Vervalen in their places. Soon afterward the Council passed the following Resolution:—

In Council of Safety for the State of New York. Kingston August 9th 1777

Whereas the Inhabitants of this State are loudly called upon by every motive of Justice & humanity to relieve the wants of such unhappy families as are driven from their habitations by the rage of a cruel and remorseless Enemy & the Licensed barbarity of their more than savage Allies — as well as to share with their suffering brethren that common plenty which Almighty God hath bountifully been pleased at this Season to bestow upon us —

Resolved, therefore, that it be recommended to the General Committees of the Counties of Albany & Tryon, respectively, to use their utmost influence with those of the Inhabitants who still possess their places of Abode to give all possible Assistance to those who have been obliged to abandon their settlements by not only enabling them to remove their families & Effects but in affording them all possible accomodations. And it is hereby most earnestly recommended, to the said Committees respectively, to prevent as much as possible any Increase of the Calamities of the Sufferers by Impositions, in the Articles of House Rent, Fire wood, Provisions for themselves & Cattle, and to put out and provide for, at the public charge of this State, all such poor persons and families refugees as aforesaid, as are not able to Defray their own Expences. For which this Council doth hereby render the State of New York responsible.

John McKesson, Secr'y.

According to a law of Feb. 21, 1778, donations were to be distributed to Distressed Inhabitants:— in Albany County, by Andrew Mitchell and Cornelius Van Veghten; in Charlotte County, by John Nesbitt and Samuel Crossit; in Tryon County, by Volkert Veeder. Governor Clinton, also, gave £2250 to Conradt J. Elmendorph for supplying the Poor and Distressed Inhabitants of the Western Frontier.

### The Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut

Soon after the British took possession of the Western end, and practically the whole, of Long Island, the Convention passed the following:—

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Harlem August 28th 1776.

Ordered that Mr. Gelston proceed to Connecticut with the Letters to Governor Trumbull & the Committee & that this Convention will bear his Expenses.

Robt. Benson, Secr'y.

In convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Harlem August 29th 1776

Resolved that it be recommended to the Inhabitants of Suffolk, Long Island, to remove as many of their Women, Children & Slaves and as much of their live Stock and Grain to the main as they Can and that this Convention will pay the Expense of Removing the Same  
John McKesson, Secr'y.

Acting under the latter Resolution, three of the Refugees were appointed Auditors of the Accounts for Transporting Families from Long Island to Connecticut. They were:— Thomas Dering, John Foster and Thomas Wickham. In their Accounts they charged, per day, as follows:— time, 12/—; board, 2/—; horsekeeping, 1/6. Nearly all of their work was carried on at Middletown, Connecticut. The town Committees of Inspection, in that State, usually approved of the Claims brought before the Auditors; in fact, the Committees often sent boats to Long Island for transporting the Refugees and their effects.

The places from which most of the emigrants embarked were:— Sag Harbor, Southold, Easthampton, Sterling and Shelter Island. Their destinations, with few exceptions, were: Middletown, Killingworth, Saybrook, Haddam, East Haddam, Stonington, New London and Guilford.

Previous to the flight, many Guns had been taken from the inhabitants by the Committee of Suffolk County, and delivered to Col. Henry B. Livingston. During the flight, and afterward, Col. Livingston secured other Guns and Munitions of War, some of which were used for the Troops of New York and others were loaned to Connecticut.

In [Albany County] Committee 30th Octr. 1776.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mr. William Van Ness thirty Pounds to be delivered to the Committee appointed to furnish two of the Brower's Family's Refugees from Long Island with such necessaries as they may stand in need of

To Mr G. Lansing, jr. Treasurer.

Mat. Vischer, Secr'y.

On December 24, 1776, the Committee of Safety ordered the State Treasurer to pay £ 59. to John Field for services and expenses in transporting some of the inhabitants of Nassau Island, with their families, stock &c., to the State of Connecticut.

In Council of Safety for the State of New York Kingston June 27th 1777.

Resolved that Obadiah Jones John Hulbart and Thomas Dering or any two of them be and they are hereby authorized & directed to remove at the Expencc of this State to the County of Dutchess within the same all such of the Refugees from Long Island who now reside in Connecticut as are willing so to be removed.

Resolved that One hundred Pounds be advanced to the said Gentlemen to enable them to execute the above Resolution & that they Account with the Auditor Genl. of this State for the Expenditure thereof.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State pay the said Sum of One hundred Pounds unto Mr. Paul Reeve to be by him conveyed & delivered to the said Gentlemen or one of them.

Attest Robt. Benson Secr<sup>y</sup>.

By Order

Pierre Van Cortlandt Pres<sup>dt</sup>.

Reced June 28th 1777 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker One hundred pounds which I promise to convey as above mentioned  
£100

Paul Reeve

The Auditors made a settlement in October, 1777, showing an expenditure of about £2400; and another, in 1778, showing about £3000. The following documents show the nature of the Claims and the manner in which the Auditors transacted the business:—

An Account of the expense of Ebenezer Dayton in removing his family and property from Suffolk County to the State of Connecticut on the 2d & 3d of September 1776 and of going on again at three Different times afterwards to bring off more property, which attempts proved unsuccessful —

	£	S	D
First Moving, Cash paid for Carting my goods on Board .....	1	16	0
Cash paid the Boatman for freight .....	5	0	0
Cash paid for Carting from on Board .....	0	8	0
Going on the 1st time to fetch Effects			
Extraordinary Expense for passage on and of the Island and horse hire and other Services paid for in Cash .....	2	0	0
N. B. I brote off at this time about £40 in value.			
Second time, going with a borrowed whaleboat which the Enemy took with other Effects &c. The Value of the Whale Boat lost prized at .....	6	0	0
6 oars 1 blankit and other things lost in the boat .....	2	0	0
Passage from Southold to Rope Ferry .....	0	4	0
Expense from Rope Ferry to Milford .....	1	0	0
N. B. at this time I brot off the minute Pay rowls of Capt. Strong's Company & two horses for Lieut. Wm. Clarke and a quantity of Clothing from the parents of the Soldiers in Colonel Drake's Regiment.			
The third time going over having without any wages or rations joined the Detachment of Colol. Livingstone Expecting an oportunity to bring off my Effects.			
Expense for 10 days in New Haven while waiting for wind and a Ship to go away .....	3	0	0
A fine gun, a good King's arm lost in the action taking the Regular Company in Brockhaven by being broke & left amongst the Stores taken .....	4	0	0
The above is a true account of Expense &c.			
	£	25	18
			0
Ebenezer Dayton.			

State of New York to Isaac Sheffield of Stonington.....Dr.

September 1776, for Transporting Sundry familys household goods Stock &c. from Sag-harbour on Long Island to Stonington in the State of Connecticut and them landed vizt.

for Mr David Parson 18 head Cattle at 9/— .....	£	8	2	0
to 1 horse a 9/— .....		0	9	0
to 12 hogs a 1/— .....		0	12	0
for Mr Stephen Toping 13 Passengers a 3/— .....		1	19	0
to 9 head Cattle a 9/— .....		4	1	0
to 2 1/2 Load of household goods a 18/— .....		2	5	0

for Mr Matthew Parson 1 ox a 9/—.....	£ 0. 9.0
for Mr. David Hand 11 head Cattle a 9/—.....	4. 19.0
to 12 hogs a 1/— . . . . .	0. 12.0
for Mr Mulford Esqr 13 head Cattle a 9/—.....	6. 17.0
to 1 Passenger a 3/— . . . . .	0. 3.0
to 1 horse a 9/— . . . . .	0. 9.0
for Mr Jeremiah Holsay 1 Load household goods at 18/— . . . . .	0. 18.0
to 8 Passengers a 3/— . . . . .	1. 4.0
for Mr Antony Ludlo 1 Load household goods at 18/— . . . . .	0. 18.0
for Mr Robart Sheffield 2 Load household goods a 18/— . . . . .	1. 16.0
to 2 Passengers a 3/— . . . . .	0. 6.0
for Mr Joseph Ellis 9 Passengers a 3/—.....	1. 7.0
to 1 Load household goods at 18/—.....	0. 18.0
for Mr John Parson 7 Passengers a 3/—.....	1. 1.0
to 1 Load household goods a 18/—.....	0. 18.0
for Mr Miler Esqr 1 Cow a 9/—.....	0. 9.0
	<hr/>
	£ 39. 12.0
By an Overcharge on Household Goods Stock & Effects . . . . .	13. 8.0
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	£ 26. 4.0

New London County Stonington Feby 14th 1777 Personally Appeared Mr Isaac Sheffield and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above account  
 Sworn before me Nathaniel Minor, Justice of Peace

Stonington february 14th 1777

As the within Charge may Seame high to ye gentlemen thats apinted for Discharging ye Same, I will just gave Some Resons for my So doing, for me as an Individuel to Resk my vessel my Self and Charge no more than those that had thire vessels Resk by ye Comittees of groton New london and others westward, it apears to me not Resonable, when the Resk was so great, for thire was SCarse a day but thire was Crusers seen of ye East End of ye Island by which we Exspected to be Cut of Every time we Past, and further ye Resk being so well Known by our inhabitants hear I Could not git hands att that time under thrible Wages, and also obliged to go Duble mand and well armd, which made it very Chargeable. I settled with 3 or 4 Parsons att ye Same Rate thats Charged in this bill and 2 I settled with since for Less on Condition that if thire was more alowd I was to have ye allowance, and as the Curcumstance was then in Regard to ye Resk and Exspence I Dont think ye Charge two high, for why Should one man Resk his hole Liveing to Save another mans Exscept he is allowed Something Edequate to the Resk, but I Exspeckt to Comply with whats alowd others that brought of upon the Same footing that I did  
 pr Isaac Sheffield

Stonington Feby 14th 1777

These Certify that the Comtee of this place never engaged any persons or vessels to fetch any goods or famalys from Long Island: But that all that went from this place went at there Own Resque

Nath! Minor } of the Comtte  
 John Brown jr } of Inspection

Middletown March 5th 1777 Recd and Exd the within Acct & Report we think there is justly due to Isaac Sheffield the sum of twenty six pounds four shillings Lawfull Money of Connetticut

pr Thomas Dering  
 John Foster  
 Thomas Wickham

Middletown March 18 1778 Recd of Thomas Dering, John Foster & Thomas Wickham, Esqrs. Twenty six pounds four shillings Lawfull Money In full for transporting famalies stock & Effects from L Island to Connecticut  
 Recd the above In full  
 £26.4. pr me Isaac Sheffield

September 26th 1776 Received of Mr. Ruben Brown for transporting from Long Island to Guilford too Bushel of wheat one Load of household Goods fore passengers the hole Amounts to £0.18.9 Lawful Money pr me Jonathan Vaill

Oct. 16 1776 receivd of Ruben Brown three Shillings & Eight Pence for transporting one Barrel Provisions Two Bushel wheat Bundle of Leather & one Passage from Long Island to Guilford in Connecticut. attested & approved Jno. Ingraham

Guilford Febry. 17 1777 Personally Appeared Reuben Brown & made Oath to the Truth of the within Accounts before me Sam'l. Brown, Justice of Peace

Same Time said Acctts. Examind & Approved by this Comitte

Sam'l Brown, Clerk.

Middletown Febry 21 1777 Recd & Exd the within Rects & think there is justley due to Ruben Brown the sum of one pound & 1/9 Lawfull Money of Connecticut.

£1.1.9.

pr Thomas Dering  
 John Foster  
 Thomas Wickham

State of New York to Joseph Havens.....Dr.

1776	for Transporting Goods &c from Long Island	
Sept. 26	To do 3 Loads of Corn.....	£1. 10. 0
	To do 141 Bushls of Wheat a 4 1/2d.....	2. 11. 2 1/2
	To 3 Barrels of Pork and two Do of Cyder a 1/6. ....	0. 7. 6
	To 1 Load of Flax 20/— 1 Do of Household Goods 10/—.....	1. 10. 0
	To 25 Bushl of Oats & 5 Do flax seed a 4 1/2.....	0. 11. 3
	To 2 Barrels of Apples & 2 Do of Beets.....	0. 6. 0
	To 15 Sheep .....a 6 d.....	0. 7. 6

£7. 3. 5 1/2

The within Acct is so surcumstanced that the person who brought over the Effects &c the owners of them are not able to attend the Committee but from information of a person of Credit who assisted in receiving the things & being well Knowing to the oweners honesty we are of opinion it is just & true

Thomas Dering  
 John Foster

Middletown Febry 19th 1777 Recd and Examined this Acct and think there is justley due to Mr. Joseph Havens seven pounds three shillings & 5 1/2 Lawfull Mony of Connecticut

£7.3.5 1/2

Pr Thomas Dering  
 John Foster

Received June 22d, 1790 from Gerard Bancker, Treasr., a Certificate for Thirty one Pounds & Seventeen Shillings, being the Specie Value of Six hundred and thirty nine pounds, eight Shillings and nine pence, on the 28th day of September 1779, which Sum was paid into the Treasury of the State of New York by the Committee of Sea Brook, in Connecticut, for Cattle &c belonging to the inhabitants of Suffolk County, and is now repaid in pursuance of an Act, entitled "An Act for the relief of Henry Haydock & others", passed the 9th day of March, 1790.

Selah Strong Treasurer

No. 47,752 — £31.17. — dated September 28th, 1779.

Some interesting details of the removal are found in the "Account of the Sheep brought from Long Island and deliv<sup>d</sup> to the Committee of Guilford."

Guilford September ye 25th 1776 this day 345 Sheep from Long Island (15 of which belonged to ye Fordoms) was by Lieut. Norton of Setauheit delivered to ye Care of the Committee for which a Receipt was given by Nathl. Ruggles Esqr. Chareman of Sd Committey; and Sd Sheep was tarred in ye face & put into Guilford Flock; the Several Ear-Marks of Sd Sheep are incerted in ye enclosed papers N. B. the Sheep belonging to the Fordoms [Fordhams] ware not tar'd nor any account taken of ye marks.

I do hereby Certify that Mr Nathaniel Ruggles did on the 8th March 1779 pay into the Treasury Eighty Eight pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence the produce of 345 Sheep taken from Long Island, Suffolk County, as pr Rect before given

N. Y. April 19th 1787

Gerard Bancker Treasr.

John Halse 27 Sheep hollow Crop in the Left Ear and Slope on the fore Side of the right.  
Benjin Woodrough 27 mark 2 half pennys under Left Ear  
Josiah Halse mark Hollow Crop in ye Left Ear and Slop on ye fore Side of ye right a nick under ye Rigt Ear

Wilmon Halse mark 2 half penny upon the under side and one on uper side of the right Ear  
Silas Woodrough mark 2 half pennys under ye Left Ear one uper side of the right

Then follow certain hieroglyphics giving a record of the Sheep, and a Key to the same. The following is the Key:

(1) Single Slop under Right Ear; (2) Sloap under Riggt Ear hole in left; (3) Crop of Left Ear; (4) Crop of Left Ear half forehd each ear half penn under ye right; (5) Crop of Left Ear half peny under it half pen unde ye right; (6) Crop of ye Left Slit in ye right; (7) haf penny fore Side nigh half pen lupes and Lower Side left; (8) Crop penny and Slet in ye Left Ear Sloap uper Side of ye right; (9) Sloap of uper Side Left Ear half penny uper Side of ye right; (10) half penny fore ye right and under the left; (11) Crop of ye Left Ear Sloap unde ye right; (12) Half penny fore Side right V in the left; (13) Sloap under Each Ear half penny fore Side of ye right; (14) Crop of ye Right Ear and Slit in ye Same and a half penney Each Side ye left

The following, who were for the most part Captains of various kinds of Ships, assisted in the removal of the Refugees:—

Bates Isaac	Glover Ezekiel	Latimer Peter	Scranton Joab
Bayley Gamaliel	Goldsmith Wilmot	Leete Thomas	Sheffield Isaac
Beebe	Greenfield Starr	Leffingwell Christopher	Spink Richard
Bonticou Peter	Griffith Joshua	Mason Elisha	Stow Zebulon
Bradley Joseph	Haley Jeremiah	Miner John	Vail John
Budington Eliphalet	Harris James	Minor John 2d	Vail Jonathan
Conkling Benjamin	Ingraham John	Pendleton Ephraim	Webb James
Cooper Zebulon	Jones James	Riley Jacob	Wiggins James
Farnam Onis	Knight Robert	Robinson Thomas	Wilcox John
Fellows Elnathan	Landon David	Saulsbury ·	Williams Charles
Fordham Ephraim	Latham Hubbard	Sayre David	Wilson John

The records show these names of Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut:—

Barns Nathaniel	Beckwith Phebe	Boothe Joseph	Brown
Bayley Benjamin	Beckwith Phinehas	Bouseau John	Brown Christopher
Bayley Jonathan	Benjamin Nathaniel	Bower Hezekiah	Brown Ruben
Bayley Stephen	Booth Daniel	Bradly Timothy	Brown Samuel

Brown William	Edwards Ebenezer	Havens Joseph	Jessup Silas
Browne Abigail (Widow)	Edwards John	Havens Obadiah, Lieut.	Johnson William
Bushan John	Edwards Mercy	Hedges (Widow)	Jonathan (Indian)
Busseau John	Elderean Jeames	Hedges Daniel	Jones Ephraim
Case Benjamin	Ellis Joseph	Hedges David	King Alexander
Case Israel	Evertes Jarama	Hedges Jonathan, Col.	King Asa
Casset Cornelius	Filer Thomas	Hedges Matthew	King Benjamin
Cehey Asa	Fordham Daniel	Hedges Stephen	King Elisha
Chapin Benjamin, Dr.	Fordham George	Hemstead Thomas	King James
Chapin Margaret	Fordham Gideon	Hemsted Jessey	King Jeremiah
Chappel Benjamin	Fordham Nathan	Herrick Henry	King Peter
Clark Elisha	Foster Crudence	Higgins Christian	King Thomas
Clarke John	Foster John	Hildreth Joseph	King William
Cleaveland Joseph	Foster John, jr.	Hildreth Joshua	King William, jr.
Cochran John	Fowler	Hinchman Annar (Widow)	Korkom William
Conklin Samuel	Fowler Calop	Hoel	Landon Samuel
Conklin William	Fowler George	Horton Barnabas, Capt.	Lee Abram
Conkling Dr.	Fowler Jonathan	Horton Jeames	Leet Elisha
Conkling Abraham	Francis (Frenchman)	Horton Jonathan	Leet Simion
Conkling Daniel	Franks Jon	Horton Joshua	Lefoy Francis
Conkling David	Gardiner Abraham, Col.	Horton William	L'Hommedieu
Conkling Edward	Gardiner Jerusha (Mrs.)	Howell	L'Hommedieu Ezra
Conkling Jacob	Gardiner Joshua	Howell Daniel	L'Hommedieu Grover
Conkling Jeremiah	Gardiner Nathaniel	Howell David	L'Hommedieu Samuel
Conkling John	Gardner Jeremiah	Howell Elias	L'Hommedieu Sylvester
Conkling Jonathan	Gelston David	Howell Ezekiel	Lester Andrew
Conkling Joseph	Gelston Maltby	Howell Isaac	Lester Noah
Conkling Nathaniel	Gelston Thomas	Howell Joshua	Loper Abraham
Cook John Mitchell	Gildersleeve Obadiah	Howell Recompenc	Loper David
Cook Jonathan	Goldsmith Joshua	Howell Ryall	Ludlo Antony
Cook Rebecca (Widow)	Goldsmith Nathan	Howell Sylvanus	McCulloch Dunkin
Cook Silas, Maj.	Griffin James	Howell Walter	Man Philips
Cooper Abraham	Griffing Daniel, Capt.	Hubbard	Marcles Samuel
Cooper Silas	Griffing Jasper, Capt.	Hubbard (Widow)	Mason Elijah
Corey Abijah	Griffing John	Hudson Henry	Matthews Timothy
Corey Bradic	Griffing Peter	Hudson John	Milford Samuel
Corey Elijah	Griffing Samuel	Hudson John Leveret	Miller Abraham
Corwin James	Hains Daniel	Hudson Obadiah	Miller Burnet
Corwin Mary (Widow)	Hallock Peter	Hudson Thomas	Miller Elisha
Corwin Nathan	Hallock Henry	Hulbert John, Col.	Miller Huptonton
Culver Gershon	Hallock Israel	Hunting Benjamin	Miller Jeremiah
Curran Timothy	Hallock Joseph	Hunting John	Miller John
Curren Jeames	Hallock Zebulon	Hunting Nathaniel	Miller John, jr.
Danes Peter	Hallsey Elias	Hutchinson (Widow)	Miller Peleg
Darrow John	Halsey Henry	Hutchinson Thomas	Monus
Davis (Capt)	Halsey Jeremiah	Ingraham Samuel	Moore Ann
Davis Benjamin	Halsey John	Ingraham Samuel, jr.	Moore Benjamin
Davis James	Halsey Josiah	Isaacs Aaron	Moore Calvin, Capt.
Dayton Ebenezer	Halsey Silas	Isaacs Aaron, jr.	Moore Daniel
Dayton Jesse	Halsey Silas, jr., Dr.	Jacobs (Widow)	Moore Hannafi
Deckerson John	Halsey Theophilus	Jagger Ebenezer	Moore Henry
Dering Thomas	Halsey William	Jagger Matthew	Moore Joseph
Deval William	Hand David	Jennings	Moos David
Dibbel Sineus	Hand Gideon	Jennings Ebenezer	More John
Dick John	Hand John	Jennings Elias	Mores John
Dickenson Selah	Hanes David	Jennings James	Mulford Elias
Dickinson Amos	Hart Molley	Jennings Silvanus	Mulford Elisha
Dickinson Richard	Havens James	Jessup Lieut.	Mulford John
Drake John	Havens Jonathan, Dr.	Jessup Isaac	Mulford Nathaniel

Mulford William	Persons Jedediah	Sears David	Tuthill Daniel
Murrow Semor	Persons John	Shary Reek	Tuthill John
Norris Silas	Persons Samuel	Sheffield Robert	Tuthill Mehitabel (Widow)
Orsborn Zebedee	Persons Stephen	Shellinger Isaac	Tuthill Rufus
Osborn Daniel	Persons Theophilus	Sheman Anthony	Tuttel Azariah
Osborn Elisha	Persons Zebulon	Sherrel Samuel	Tuttel Duncan
Osborn Joseph	Post Elias	Sherril Jeremiah	Vail Joseph
Osborn Lewis	Post Jeremiah	Sherry Samuel	Vaill Benjamin
Osborn Matthew	Post Nathan	Simons Moses	Waid Ebenezer
Overton Elton	Price Benjamin	Sinnot Patrick	Walker Dr.
Overton Isaac	Racket Daniel	Smith Dayton	Warner Eliphalet
Overton James	Racket Jonathan	Squire David, jr.	Watrous Ethan
Overton John	Racket Jonathan, jr.	Squire John	Weldin David
Overton Joshua	Reave Wells	Squires Mary	Wells Fines
Overton Nathaniel	Reaves Daniel	Stamborough Joseph	Wells Freegift (Deacon)
Pain Alsop	Reeve Israel	Stores Rev.	Wells James
Pain Benjamin	Reeve Joshua	Stuart Silas	Wells Jonathan
Pain John	Reeve Selah	Tammage Lois	Wells Joshua
Pain Jonathan	Rockwell William	Terry John	Wells Josiah
Pain Phebe	Rogers Jeremiah	Terry Richard	Wells Selah
Paine Ephraim	Rogers John	Terry Thomas	Wells William
Paine Peter	Rogers Jonathan	Terry & Drake	Whelden Jonathan
Pamely Nathan	Rogers Joshua	Thomson Zebulon	White Samuel
Parson John	Rogers Nathaniel	Tillinghast Joseph	White Silah
Peck Augustus	Rogers Uriah, Maj.	Tillinghast Phebe	White William
Peck Joseph	Rose Abraham	Todd Samuel	Wick Edward
Peirson Lemuel	Russell	Todd Timothy	Wickham Thomas
Peirson Lemuel, jr.	Russell Hezekiah	Toping Charles	Wiggins David
Peirson Silvanus	Salmon Jonathan	Toping David	Wiggins James
Peirson Zachariah	Salmon Joshua	Toping Stephen, Capt.	William (Indian)
Pelletreau Elias, Capt.	Sandford Ezekiel	Topping Elisha	Williams Jonathan
Pelton Ithamar	Sanford	Topping Henry	Wines Abijah
Pendleton Amos, Capt.	Sawyer Abraham	Topping Joseph	Wood Zaphar
Perry Edmond	Sayre Abraham	Topping Matthew	Woodruff Benjamin
Perry Eliakim	Sayre Benjamin	Topping Phebe	Woodruff Daniel
Person David, Capt.	Sayre James	Topping Rebecca	Woodruff Silas
Person Elias	Sayres Joshua	Topping Thomas	Yongs (Esq.)
Person Matthew	Sears Benjamin	Truman Francis	Yongs Israel
Persons Daniel			Yongs John

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## THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY

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Just before its adjournment, the First Provincial Congress, July 8, 1775, appointed certain of its own Delegates a Committee of Safety, with power to open and to answer all letters directed to Congress; to examine Suspected Persons; to superintend Military Affairs; to appropriate money; and to order a session of Congress at any time, if emergency required. This Committee, with many powers beyond those of the Provincial Congresses, covered the lives of all four of the Congresses; and it was not dissolved till the Government of the new State was about to assume its authority.

The Committee of Safety was a small body, composed of representative and energetic men who felt their responsibility. According to the documents, the original members of the Commit-

tee were:— John Williams, Chairman; James Beekman; Jacob Cuyler, Isaac Roosevelt; Christopher Tappen; and Robert Yates. All of these, except Mr. Tappen, served through the four Congresses, and they were probably members of the Committee of Safety during all the time of its existence. Other members were added from time to time.

The documents record these Officers and Members of the Committee of Safety, the figures denoting the Congresses in which they were Delegates:—

Chairmen — John Williams (1. 2. 3. and 4), Peter R. Livingston (2. 3 and 4) and James Livingston (3 and 4)

Secretaries — Robert Benson, Richard Hatfield and John McKesson (Benson and McKesson, Secretaries of all four Congresses, served also as Secretaries of the Committee; Hatfield served a portion of the time)

Vendue Master — Jacob Hunt

James Beekman (3 and 4) Charles DeWitt (3 and 4) Arthur Parks (3 and 4) Christopher Tappen (1, 3  
Samuel Brewster (2 and 3) James Duane (3 and 4) Matthew Rea (2, 3 and 4) and 4)  
Matthew Cantine (2, 3 & 4) Daniel Dunscomb (3 & 4) Henry Remsen (3 and 4) Robert Yates (1, 2, 3 & 4)  
Jacob Cuyler (1, 2, 3 & 4) Burnet Miller (3 and 4) Isaac Roosevelt (1, 2, 3 & 4) Peter P. Van Zandt (3 & 4)

The Committee met in New York till that City was occupied by the British. It then met at various places along the Hudson River.

Its sessions were as follows:— New York, July 11–25, 1775, Sept. 4–Oct. 3, 1775, Jan. 3–Feb. 12, 1776, Mar. 18–May 8, 1776, Aug. 19, 1776; Harlem Aug. 27 and 29, 1776; Kingsbridge, Aug. 30, 1776; Philipse Manor, Aug. 31, 1776; Fishkill, Sept. 2–4, 1776, Sept. 8–13, 1776, Sept. 23–25, 1776, Sept. 26–27, 1776, Oct. 7–14, 1776, Oct. 16–Dec. 4, 1776, Dec. 5, 1776–Feb. 14, 1777; Kingston, Feb. 19–Mar. 5, 1777. The Convention also left its business in the hands of the Committee, Aug. 29 and Oct. 5, 1776.

One of the Accounts shows that the Committee did not suffer from lack of food and drink:—

Oct<sup>r</sup> 24th 1776

	Mr Yates & Co.....Dr			
	To 6 Dinners .....	£ 12. 0		To toddy .....
	To Wine .....	9. 0	29	To toddy .....
	To Toddy .....	5. 0		To wine .....
	To Cyder .....	3. 0		To toddy .....
25	To dinner for 7.....	14. 0	30	To Toddy .....
	To Wine .....	16. 0		To 5 at dinner .....
	To toddy & Cyder.....	4. 0		To wine .....
	To supper for 6.....	9. 0		To Cyder .....
	To Wine .....	8. 0		To servt Dinner &c....
	To toddy & Cyder ....	6. 0	31	To 9 dinners .....
	To waiter, supr & Cyder	1. 6		To Wine 6 Bottles &
26	To dinner for 13.....	1. 6. 0		Bill .....
	To wine .....	1.12. 0		To toddy & Cyder ....
	To toddy & Cyder ....	10. 0		To servts Dinner &c...
28	To Mr Duane's Break-		Nov <sup>r</sup> 1	To 6 dinners .....
	fast .....	1. 6		To wine .....
	To 8 Dinners .....	16. 0		To Cyder .....
	To toddy & Cyder.....	3. 0		To toddy .....
	To wine .....	16. 0		To servts Dinners &c...
	To servts Dinr &c.....	1. 3	2	To 13 dinners .....

Nov <sup>r</sup> 2	To wine . . . . .	£ 2. 0. 0	To servts Dinners &c..	1. 6
	To Cider & Toddy . . . .	4. 0	To toddy . . . . .	2. 0
	To Sangoree . . . . .	12. 0	To Pipes and Tobacco.	4. 0
				£ 21. 15. 9

Albany Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1776 — Received from Jacob Cuyler the above sum for the use of the Committee of Convention of the State —  
William Hardy

Another account shows that the Auditor-General did not hesitate to secure a private debt out of moneys that were due from the State to his debtor:—

1776				
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Honourable Committee D <sup>r</sup> to Jon Dunlap from the above date			
	59 days till August 19 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .		£ 23. 12. 0	
Cr	By Cash recd from Jon McKisson, Esq <sup>r</sup> 7 Dollars . . . . .	£ 2. 15. 0		
	By do another time 15 . . . . .	6. 0. 0		
	By do recd from Abraham Depeyster Esq <sup>r</sup> 12 do . . . . .	4. 16. 0	13. 12. 0	
				£ 19. 0. 0
	Balance due to Jon Dunlap . . . . .		£ 19. 0. 0	
	By recd from Mr Benson . . . . .		0. 8. 0	
				9. 12. 0
	Ballance due to J. D. . . . .		9. 12. 0	
	Stop 7/6 for a pr Shoes he owes me for — C. Sands [Aud <sup>r</sup> Gen.] . . . .		7. 6	
				£ 9. 4. 6

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, Augt 17<sup>th</sup> 1776

Ordered that the within account of John Dunlap be delivered to the Auditor-General to be audited to this seventeenth day of August only — and that the said John Dunlap be, and is hereby, discharged from the Service of the said Committee & of this Convention.

John M<sup>c</sup>Kesson, Sec<sup>r</sup>y

The most important transactions of the Committee of Safety, as revealed by the documents, were the following:—

1775, part of a cargo of Powder from France to the West Indies was given to the Committee of Safety of South Carolina; Sept. 18, it was ordered that Messrs Pintard Remsen and Van Zandt be a Committee to purchase Powder, Arms &c.

1776, Jan. 24, Capt. William Mercier was appointed to superintend the making of Gun carriages, and ordered to inspect all Vessels lading in the port of New York; Feb. 15, the Committee was given authority to communicate with the British Ships in the harbor of New York; Feb. 28, Col. Abraham P. Lott was ordered to buy bread; Mar. 18, it was ordered that not more than £4. should be paid for a barrel of Pork; Mar. 19, Capt. Anthony Rutgers was paid £430 for a Sloop to be armed “for the defence of this and the neighbouring Colonies”; Mar. 21, Capt. William Mercier was ordered to fit out the Vessel lately purchased by the Provincial Congress; Apr. 12, £900 was paid to Thomas Randall to refund him for the purchase of an Armed Vessel; Apr. 17, it was ordered that £650. be paid for the Sloop “Sally”, and £500. for the Schooner “Polly”; same date, £200. was advanced to Capt. William Mercier for fitting out the Armed Sloop “Montgomery”; July 12, John R. Livingston was given £100. for establishing a Powder plant; July 19, John Carpenter was given £200 for the same service; Aug. 3, a bill of

£500. was audited for the printing of 55,300 bills "of the New Emission" of Money; Aug. 17, Col. Abraham P. Lott and James Beekman were given £200. for the purpose of removing the women, children and infirm from the City of New York; Aug. 22, Zebediah Mills was paid \$50 for removing the Military Stores from New York City to Westchester County; Oct. 22, Col. Dirck Brinckerhoff was ordered to repair the roads, in place of Col. John Field; same date, £600. was ordered to be paid to Capt. Tudor for rafts and timber for the Continental Frigates; Oct. 29, £1200. was appropriated to Jacob Cuyler, James Duane and Robert Yates, the Committee to raise Troops; Nov. 2, the Committee of Ulster County was ordered to pay a Bounty to Capt. Elias Hasbrouck; Nov. 5, the same Committee was ordered to pay a Bounty to the Ulster County Rangers; same date, Isaac Roosevelt reported that Col. Brasher and himself had examined the Muster Rolls of the Schooner "General Putnam"; same date, it was ordered that the accounts of that Schooner be kept in better shape; Nov. 28, Col. Johannis Hardenburgh was ordered to turn over to the Committee all the Arms left by those of the Militia who had been discharged; Dec. 9, Maj. Lockwood was paid £14.0 for a messenger sent to the Committee with a letter of intelligence; Dec. 12, Samuel Loudon was paid £1000 for printing Public Notices in his paper; Dec. 16, Col. Lewis Dubois was refunded £1500. advanced for Bounty Money; Dec. 24, the State Treasurer was ordered to pay £59. to John Field for services and expenses in transporting some of the inhabitants of Nassau Island with their families, stock &c, to the State of Connecticut.

1777, Jan. 9, Gouverneur Morris was refunded 40/— paid by him to an Express from Gen. George Clinton with the account of Gen. Washington's successful attack at Trenton, also 24/— for printing an Address to the People of the State of New York; Jan. 14, it was ordered that £80. be advanced to Capt. Robert Castle for Obstructing the Navigation of the Hudson River; Jan. 16, James Weeks was Appointed Assistant Commissary of the Arms, Ammunition and other Military Stores, and it was ordered that he shall deliver at Fishkill, for the use of the New Lines, all Arms given up by the disbanded Soldiers at Forts Montgomery and Constitution; Jan. 27, the State Treasurer was ordered to pay £130. 3. 4 to Capt. Christopher Leffingwell for transporting families, stock &c from Long Island to Connecticut; Jan. 28, the State Treasurer was ordered to pay £500. to Robert Harpur, Chairman, to proceed with the business of the Committee; Jan. 30, Robert Yates and James Duane were paid £6. 14. "to reimburse them their expenses attending their journey to Kingston"; Feb. 25, it was agreed to pay the claims of William Fowler and John Drake for repairing the Goal in Westchester County; Mar. 1, action was taken in regard to the Commissioners of Forfeitures; Apr. 15, the Committee having ordered the purchase of Stockings and Blankets, the Convention voted £600. to Cornelius C. Schoonmaker to pay for them; Apr. 16, Matthew Adgate was paid £160. for making assays of Lead, Sulphur and Flints; May 9, it was ordered that the Accounts, of Capt. Charles Spranger, for the Brig "Mary", should be paid.

The Committee of Safety also forwarded Powder to Cambridge; bought Supplies and Munitions of war for the Troops; paid £1. 14. 9 to Maj. Tappen for his expenses in escorting Lady Johnson to Wallkill; and, in general, proved its efficiency down to the beginning of the State Government. The importance of this Committee has never been rightly understood, or fully

appreciated. It was, in fact, the mainspring that moved all the wheels of the Government; and, as such, it is entitled to far greater credit than has ever been accorded. (See "Privat-ers," "Bounties," and many other Chapters in this book, showing the versatile work of the Committee).

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### The Refractory Militia

Early in the War, a part of the Militia in Dutchess County showed a spirit of rebellion. The Committee of Safety appointed Egbert Benson, Jacobus Swartwout and Ezra Thompson Commissioners to repress the Militia. The Committee expended £252.2.10 out of an appropriation of £300.; and the Accounts were audited, Jan. 27, 1776. On the same date, the Committee of Safety approved the report of the Auditors, and ordered the balance of £47.17.2 to be paid to the Vice-Treasurer. Philip Van Brugh Livingston, Treasurer of the Provincial Congress, Sept. 10, 1777, received £29.16. from Col. William Humfrey for fines levied on the Refractory Militia of Dutchess County.

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### The County Committees

The County Committees were, in effect, branches of the Committee of Safety. They were often called Sub-Committees; and, sometimes, Committees of Safety for the respective Counties. Their duties were numerous and important. They paid many bills of the Poor (See "The Poor who came out of New York City"); and raised money to pay Bounties to the Soldiers (see "Bounties"). When the Disaffected insisted that their Slaves belonged to their households and, therefore, should be taken with them over the Lines, the County Committees decided that the Slaves were personal property to remain and to be sold. Too much insistence on this point led to the imprisonment of many of the Disaffected.

In the case of several of the Counties, the documents in this Office give a very imperfect record. It is probable that some of the missing documents may be found in the Offices of the several County Clerks. Such is the fact in Albany County, at least. The list of Committeemen named under each County is not complete, in most instances, because only those names are given that appear in the documents.

#### In provincial Congress New York March 13th 1776

Whereas the Several County Committees in this Colony may have Occasion to Borrow Money to enable them to Defray the Contingent Charges they are or may be put to, in Support of the Cause of the United Collines, Against the Iniquitous Attempts of the British Ministry and Parliament, to enslave this Continent, and whereas the Imposition of Taxes, on the Inhabitants of the Collony, to Enable the County Committees to pay the Said Contingent Charges may be Very Inconvenient, at this Time, This Congress from an Earnest desire to Encourage the Friend to Liberty, in Supporting the Common Cause, do Resolve to Advance on Loan out of the Collony Treasury, to Each County Committee, a Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum following, for the purpose of paying the Charges aforesaid, and of making such allowances to the Deputies in provincial Congress as the respective County Committees shall judge proper, that is to say, to the City and County of New York, Twelve Hundred pound, to the City and County of Albany, Eight Hundred pound, to the County of Suffolk, the Sum of four Hundred and fifty Pound, to the County of Richmond, the sum of one Hundred and

Twenty Nine Pounds, to Kings County, the Sum of Two Hundred pounds, to the County of Orange, the Sum of Two Hundred pounds, to the County of Westchester, the Sum of four Hundred and Sixty Pound, to the County of Tryon, the Sum of Four Hundred pounds, to the County of Cumberland, the Sum of One Hundred pounds, to the County of Charlotte, the Sum of One Hundred pound, to the County of Dutchess, the Sum of four Hundred and Twenty pounds, and it is understood, that the Sum of money which several of the Counties have already Received, out of the Treasury, for their particular purposes, shall be deducted by the Treasurer, out of the Respective Sums, allowed to Such County, in the foregoing Resolution, and that the Security, given for Such Sums be delivered up, And it is resolved and ordered, that Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esqr. Treasurer of this Congress, shall and do pay to the Chairman of Each Respective County Committee, in this Collony, Such Sum or Sums of money, as the Said Committees, Shall from Time to Time Apply for, to Discharge the Contingent Charges aforesaid, of Each respective County; provided the Sum or Sums of money so applyed for, shall not in the whole amount to More than the Sum herein before allotted, to Each respective County; And that an Order of Each Respective County Committee, signed by the Chairman, and attested by the Clerk, of the Said Committee with a receipt from the Person, in whose favour, Such Order Shall be Drawn Shall be to the Said Treasurer, a Sufficient Voucher for the Amount of the Said Order.

And it is further Resolved, that Each Respective County, in this Collony, shall stand charged, and be Accountable to the Treasurer, of this Congress, for Such Sum and Sums of money as the Said Treasurer shall advance, to Each respective County Committee, pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Same Shall be Raised, and Repaid, into the Treasury of this Congress, by Tax or Assesment, on the Inhabitants of Each Respective County, when thereunto Required by this or any future Congress of this Collony.

John McKesson Secry.

THE COMMITTEE OF ALBANY COUNTY was also at times, called the Committee of the City and County of Albany. It consisted of the following:— John Ball, John Barclay, John Bay, John Beebe, Henry Bleecker (Chairman), Joseph Clarke, Isaac Fonda, Philip Frisbe, Leonard Gansevoort (Treasurer), Cornelius Humphrey, Gerrit Lansing, Gerrit Lansing, jr. (Treasurer), Barent Mynderse, John Price, Hendrick Quackenbush, John Rogers, Myndert Roseboom, Philip P. Schuyler, John Ten Broeck, Jacob C. Ten Eyck, William Thorn, Issac Van Aernam, Johannis Van Deuson, Cornelius Van Dyke, William Van Ness (Clerk) Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Anthony Van Schaick, Cornelius Van Veghten, Philip Van Veghten, Volkert Veeder, Bastian Visscher, Matthew Visscher (Secretary), Adam Vroman, William B. Whiting, Daniel Winna and Robert Yates. The work of this Committee began a few days after the Battle of Lexington, and but eight days after Ethan Allen had captured Ticonderoga.

Albany 18th May 1775

Memorandum of the Donations of the third ward of the City of Albany, and an Account of how the Money was expended with Extracts of the Letters Sent with the Wagoners who carried up the Provisions to Fort George for the Use of the New England Provincials at Ticonderoga, also —

Memorandum of Sundrys given to be sent to Ticonderoga 19th May, 1775

The Donations from the first ward aggregated £32.15.7; from the third ward, £68.5.10. A large quantity of provisions was also donated in the third ward.

Pork was bought of Thomas Hun, Dirck Ten Broeck, James Caldwell, Absolom Wordworth and Henry Mercelius; Mutton, of James Williams and Christophel Beekman; Veal of James Williams; Bread, of Sander Lansing; and Rum, of Peter De Wandelaer.

Fort George May 25, 1775, Received of Messrs John Ten Broeck Teunis Ts. Van Vechten, Ands. Douw & Leonard Gansevoort pr. hand of Arent Bradt three Blls Pork, one Tierce flour, one Tierce containing Seven Gammons & Eleven Sides Bacon, 1 Bll & half West India Rum, two Blls flour, one Bll Salt & one Quarter Cask Powder for the Use of the Commander at Ticonderoga.

John Stevens, Commander

Albany Committee Chamber 12th July 1775

Resolved by this Board that Messrs Jacob C. Ten Eyck, Leonard Gansevoort and Jeremiah Van Rensselaer be a sub-committee to state the accounts of the different Companies enlisted and taken into pay by this Body, as also of the monies and other necessaries paid, found and provided by this Body or any other Person by their direction and order.

And also farther resolved that after such accounts are stated that Jeremiah Van Rensselaer be furnished with the Sum of £332 out of the Paper Emission of this Committee, and that he go up to Lake George, Ticonderoga and Crown Point, where those Companies are now stationed, and, after mustering those Companies and deducting from their pay the money already advanced as above, that he pay the Officers and man upon the Continental establishment the Money in proportion to their number and pay, and that the said Jeremiah Van Rensselaer make a final settlement with those Companies, and declare to them that they for the future must look for their pay and necessaries to the officers appointed by the Continental or Provincial Congress for the purpose, and that he take with him the Warrants and deliver them to the officers at the above Stations —

Resolved that Mr. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer is by this Board appointed to go up to Lake George &c and pay the forces embodied by order of this Committee as far as the Money he shall be furnished with will serve, provided said settlement does not extend to a Date after the first Day of July.

John Bay, Secy P. T.

In 1776, the Committee carried a stove from Albany to Fishkill for the use of the Convention; paid the Deputies in the Provincial Congress 10/— per day; paid for repairing Guns and for carrying Flour to Lake George; seized the Tea of dealers who sold it higher than 6/— a pound, and resold it in small lots at 6/3; paid Volkert Dowson for keeping the Tory Goal, in Albany; transported Tories to Hartford, at a cost of £58.9.7, and to other places in Connecticut at a cost of £79. 11. 1; and transported Tories from Albany to Esopus, presumably to the Fleet Prison. The several Members often "advanced cash in Committee". On Mar. 13, the Provincial Congress voted £800 for its use; and, on July 16, £1200 for 75 men to guard the Stores and Vessels containing Provisions and Ammunition. The Committee, Nov. 6, paid £1672. 6. 11 1/4 for garrisoning Crown Point, Ticonderoga, Fort George &c.

Kings District April 21 1777

To the General Committee of the City and County of Albany —

Gentlemen —

At the time a Number of our Militia agreeable to a Request from your Board was Raised and sent off for Albany a number of Householdors fearing Lest sufficient and timely Assistance for the Defence of that City and the stores therein should fail and Being Disposed to Do all on our Part for the Defence of America in General and this State in Particular immediately armed and accoutred ourselves. And with All Expedition Rode on to Albany where we arrived on the 17th instant. The party consisted of the Persons following:—Coll. Asa Waterman, Capt. Martin Beebe, Lieut. Thomas Hurlbutt, Lieut. Samuel Waterman, Lieut. John Davis, Sarjt. Daniel Smith, Sarjt. William Babcock, Sarjt. Eliezar Cady, Simeon Doty, Jesse Goold, Hosea Beebe.

The above Party Desired me, the subscriber, to acquaint the Board that they request Noth-

ing more for their service than their Expences while they were from home, which is £6.18.0, which if allowed and sent By the Bearer will be received as a full Reward.

Martin Beebe, Capt.

I do hereby certify that the above Amount is allowed and Ordered to be paid —

To Mr Gerrit Lansing, jr, Treasurer

Mat Visscher, Sec'y

In May 1777, the Committee paid £6.8.1 to William Winne for Provisions that he had purchased for the Officers and Men of his Company. On May 6, the State Treasurer was ordered, by the Committee, to pay £2 to Ezekiel Cook for conveying John Munro to Kingston. The Committee, June 1, 1777, also ordered to be paid a bill of £14.6.0 from Jacob Bleecker, jr. for his expenses in conferring with the Committee of Tryon County on the subject of electing a Senator for the Western District.

Octor 16 1777

The Honourable Committee of the City of Albany, To Hugh Deniston Dr.

To 15 Doubles toddy	a 10/8 pr . . . . .	£ 8. 0.0
To 15 bottles wine	a 40/— . . . . .	30. 0.0
To 24 Suppers	a 8/— pr . . . . .	9.12.0
To 28 Dinners	a 10/— pr . . . . .	14. 0.0
To 8 Suppers	a 5/4 . . . . .	2. 3.4
To 26 bottles Wine	a 40/— pr. . . . .	52. 0.0
To 29 Bowls toddy	a 5/4 pr . . . . .	7.14.8
To a Bill Delivered in for the entertainment of Governor Clinton . . . . .		55.10.8

£179. 0.8

[This account was assigned by Deniston to Col. Myndert Roseboom, ordered paid by the Committee, and paid May 29, 1778]

The Committee, Nov. 14, 1777 received an invoice of 667 1/2 Bushels of Salt sent from Col. Peter R. Livingston to John Barclay, Chairman; and, on the same date, the State Treasurer was ordered to pay \$20 to Isaac Doty "on account of services performed in apprehending Dangerous & Disaffected Persons to the United States"; also a bill of £25 from Nicholas Drewry for transporting Tories in his Sloop from Albany to Esopus. The Committee ordered the State Treasurer to refund £13.6.0 to John Tayler, the sum advanced by him to Capt. John Salsbury "for services by his Company performed in apprehending dangerous Persons to the State" On Jan. 17, 1778, the bills of Nathan Smith for £19.13.2, for apprehending three men whose property had been confiscated, were ordered paid; but it was stipulated that the amount should be refunded to the Committee by the Commissioners of Sequestration.

The Committee will pay any Person who furnishes Thomas Seager with an old shift the value thereof on Demand

Albany 9 March 1778

By order, Mat Visscher

Sir Mr John M. Beekman having furnished the within shift and charged 24/— for it, which is judged reasonable & ordered to be paid — By order Mat Visscher Sec'y

To Mr Gerrit Lansing, junior, Treasurer

From August, 1775 to January, 1778, the Committee expended £4922.9.9. Members of the Committee and the Sub-Committees were paid 20/— per day. The Secretary, Matthew Visscher received 10/— per day, in 1776 and 1777; but, in 1778, he received 16/—.

The records do not give the names of the Committeemen in the Counties of Charlotte and Cumberland.

THE COMMITTEE OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY was voted £100 by the Provincial Congress, Mar. 13, 1776. On Oct. 22, the Committee of Safety ordered the State Treasurer to advance to Maj. Alexander Webster £600. for the Committee of Charlotte County to pay off the remaining half of the Bounty and one month's Pay and Subsistence of the Rangers raised in that County. The bill of the County against the State, from May 31, 1776, to Sept. 10, 1777, was £3977.10.4 1/2 for Bounty, Pay &c. This included £65 to Alexander Webster for his services as a Member of the Convention.

The Provincial Congress, Mar. 13, 1776, voted £100 to THE COMMITTEE OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY; and, July 26, the Congress gave an allowance of Lead and Flints to the Committee. On July 17, 1777, papers from this Committee were brought to the Council of Safety by Col. Eleazer Patterson, for which he was voted £50. From Jan. 13, 1776, to May 10, 1777, the Committee charged the State £9447. 1. 6 to refund several parties for Money advanced.

Egbert Benson (Chairman), John Collen, Samuel Dodge, Elnathan Gregory, Jacob Griffen (Chairman), Herman Hoffman, Frederick Jay, Nathan Pearce (Chairman), and James Weeks were THE COMMITTEE OF DUTCHESS COUNTY. The Committee was voted £420 by the Provincial Congress Mar. 13, 1776. The bill of the Committee against the State began July 22, and it reached a total of £5420. In October, 1776, the Committee appointed 11 men to guard the Powder from Rhode Island. The men guarded the Powder from the Colony Line to Red Hook. The bill of £6.4.3 against the State was, apparently, not paid.

To Nathan Pearce, Capt. or John Dusenbury, Lieut., or Zephaniah Platt, Lieut, or to Either of you these are to authorize Either of you to Disarm all Persons that are Disaffected to the Libertys of the united Colonys that have not or refuse to associate with the united Colonys according to the Resolves of the Continental Congress. Take a sufficient number of your men to assist you herein and for your So Doing this shall be your warrant. By order of the Committee  
Nathan Pearce, Chairman

Paulings Precinct  
April 20th 1776

On May 12, 1777, the Committee paid £10.4.8—the Pay Roll of a Guard that collected Stock taken from the Disaffected in Fredericksburgh Precinct. The Commissioners for Conspiracies, May 19, paid £9.16.6 to Lieut. Comfort Shaw for apprehending Tories, by order of the Committee of Paulding's Precinct; and, on July 3, £12. to William Pearce for apprehending Disaffected persons, by order of the same Committee.

August ye 29th 1777

An a Count in Sharching for and taking a number of Parsons Suspected to Be Robers and Bringing them Before the Committee at Mr Keeler's, from thence to Poughkeepsey, By order of the Committe of Paulding's present for my Self and others 6 Days a. 8/— pr day £ 2. 8.0

To 4 men for gard 2 Days a 3/— pr day.....	1. 4.0
To 7 men for gard 4 Days an 3 nights at 5/— . . . . .	7. 0.0
To 3 men for gard 1 Day and ride their one horssees 5/— . . . . .	0. 15.0
To my expences for mySelf and gard at Nickels and Beniaman Shenemous...	0. 14.0

Expences at Mr. Keelers as pr his acct herewith delivered for the gard and horse Keeping . . . . .	£9.12.4
To a gard of 4 men to Carre priseners to Poughkeepsie . . . . .	1. 0.0
To Expences going to Poughkeepsie . . . . .	1. 8.8

Pr me Comfort Shaw £24. 2.0

August 12th 1778 Received of Egbt Benson, Peter Cantine & Melancton Smith, Esqr, late Commis'rs for Conspiracies &c the sum of Twenty four pounds two shillings in full of the within account. in behalf of Lieut Shaw

Ezra Keeler

Agust Ye 29 1777.

Comfort Shaw Dr. for Vitling a gard and Lickers	P.	S.	P.
to 3 Drams ar 2—8 and 2 meal of Vittels 1/4	0	10	8
to 9 meals of Vitels 1/4, 3 Drams 2—8. . . . .	1	0	0
to 4 Drams 2—8, to 4 Meal of Vitels 1/4 . . . . .	0	16	0
to 10 Meal of Vitels 1/4, 7 Drams 2—8. . . . .	1	2	0
to 6 Drams 2—8 and 6 meals of Vitels 1/4 . . . . .	1	4	0
to 2 Drams 2—8 and 2 Meals Vitels 1/4. . . . .	0	8	0
to 7 Drams 2—8 . . . . .	0	18	8
to 4 Drams 2—8 and 4 Meal of Vitels. . . . .	0	16	0
to 4 Drams 2—8 and 10 Meals of Vitels. . . . .	1	1	4
to Candels, Logging and hors Keeping . . . . .	0	8	0

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Errors Excepted

By Ezra Keeler

Agust 31, 1777.

Garner Dr. for Vitling and Lickers for a gard one night	P.	S.	P.
to one Nip of Grog . . . . .	0.	2.	8
to six Drams 2—8 . . . . .	0.	16.	0
to 3 Meals of Vitels 1/4 . . . . .	0.	4.	0
Logging hors Keeping candels . . . . .	0.	5.	0

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Errors Excepted

By Ezra Keeler

The Committee of North East Precinct charged £33. 12. 6 to the Commissioners of Conspiracies for a pursuit of Suspected persons, ordered by the Commissioners. The Dutchess County Committee paid, Sept. 1, 1777, for advances made on Bounties, and to several individuals for services, and charged the expenditures to the Commissioners of Conspiracies. In December 1777, Jacob Griffin, Chairman of the Dutchess County Committee, sent to the State a bill of £80.2.2. for sending Disaffected women out of Rumbout Precinct. The Council of Safety, Dec. 12, notified the Committee of the Embargo on the export of Flour and Meal. The Committee, Apr. 18, 1778, sent a bill of £43. 4. 0. to the State for "removing families of Persons gone over to the Enemy". The bill was approved by the Auditor-General, Dec. 28, 1778; and paid on the same date. On Apr. 3, 1778, the Committee of Fredericksburgh Precinct ordered a Guard to convey Prisoners from that place to Poughkeepsie. The bill, £26., was paid by the Commissioners of Conspiracies in the same month. The County Committee, Apr. 29, paid a bill of £65. from the Committee of Rhinebeck Precinct for a Sloop to transport Disaffected persons and their families to New York City.

The records have very little in regard to THE COMMITTEE OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY beyond the fact that it was "allowed" lead and flints, by order of the Provincial Congress, July 26, 1776.

Col. Rutgers Van Brunt, Chairman, is the only name that appears in the records of THE COMMITTEE OF KINGS COUNTY. The Committee was voted £200. by the Congress, Mar. 13, 1776. A bill of the Committee against the State, dated Mar. 27, 1776, charges £200. for cash paid to Messrs. Lott and Nagell on the credit of the County; and another, dated July 24, charges £240. which Samuel Townsend paid as a Bounty for the New Levies. The records of the Committee in this County, as in the Counties of Charlotte, Cumberland, Gloucester and Richmond, are very meagre.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, had a history previous to the appointment of the Committee of Safety, July 8, 1775. More than a year before, in May, 1774, the conservative merchants of that city had appointed a Committee of Fifty-One, to urge concerted action among the several Colonies, and a General Congress as the means of making such action effective. Having succeeded in accomplishing its purpose, the Committee was dissolved, in November, 1774. It was at once succeeded by a Committee of Sixty, otherwise known as the Executive Committee. The General Assembly, still under Tory influence, refused to heed the request of the Continental Congress to choose Deputies to attend a second meeting of that body. Thereupon, the Executive Committee, in March, 1775, sent out a call to the several Counties in the Province for the Election of Deputies to a Provincial Convention to be held in the City of New York Apr. 20 for the express purpose of choosing such Delegates. The Convention did the work assigned to it, and dissolved itself, Apr. 22. Upon the following day, news of the Battle of Lexington was received. The citizens broke over all bounds, seized several Vessels and many stands of Arms, and took absolute possession of the City. They met, on May 1, and reorganized the Executive Committee. It was thenceforth known as the Committee of Resistance, the Provisional War Committee, the Committee of One Hundred, or the Committee of Association. The following were the Members of the Committee:—

John Alsop	David Clarkson	Nicholas Hoffman	Cornelius P. Low
John Anthony	Cornelius Clopper	John Imlay	Isaac Low
Theophilus Anthony	Peter T. Curtenius	Thomas Ivers	Gabriel H. Ludlow
Evert Banker	John De Lancey	George Janeway	Gabriel W. Ludlow
Francis Bassett	William Denning	Frederick Jay	William W. Ludlow
David Beekman	James Desbrosses	John Jay	Alexander McDougall
James Beekman	James Duane	David Johnson	John Marston
Robert Benson	Daniel Dunscomb	Samuel Jones	Thomas Marston
John Berrien	Abraham Duryee	Garrat Keteltas	Eleazer Miller
Victor Bicker	Gerardus Duyckinck	Benjamin Kissam	John B. Moore
Michaelis Bogert	Lawrence Embree	William Laight	John Morton
Abraham Brasher	Edward Fleming	John Lamb	Hercules Mulligan
Abraham Brinkerhoff	George Folliott	John Lasher	Lindley Murray
John Broom	Walter Franklin	Jacobus Lefferts	Daniel Phœnix
Samuel Broom	William W. Gilbert	Francis Lewis	Lewis Pintard
Thomas Buchannan	Peter Goelet	Leonard Lispenard	Jeremiah Platt
Joseph Bull	William Goforth	Peter V. B. Livingston	Thomas Randall
Lancaster Burling	Joseph Hallett	Philip Livingston	Robert Ray
Petrus Byvank	Benjamin Helme	Abraham P. Lott	John Read

Henry Remsen	Isaac Sears	John Van Cortlandt	Samuel Verplanck
Rudolphus Ritzema*	William Seton	Anthony Van Dam	Abraham Walton
Isaac Roosevelt	Richard Sharp	Augustus Van Horn	William Walton
Nicholas Roosevelt	Thomas Smith	Peter Van Schaack	John White
Comfort Sands	Oliver Templeton	Jacob Van Voorhees	Richard Yates
John Morin Scott	Joseph Totten	Jacobus Van Zandt	Hamilton Young

This Committee became, practically, the Committee of the City and County of New York. It was not, however, so directly subordinate to the Committee of Safety as were the County Committees in the other Counties; for it had under its charge the commercial interests of the largest sea-port in the Province.

The first work of the Committee was the disarming of all persons, known as "Non-Associates," who refused to help the cause of the Province as against the Crown. The documents contain several interesting Accounts relative to this stage of the contest. The Auditor-General, Peter T. Curtenius, in after years, made these comments in regard to two Claims:—

Claim of Manuel Josephson £7. 4 for arms taken from him by the Committee of the City and County of New York for not signing the Associa'n. I am acquainted with Mr. Josephson who I believe has always been a friend to his Country. He left this city a little before the evacuation in 1776 & removed with his Family to Phila & where he now resides. He ought to be paid.

John Richardson's Claim £54.18 for Armes taken from him by the Committee of the City & County of N. York for refusing to sign the Association. I was a member of the Committee at the time & Knew him to be an Inveterate Tory. He has twice applied to the Legislature for relief & failed. At one time the Committee to whom his petition was refer'd Reported Favorable, but the House did not agree with the Committee. Altho there is no law that Sequesters the property of non-associators who adhered to the enemies of this Country, I think in equity & good Conscience they ought all to be upon the same footing as those who were Enemies & had property sold by the Commis'rs Sequestra'n & therefore I think Richardson ought not to be compensated by the State.

In 1776, there was an account with the Committee of Association, by Henry Remsen and others, relative to Privateers. In the same year, the Committee took Cannon from private citizens, and removed them to KingsBridge. The Committee was given £1200 by the Provincial Congress, Mar. 13, 1776.

The following were Chairmen of THE COMMITTEE OF ORANGE COUNTY:— Peter Clows, Elihu Marvin, Roelof Van Houten. John Coe was Deputy Chairman. The names of none of the other Members of the Committee are given. On Mar. 13, 1776, the Committee was voted £200. by the Provincial Congress.

Daniel Mapes, under Sheriff and Keeper of Goshen Goal, having been ordered by the Committee to board certain Suspects, rendered a bill to the State of £35.6.3, from June 10 to Oct. 8, 1776. The bill was approved by the Auditor General July 8, 1777, and paid on the same date. The Committee, Aug. 29, 1777, approved a bill of £1.16.0 from Lieut. Resolvent Van Houten for himself, one Corporal and five Privates for bringing Prisoners to General Putnam. The bill was dated Aug. 4, 1777; and it was paid Sept. 20. The Pay Roll, Expenses and Subsistence of a Guard to prevent the escape of Prisoners from Goshen Goal (ordered by the Orange County Committee), amounting to \$89.8.3 in May, 1777, was approved by the Auditor General, Dec. 12, 1777; and paid on same date. Another bill of £14.6.6., for a like service, was approved by the

\* Erroneously printed "Rudolphus Ritzind" in all lists published hitherto.

Auditor General, May 1, 1777, and paid on that date. Joseph Wood, having been ordered by the Committee to supply a Guard for Tory Prisoners in Goshen, rendered a bill of £143.19.9 from May 1 to Oct. 12, 1777. The bill was approved by the Auditor General, Dec. 15, 1777; and paid on the same date.

A Bill of the Committee of Haverstraw against the State, for £18.2.6 for money paid by the Committee of Haverstraw to Ebenezer Wood, Goal Keeper, for provisions for certain prisoners was dated Feb. 1, 1778. The bill was audited and paid Mar. 6, 1778. The Committee of Orange County, in 1778, sold several parcels of Salt that was found, the property of Frederick Rhineland; also the effects of other Tories.

George Townsend was Chairman of THE COMMITTEE OF QUEENS COUNTY. John Talman was the sole Member, according to the records in this Office. The active work of the Committee, apparently, ended when the British took possession of New York City, and the vicinity, in 1776.

There is an account of George Townsend, Treasurer of Queens County for £1090.17.4, dated Aug. 9, 1776, for which he could send vouchers only for £24.15.10; which latter, he states under Oath, was paid "for provisions for the Guards stationed at Horse Neck and Matenincok Point and some other Incidental charges for Public use".

Sir

As the New Levies under my Command are ordered immediately to march to the West End of this Island & as their Bounty & Rations are absolutely necessary to this End — You'll therefore please to send by the Bearer hereof Thomas Jackson all the money in your hands which Convention have allowed for this purpose, his Receipt being your Discharge — Your compliance will Oblige your very humble serv't

John Sands, Col'l.

Cow Neck August 13, 1776

To George Townsend Esqr Chairman of the Committee of Queens County.

I Desire, Sir, you would Deliver the Money for the Bounty of Col Sands' Battalion agreeable to the within order — pr me

George Townsend Chairman

To Saml Townsend

The Provincial Congress, or Convention, May 9, 1777, ordered the State Treasurer to advance £200 to Queens County for the wages of the Deputies to the Congress from that County, "it being impracticable to assemble a County Committee therein".

There is no record of the Members of THE COMMITTEE OF RICHMOND COUNTY. The Provincial Congress, Mar. 13, 1776, voted £129. to the Committee; which amount, Apr. 3, was made a charge by the State against the County.

The only Members of THE COMMITTEE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, named in the documents, are these:—William Clark, Daniel Howell, Nathaniel Roe and George Smith. This Committee was voted £400 by the Provincial Congress, Mar. 13, 1776.

Huntington ye 10th June 1775

The State of New York Dr To Jacob Brush —

June	10th	to Going to New York on a Counte of Philip Youngs a Tempting to make money, by Order of Committee the sum of . . . . .	£ 2. 0. 0
July	12	to Going to fire Island to Carry one Saul and Putting him on Board of Capt. Rogers, by Order of Committee the sum of . . . . .	1. 0. 0

July 12 for Carting of Baggage to Brookland ferry for Capt John Whickes  
 Company under Coll. Josiah Smith by Order of the Committee  
 of Huntington, the sum of..... £ 2. 0. 0

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£ 5. 0. 0

State of New York to George Smith, William Clark & Nathl Roe appointed by the Committee of Suffolk County to procure Arms for the Use of the Army. For sundry Muskets taken by us & del'd to Col. H. B. Livingston for the use of his Regt as pr Deposition of the above named George Smith & apprais'd by us to the following Persons, vizt:—

1776			
May 16	Charles Tucker	1 Musket .....	£2.10. 0
do	David Smith	1 do .....	3. 5. 0
do	Nathaniel Davis	1 do .....	1. 0. 0
do	Desire Hawkins	2 do .....	2. 6. 0
do	Austin Roe	1 do .....	4. 0. 0
17	Azel Gerard	1 do .....	3. 0. 0
20	Daniel Roe	2 do .....	6.10. 0
do	Daniel Davis	1 do .....	3.15. 0
do	Jesse Roes	1 do .....	0.16. 0
23	William Smith	3 do .....	3.12. 0
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		14 Muskets	£30.14. 0

The above Deposition is inclos'd in Wm Floyds Acct audited 11th April 1785

The names of only three Members of THE COMMITTEE OF TRYON COUNTY are given in the documents; and each of the three was Chairman. They were:—John Frey, John Springer and William Wills. From another source it is learned that, on June 2, 1775, a meeting of the Committee of Safety from the several Districts of Tryon County was held, at which 42 members were present. Christopher P. Yates was chosen Chairman, and the Militia was at once organized. Samuel Kirkland, missionary to the Oneidas, used his influence with that tribe to remain neutral during the War. Gen. Nicholas Herkimer was a member of the Committee from the Canajoharie District, and its Chairman. The District Committees exercised many of the powers of local government.

In Provincial Congress New York Feby 15th 1776

Mr Moore moved in the words following:— I move for the loan of four hundred pounds out of the Treasury of this Congress to defray Accounts charged against the Committee of Tryon County for Expresses, service of Minute Men, on alarms & other necessary expences—the sum so lent to be secured by the Bond of Isaac Paris, Esqr, William Wills & myself to Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Esqr, as Treasurer of this Congress & charged to the Account of Tryon County. Whereupon it was resolved & Ordered 1st that the Treasurer of this Congress Pay to Messrs Isaac Paris, William Wills & John Moore the Sum of Four hundred Pounds New York Money, and that he take their joint & several obligation for the same in his own name, payable on demand. 2dly Resolved that the obligors do with all convenient speed produce to this Congress an Account of the Monies expended by the Committee of Tryon County with the proper Vouchers & that they shall have Credit on the said obligation for such expenditures as shall hereafter be adjudged by this Congress to be a proper charge against this Colony. & it is further Resolved that the said Obligors apply to the Commissioners for Indian Affairs for the payment of such expenditures as has been made by the Committee in their Department & pay the same to the Treasurer of this Congress in discharge of the said Obligation with all convenient speed.

Robt. Benson, Secr'y.

[The Congress voted another £400. to the Committee, Mar. 13, 1776.]

THE COMMITTEE OF ULSTER COUNTY consisted of the following:— Abel Belknap, David Belknap, Matys Blynjan, Robert Boyd, jr, (Chairman), Samuel Brewster, Hendrick Constable, Ephraim Depuy, Andries De Witt, jr., J. K. De Witt, Benjamin Deyo, Egbert Dumond, John Dumont, John Dunning, Coonraad C. Elmendorph, John A. Hardenbergh, Jacob Hasbrouck, Joseph Hasbrouck (Treasurer), Benjamin Huddebuk, Nathaniel Hull, Henry Jansen, Samuel King, William Lawrence, William Miller, Petrus Minderse, Thomas Palmer, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker (Chairman and Clerk), Johannis Sleght, Philip Swart, Philip Swartwout, Cornelius Tack, Jacobus Van Wageningen, Andrew Walker, James Wilkins, Dirck D. Wynkoop and William Young.

On Mar. 13, 1776, the Provincial Congress voted £360. to the Committee of Ulster County; and, on Apr. 15, 1777, £600. to pay for Stockings and Blankets. The more important transactions of the Committee in 1776, were as follows:— Apr. 19, £2.18.0 to Capt. Jacobus Roosa for Conveying Roger Barton, a Prisoner, from New Hurley to Capt. John Nicholson's at Murderer's Creek, by order of the Committee, with a Guard composed of a Captain, and Ensign, one Sergeant and five Privates; July 4, £2.6.0 to Johannis A. Hardenbergh for conveying Cadwallader Colden, jr., with a Guard of one Lieutenant and two Privates, to the Ulster County Goal, and for the care of Colden one night; Oct. 6, £4.11.6 to Charles Guyles for boarding Frederick Bender, a Prisoner, for 61 days; Oct. 25, £2. to Elias Hasbrouck for fetching Powder from John Livingston's Magazine; same date, £0.4.6 to Johannes Hardenbergh, jr., for freight on four cwt. of Lead and 200 Flints; Oct. 25, £9.11.6 to Wm Eltinge for repairing the Goals, by order of the Committee; Oct. 25, £3.3.0 to Jacobus Post, Isaac Post and John Person for scouting in the woods; Oct. 25, £1.2.0 to Cornelius C. Schoonmaker for going express with letters from the Chairman of the County Committee to Rochester and Marbletown, and for waiting upon Col. Johannes Hardenburgh to receive the public monies of the County; Oct. 26, £12. 1. 7 1/2 to Egbert Roosa for repairing the County Prison; Oct. 26, £3.15.0 to Philip Swart for self and four men to New Windsor to fetch the Powder for the Regiments of Colonels Snyder and Pawling.

In 1777, Henry Sleght "rode" various loads of Salt and Salt Petre, for which he was paid, June 20, 1781. The Committee of Safety, Feb. 1, 1777, gave the control of the Prisoners in the Kingston Goal to the Kingston Committee, the expense to be paid by the State. The courthouse, at Kingston, was repaired by the Ulster County Committee.

On May 29, 1777, the State paid a bill of the Committee of Newburgh Precinct, Dated July 14, 1776, for 186 3/4 pounds of Lead delivered to Col Hasbrouck's regiment at Ft. Montgomery. The Committee of Ulster County, July 2, 1777, ordered to be paid a bill of £13.2.0 by Johannis Osterhout and Nicholas the Indian for going to the Indian Towns. The bill was dated June 10, 1777. The State of New York paid, July 10, 1777, £2.18.0 to Capt Jacob Hasbrouck, jr., for guarding and conveying Prisoners to the Ships in the Hudson River, by order of the Committee of Ulster County. The Committee was notified, by the Council of Safety, of the Embargo on the Export of Wheat and Flour, Dec. 1, 1777. On Dec. 17, George Dennison advanced £112, Continental, to the Committee of New Windsor for the Distressed. The State, June 17, 1778, paid £95.3.6 to refund the Committee of Marbletown for removing Tory families to New Windsor, on Dec. 16, 1777.

1777 County Debet Aan Gerrit Van Keuren	
Feb'y 1. Aan 2 hengsells in Deume Wege 38.15 per pont . . . . .	£ 2. 7.6
Aan 16 Spikers Wege 8 pont. . . . .	0.10.0
Aan 2 hengsells in Deume Wege 35 pont . . . . .	2. 3.9
Aan 13 Spikers Wege 5 pont. . . . .	0. 6.3
Aan 2 hengsells in Deume Spikers in 6 Grendells in Cramme Wege 96..	6. 0.0
Aan 2 hengsells in Deume in Spikers in Overvall in Bont Wege 54 pont..	3. 7.6
Aan 2 Earche Wege 17 pont . . . . .	1. 1.3
Aan Cram in een Ring . . . . .	0. 3.0

[Audited by the Committee Mar. 26, 1777; and paid Apr. 9, 1777.] £15.19.3

Sales of Lady Johnson's Goods, who went unto the Enemy from Walkill in Ulster County. Sold by order of the Committee of Hanover March 5, 1777.

Sold Johannis Robinson 1 feather Bed . . . . .	£ 17. 0.0
Do Wm Bodine 1 Bed bolster & pillows. . . . .	14.15.0
Do Thos Bradin 1 Coverlid . . . . .	4. 6.0
Do Joseph Montgomery 1 blanket . . . . .	2. 0.0
Do Johannis Robinson 1 Rug . . . . .	3.10.0
Do John Elliott 1 Slay . . . . .	7. 2.0

£48.13.0

Expences

pd John Hunter as pr bill . . . . .	£1.13.2 3/4	
Charges of Vendue . . . . .	2. 4.0	
Expences 1 Day to settle the acct & pay the money ..	1. 4.0	5. 1.2 3/4

£43.11.9 1/4

Will<sup>m</sup> Young Chairman

Abram Guion, Ezekiel Hawley, Abraham Legget (Chairman), William Miller and Ebenezer Ward (Chairman) were the members of THE COMMITTEE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY. The Committee raised a company for Capt. Jonathan Horton. On Mar. 13, 1776, the Committee was given £460 by the Provincial Congress.

New York June 4th 1776

The Provincial Congress — Dr —

To Joseph Youngs Lieut in the third Rigmnt of Yonkers Commanded by Col. Ritzema— For 11 Days expences Going to Westchester County to Collect Arms Taken From Tories and bringing them to New York at 6/6 pr. Day. . . . . £ 3.11.6

I hereby certify that agreeable to an Order of Congress dated ye 21st of May last I sent Lieut Joseph Youngs to Westchester County for the purpose of collecting Arms from the different Committees in the said County & that he was absent eleven Days in that service. The Arms he collected were given in to Mr Curtenius amounting to one hundred & Six, but none have come to the use of the Regmt

R. Ritzema

[This bill was audited June 25th, 1776; and paid by the State, June 29, 1776]

1776 22d Octr I hereby certify that by a Press Warr<sup>t</sup> from the Committee of Safety of West Chester County I took Capt. Alexr Ritchie's Pettiauger to convey 32 Prisoners from Peekskill to Fishkill & also the Guard 22 in Number. That Capt<sup>n</sup> Ritchie did convey the Guard & Prisoners within a few Miles from Fishkill & was then ordered to land as the Wind blew so hard ahead that it was thought most prudent to land.

Micah Townsend, Capt<sup>n</sup>

In 1777 the Westchester County Committee was refunded £11.4.0. by the Commissioners of Conspiracies, advanced for the expense of taking Prisoners from Westchester County to Poughkeepsie. A sale was held, Jan. 24, 1777, of the property of certain Prisoners who had deserted their parole. The sale was in charge of the Committee of Bedford, by order of the Convention; and the total was £81.8.6. The Committee of Safety, Feb. 25, 1777, ordered £21.2.6 paid to Jeremiah Fowler; and £3.10.9 to John Drake, for repairing the Goal in Westchester County; and those amounts were paid, by the State, Feb. 26, 1777. On Sept. 9, 1777, the Westchester County Committee made "An Account of Sales of Sundry Articles taken from the Disaffected Persons in Westchester County by the Guards raised by this Committee". The sales were of Provisions, Guns, and Cattle; and they amounted to £252.15.6. The Auditor-General, Mar. 4, 1778, audited an account of £82.2.8 by the Committee of Bedford, for keeping sundry Prisoners ordered there by a Committee of the Convention. On Sept. 18, 1778, the State paid a bill of £6.16.0, the balance of a bill of £10.8.0 (the remainder, £3.12.0, having been paid by the Westchester County Committee) sent in, Sept. 15, 1778, by Lodowick Light for services in taking several Prisoners from the Goal at White Plains to the Goal at Kingston.

(See "Bounties"; "The Poor who came out of New York City"; and the Special Committee for Westchester County, in the Chapter on "Commissioners of Sequestration").

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## THE COUNCILS OF SAFETY

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THE FIRST COUNCIL OF SAFETY was appointed by the Convention, or the Fourth Provincial Congress, May 3, 1777, to form a Temporary Government until a Governor should be elected and the Legislature should meet. It held office from May 14 to Sept. 10, 1777. The Officers and Members of the Council were these:—

President — Pierre Van Cortlandt  
 Secretaries — Robert Benson and John McKesson  
 Chaplain, Rev. John Rodgers  
 Members

Matthew Cantine	John Sloss Hobart	Zephaniah Platt	Thomas Tredwell
Jacob Cuyler*	John Jay	John Morin Scott*	Pierre Van Cortlandt
Charles DeWitt	Robert R. Livingston*	Christopher Tappen	Abraham Yates, jr.*
Robert Harpur*	Gouverneur Morris*	Jonathan G. Tompkins*	

The Convention, May 3, 1777, Resolved that the Members of the Council of Safety should be paid 20/— for each day of actual Service; and the Council, Sept. 9, 1777, ordered the Treasurer of the State to pay, as above, on the certification of either of the Secretaries of the Council. In accordance with this, the Secretaries certified numerous Accounts for money due

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\* Does not appear in the documents as a Member

to President Pierre Van Cortlandt and to the several Members of the Council, all of which were paid and received for. The following is one of the Accounts:—

State of New York, Kingston, August 21<sup>st</sup> 1777

It is hereby certified that Thomas Tredwell Esq<sup>r</sup> hath attended The Council of Safety of this State, as a member thereof, fifty-two days commencing the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June last & ending the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant travelling Days are included in the above Account—

Attest. Rob't Benson Secr'y.

Pierre Van Cortlandt, Prest.

Recd August 21<sup>st</sup> 1777 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker fifty two pounds in full for my Services as above  
Thomas Tredwell  
 £52

The first act of the Council of Safety, as recorded in the documents, was, May 9, 1777, to order Capt. Charles Spraigner to produce his accounts against the Brig "Mary". Among the bills paid by the Council were these:—

1777 May 13<sup>th</sup>—The State of New York..... Dr—

To Collo. Jacob Hoornbeck for executing Jacobus Rosa and Jacob Medeagh	£ 4. 0. 0
To Disguising the Hangman and other Necessaries . . . . .	3. 0. 0
To 2 Coffins . . . . .	1. 0. 0
To paid to persons to Bury the above Criminals . . . . .	1. 0. 0
To John McKneel for Erecting the Gallows &c . . . . .	0. 16. 0
To Jacobus Louw for Disguising the Hangman and other Necessaries . . . . .	2. 0. 6
To money Expended for Collo. Hoornbeck for himself & Egbert Dumond in attending said Execution . . . . .	2. 0. 6
	£ 11. 16. 6

The above account is just and true . . . . . £ 11. 16. 6  
By me, Jacob Hoornbeck.

In Council of Safety &c. Sept<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>, 1777— ordered that the above Acct. be referred to the Auditor Gen'l & that he audit the same for payment—  
Rob't Benson, Secr'y

[This account was audited and paid, Sept. 3, 1777]

The State of New York to Comfort Sands, Dr—

To my Salary as Auditor General from the 24 April to the 24 July 1777 is 3 months at £300 p. Annum . . . . . £75. 0. 0

In Council of Safety for the State of New York, Augt. 27<sup>th</sup> 1777

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State pay unto Comfort Sands, Esq<sup>r</sup>, the sum of Seventy Five Pounds for his salary as Auditor Gen'l of this State from the 24<sup>th</sup> of April last to the 24<sup>th</sup> of July last £75. Attest Rob't Benson, Secr'y

By Order, Pierre Van Cortlandt  
 Prest.

Received July 27, 1777, of Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esq<sup>r</sup> by the hands of Gerard Bancker Seventy Five Pounds in full of the within Acct.  
Comfort Sands  
 £ 75. 0. 0.

The most important transactions of the First Council of Safety were these:—June 7, 1777, Col. Peter R. Livingston was voted £4000. to purchase Salt in the Eastern States for use in this State; June 10, Peter Cantine was allowed £300. for the Commissioners of Conspiracies; June 27, Obadiah Jones, John Hulbart and Thomas Dering were given £100. to remove from Connecticut to Dutchess County some of the families, who had fled from Long Island to Connecticut, in 1776 (see "The Refugees from Long Island"); July 3, Samuel Ogden was paid a balance of £68.

for Hemp Seed; July 30, one half Pay was ordered to be paid to Thomas Done, an Invalid Soldier; July 31, Governor Clinton was authorized to draw £3000 "for present exigencies"; same date, it was resolved that the Exempts of Col. Allison's Regiment should raise money; Aug. 1, Zephaniah Platt and Charles DeWitt were appointed a Committee to write to Col. Livingston as to the places in this State, to which Salt should be conveyed; Aug. 9, the inhabitants of the Counties of Albany and Tryon were asked to assist the Refugees who were among them; Aug. 13, it was ordered that the Accounts for the removal of the British Prisoners from Connecticut should be audited; Aug. 18 and Sept. 5, it was ordered that money be paid to Cornelius C. El-mendorph, Commissary of the Fleet Prison; Aug. 27 and Sept. 1, Resolutions relating to the Fleet Prison were passed; Sept. 1, it was ordered that \$100. be paid to Abraham Keater, Ser-jeant of a Detachment of Light Horse in Ulster County; Sept. 5, Rev. John Rodgers was paid £180. for his services as Chaplain to the Council, and for the expenses of removing his family to Kingston; Sept. 9, the Auditor-General was directed to charge to the United States the Pork and Provisions spared to the Commissary General of the Continental Army; same date, the Mem-bers of the Council voted themselves 20/—per day.

It was officially stated, Dec. 5, 1777, that the First Council of Safety expired on Sept. 10, previous. That was the date of the first meeting of the newly-created Legislature, at Kingston. The near approach of the Enemy caused the Legislature to adjourn in haste; but before doing so, Oct. 7, a Second Council of Safety was appointed with powers similar to those delegated to the First Council. THE SECOND COUNCIL OF SAFETY continued the prosecution of the War; and its duties were more complicated as the War advanced, although it was in office only from Oct. 8 to Jan. 7, 1778. The sessions were held, in turn, at Kingston, Hurley and Poughkeepsie. The Second Council, proper, contained thirteen members; but all of the Senators, Members of Assembly and Delegates from New York in the Continental Congress, were members ex-officio, and entitled to vote.

The Second Council of Safety consisted of these Officers and Members:—  
 President, Pro tem — Evert Bancker  
 Secretaries — Robert Benson and John McKesson  
 Members

Evert Bancker*	Robert Harpur*	John Morin Scott*	Alexander Webster*
Egbert Benson	Jonathan Landon*	Johannes Snyder*	William B. Whiting*
Daniel Dunscomb*	Levi Pawling*	Peter Pra Van Zandt*	Abraham Yates, jr.*
William Floyd			

It will be noted that Robert Harpur, John Morin Scott, and Abraham Yates, jr. were mem-bers of both Councils. The original documents in this Office show that Ebenezer Clark, Samuel Clyde, John Rowan and Cornelius C. Schoonmaker were Members, probably of the Second Council; but their names have not appeared as Members in any records published hitherto.

The chief transactions of the Second Council, during its brief existence, were these:— the Public Records were ordered to be removed from Kingston to Rochester, which was done and £15. was paid therefor on Oct. 12, 1777; Nov. 7, directions were given as to the movements

\* Does not appear in the documents as a Member

and pay of a Guard which conveyed Prisoners to Albany; same date, an account of expenses for conveying Prisoners was audited; Nov. 27, the sale of Thomas Barclay's property was ordered; Dec. 4, it was resolved that Victor Bicker, jr., be nominated for a Lieutenant of Marines for the ship "Congress", and he was directed to enlist 30 Marines for the same; Dec. 13, the Resolution of the First Council, of May 3, relative to Pay was amended so that Members of the Second Council, living at a distance and remaining over, should receive Pay for Sundays; Dec. 31, payment was made for the Great Seal of the State.

The Councils of Safety also carried on the work of supplying the Soldiers with Shoes and Stockings. For other references to the work of the Councils, consult the Chapters on "Clothing"; "British Prisoners of War"; "The Poor who came out of New York City"; and "The Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut".

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### The New Haven Convention

George Smart presented a bill of £8.2.8 for riding with letters from the Council of Safety to Peter T. Curtenius and William Denning requesting their attendance at the Council to receive instructions as Commissioners to the Convention about to meet in New Haven "to regulate the prices of labor &c." The bill was dated in January 1778; and paid in July 1778. The other Commissioners were Comfort Sands and William Floyd. The law of April 4, 1778 stated that the Convention was held in January and February of that year, and appropriated £30 to each of the four Commissioners for his expenses. On the same date, Mr. Sands signed a receipt for his pay. Mr. Denning received £14.15.6, August 16, 1784.

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## THE LEGISLATURES

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The Constitution of 1777 created a Senate of 24 Members, or six each from four Districts, the Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western. For some reason, the Eastern District was at once deprived of three of its Senators; and they were added to the Southern District, which had nine. The Eastern District comprised the Counties of Charlotte, Cumberland and Gloucester; the Middle, the Counties of Dutchess, Orange and Ulster; the Southern, the Counties of Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Suffolk and Westchester; the Western, the Counties of Albany and Tryon.

The Assembly, by the same Constitution, consisted of 70 members, with an increase of one for every one-seventieth increase of the electors until the number 300 was reached. The first Apportionment, Apr. 20, 1777, gave this ratio:—Albany, 10; Charlotte, 4; Cumberland, 3; Dutchess, 7; Gloucester, 2; Kings, 2; New York, 9; Orange, 4; Queens, 4; Richmond, 2; Suffolk, 5; Tryon, 6; Ulster, 6; Westchester, 6.

There is no record of the Salaries that were paid to the Officers of either House; except that the Clerk of the Assembly was paid 20/— per day, 1778–1780. It is recorded that the Pay of the

Members of Assembly was 40/—per day, from Oct. 13 to Nov. 4, 1778. The Members of the Legislature were often paid in wheat or flour:

For Value received, deliver to the Order of Matthew Adgate Esqr. being for his Attendance in the Legislature, Seventy two and two thirds Bushels of the State Wheat, now in your Possession, or an Equivalent in Flour, reckoning two Bushels and an Half of the Former, equal to a Hundred Weight of the Latter, and charge the same to

72 2/3 Bus.

Your most obedient Servant,

Poughkeepsie, April 15th 1782

Udney Hay State Agent.

Wm. B. Whiting Kings District.

[Indorsement] Recd. Kings District 25th May 1782 of Wm. B. Whiting the fu'll Contents of the within Order.

Mat. Adgate.

Account of Wheat Delivered to different Members of the Legislature By virtue of an Act passed the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1782 and agreeable to the 10<sup>th</sup> Section of an Act passed the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1782 —

	Wheat Bushels
Matthew Adgate .....	127
Moses Younglove .....	67
Peter Vrooman .....	119
Abraham Yates, Jr [Senator] .....	162
Ichabod Parker .....	75
Dirck Swart .....	72
John Van Rensselaer .....	116
Henry Quackenbush .....	42
Matthew McWhorter .....	115

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The documents are very deficient in regard to the transactions of the Six Legislatures that were in session from 1777 to 1783, inclusive. The most important of the transactions were these: — Feb. 21, 1778, David Currie was directed to act as a Sutler to the Troops of this State; Apr.— the public records were removed from Wawarsing 15 miles to Marbletown, Ulster County; July — the records were removed from Marbletown to the Strand, and afterward to Poughkeepsie; July 8, Henry Wisner, jr., was paid for Salt Petre; June 17, 1780, the Commissary of Clothing was directed to make purchases in other States; Apr. 13, 1782, the Auditor of the State was instructed as to the settlement of Accounts with the United States; Mar. 26, 1782, Concurrent Resolutions were passed relative to a settlement with Udney Hay, the State Agent, and also relative to Property taken by Confiscation.

In the following lists of the Members of the Six Legislatures which sat from 1777 to the close of the War, care has been taken to compare all previously published lists with the signatures as shown by the documents in this Office, and to make numerous corrections.

## First Session

THE SENATE — At Kingston, Sept. 9–Oct. 7, 1777; at Poughkeepsie, Jan. 15–Apr. 4, and June 22–30, 1778.

President — Pierre Van Cortlandt

Clerk — Robert Benson (also Clerk of the five succeeding Senates)

Sergeant-at-Arms — Stephen Hendrickson

Door-keeper — Victor Bicker

<i>Eastern District</i>	Levi Pawling	Jonathan Laurence	<i>Western District</i>
William Duer*	Zephaniah Platt	Philip Livingston, jr.*	Jelles Fonda
Alexander Webster	Henry Wisner	Lewis Morris	Reynier Mynderse
John Williams	Jesse Woodhull	Richard Morris	Isaac Paris*
		Isaac Roosevelt	Dirck Ten Broeck
<i>Middle District</i>	<i>Southern District</i>	John Morin Scott	Anthony Van Schaick
Jonathan Landon	William Floyd	William Smith	Abraham Yates, jr.
Arthur Parks	John Jones*	Pierre Van Cortlandt	

The Senators from the Southern District were appointed by the Convention, May 8, 1777. Richard Morris was appointed by the Assembly, Mar. 4, 1778, in place of John Jones. Pierre Van Cortlandt was chosen Lieutenant-Governor, in 1777; and, as such, he presided over the succeeding Senates, till 1795.

THE ASSEMBLY — At Kingston, Sept. 1–Oct. 1, 1777; at Poughkeepsie, Jan. 5–Apr. 4, and June 22–30, 1778.

Speaker — Walter Livingston

Clerk — John M<sup>c</sup>Kesson (also Clerk of the five succeeding Assemblies)

<i>Albany</i>	Anthony Hoffman	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Tryon</i>
Jacob Cuyler**	Gilbert Livingston	Jeremiah Clark	Samuel Clyde
John Cuyler	Andrew Morehouse	John Hathorn	Michael Itdick
James Gordon	John Schenck**	Tunis Kuyper**	Jacob G. Klock
Walter Livingston	Jacobus Swartwout	Roelef Van Houten	Jacob Snell**
Stephen J. Schuyler	<i>Gloucester</i>		Abraham Van Horne
John Tayler**	(No returns)	<i>Queens</i>	Johannes Veeder
Killian Van Rensselaer	<i>Kings</i>	Benjamin Birdsall	<i>Ulster</i>
Robert Van Rensselaer	William Boerum	Benjamin Coe	John Cantine
Peter Vroman	Henry Williams	Philip Edsall	Johannis G. Hardenburgh
William B. Whiting	<i>New York</i>	Daniel Lawrence	Matthew Rea
<i>Charlotte</i>	Evert Bancker	<i>Richmond</i>	Cornelius C. Schoonmaker
John Barns	John Berrien	Abraham Jones**	Johannes Snyder
Ebenezer Clark	Abraham Brasher	Joshua Merserau	Henry Wisner, jr.
John Rowan	Daniel Dunscomb	<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>Westchester</i>
Ebenezer Russell	Robert Harpur	David Gelston	Thaddeus Crane
<i>Cumberland</i>	Frederick Jay	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Samuel Drake
(No returns)	Abraham P. Lott	Burnet Miller	Robert Graham
<i>Dutchess</i>	Henry Rutgers**	Thomas Tredwell	Israel Honeywell, jr.
Egbert Benson	Jacobus Van Zandt	Thomas Wickes	Zebediah Mills
Dirck Brinckerhoff	Peter Pra. Van Zandt		Gouverneur Morris

Among the Members from Tryon County, the name of Michael Itdick has usually been spelled Edic; and that of Johannes Veeder, Vedder. The correct spelling has been proved by their respective signatures in these documents, with the result of settling many questions in the Veeder-Vedder families.

\* Does not appear in the documents as a Senator

\*\* Does not appear in the documents as an Assemblyman

## Second Session

THE SENATE — At Poughkeepsie, Oct. 13–Nov. 6, 1778, and Jan. 27–Mar. 17, 1779

<i>Eastern District</i>	Zephaniah Platt	Jonathan Laurence	<i>Western District</i>
Ebenezer Russell	Henry Wisner	Richard Morris	Reynier Mynderse
<i>Middle District</i>	Jesse Woodhull	Isaac Roosevelt	Jacob G. Klock
Jonathan Landon	<i>Southern District</i>	John Morin Scott	Dirck Ten Broeck
Arthur Parks	William Floyd	William Smith	Anthony Van Schaick
Levi Pawling	Sir James Jay*	Isaac Stoutenburgh	Abraham Yates, jr.

In some of the lists previously published, the name of Sir James Jay, Knight, appears. The "Knight" should be dropped, as it is evidently a title. He was appointed by the Assembly, Oct. 7, 1778, in place of Philip Livingston, jr., deceased. Isaac Stoutenburgh was appointed, Oct. 13, 1778, in place of Pierre Van Cortlandt, advanced to the office of Lieutenant-Governor.

THE ASSEMBLY — At Poughkeepsie, Oct. 13–Nov. 6, 1778, and Jan. 28–Mar. 16, 1779.  
Speaker — Walter Livingston

<i>Albany</i>	Dirck Brinckerhoff	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Tryon</i>
Leonard Gansevoort	Joseph Crane, jr.**	Jeremiah Clark	George Henry Bell
James Gordon	Samuel Dodge	Benjamin Coe	John Nukerk
Walter Livingston**	Anthony Hoffman	John Coe	Abraham Van Horne
Stephen J. Schuyler	Andrew Morehouse	Peter Ogilvie**	Peter Waggoner, jr.
John Tayler**	Jacobus Swartwout	Roelef Van Houten	Moses Younglove
Jacobus Teller	<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>Queens</i>	<i>Ulster</i>
Killian Van Rensselaer	(No returns)	Benjamin Birdsall	Andrew Bevier
Robert Van Rensselaer	<i>Kings</i>	Benjamin Coe	Matthew Rea
Peter Vroman	William Boerum	Daniel Lawrence	Cornelius C. Schoonmaker
William B. Whiting	Henry Williams	<i>Richmond</i>	Nathan Smith
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>New York</i>	(No returns)	Johannes Snyder
Albert Baker	Evert Bancker	<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>Westchester</i>
Ebenezer Clark	John Berrien	David Gelston	Joseph Benedict†
David Hopkins	Abraham Brasher	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Thaddeus Crane
Elishama Tozer	Daniel Dunscomb	Burnet Miller	Israel Honeywell, jr.
<i>Cumberland</i>	Robert Harpur	Thomas Tredwell	Ebenezer Lockwood
(No returns)	Frederick Jay	Thomas Wickes	Zebediah Mills
<i>Dutchess</i>	Abraham P. Lott		Stephen Ward**
Egbert Benson			

In Charlotte County, the name of Elishama Tozer is attested by the signature of that Member. The name of Elisha B. Towner has usually appeared, hitherto. Mr. Tozer was a Member of the Third Senate.

## Third Session

THE SENATE — At Kingston, Aug. 24–Oct. 25, 1779; at Albany, Jan. 27–Mar. 14, 1780; at Kingston, Apr. 22–July 2, 1780.

<i>Eastern District</i>	Zephaniah Platt	Lewis Morris	<i>Western District</i>
Elishama Tozer	Henry Wisner	Richard Morris	Jelles Fonda
Alexander Webster	Jesse Woodhull	Isaac Roosevelt	Jacob G. Klock
<i>Middle District</i>	<i>Southern District</i>	John Morin Scott	Reynier Mynderse
Ephraim Paine	William Floyd	William Smith	Abraham Ten Broeck
Arthur Parks	Sir James Jay*	Isaac Stoutenburgh	Anthony Van Schaick
Levi Pawling	Jonathan Laurence	Stephen Ward	Abraham Yates, jr.

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\*\* Does not appear in the documents as an Assemblyman

Lewis Morris was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Oct. 23, 1779; and Stephen Ward was appointed to Morris' place in the Senate, Feb. 15, 1780.

THE ASSEMBLY — At Kingston, Aug. 18–Oct. 25, 1779; at Albany, Jan. 27–Mar. 14, 1780; at Kingston, Apr. 22–July 2, 1780.

Speaker — Evert Bancker (also Speaker of the three Succeeding Assemblies)

<i>Albany</i>	Dirck Brinckerhoff	<i>Orange</i>	Peter S. Deygart
Flores Bancker	Annaiias Cooper	John Coe	Frederick Fox
John Bay	Samuel Dodge	John Hathorn	Jacob Gardineer
James Gordon	Henry Ludenton	Thomas Moffat	Melkert V. n Deusen
Cornelius Humfrey	Brinton Paine	Bezaleel Seely, jr.	Peter Waggoner, jr.
Hugh Mitchell	Nathaniel Sackett		
Henry Oothoudt		<i>Queens</i>	<i>Ulster</i>
Henry Quackenboss	<i>Gloucester</i>	Benjamin Birdsall	Robert Boyd, jr.
Isaac Vrooman	(No returns)	Benjamin Coe	John Cantine
Phinehas Whiteside	<i>Kings</i>	Philip Edsall	Johannis G. Hardenburgh
William B. Whiting	William Boerum	Daniel Lawrence	Thomas Palmer
<i>Charlotte</i>	Henry Williams	<i>Richmond</i>	Cornelius C. Schoonmaker
Albert Baker		Joshua Mersereau	Nathan Smith
John Grover	<i>New York</i>		
David Hopkins	Evert Bancker	<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>Westchester</i>
Noah Payn	John Berrien	David Gelston	Samuel Drake
<i>Cumberland</i>	Abraham Brasher	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Abijah Gilbert
Elkanah Day	Daniel Dunscomb	Burnet Miller	Zebediah Mills
John Sessions**	Robert Harpur	Thomas Tredwell	William Paulding
Micah Townsend	Frederick Jay	Thomas Wickes	Philip Pell, jr.
<i>Dutchess</i>	Abraham P. Lott		Ebenezer Purdy
Egbert Benson	Jacobus Van Zandt	<i>Troy</i>	
	Peter Pra. Van Zandt	Abraham Copeman	

#### Fourth Session

THE SENATE — At Poughkeepsie, Sept. 7–Oct. 10, 1780; at Albany, Jan. 17–Mar. 31, 1781; at Poughkeepsie, June 15–July 1, 1781

<i>Eastern District</i>	Zephaniah Platt	Lewis Morris	<i>Western District</i>
Ebenezer Russell	Henry Wisner	Isaac Roosevelt	Jelles Fonda
Alexander Webster	Jesse Woodhull	John Morin Scott	Jacob G. Klock
<i>Middle District</i>	<i>Southern District</i>	William Smith	Reynier Mynderse
Ephraim Paine	William Floyd	Isaac Stoutenburgh	Philip Schuyler
Arthur Parks	Sir James Jay*	Stephen Ward	Abraham Ten Broeck
Levi Pawling	Jonathan Laurence		Abraham Yates, jr.

THE ASSEMBLY — At Poughkeepsie, Sept. 7–Oct. 10, 1780; at Albany, Jan. 17–Mar. 31, 1781; at Poughkeepsie, June 18–July 1, 1781.

<i>Albany</i>	John Tayler**	Matthew McWhorter	Ebenezer Cary
Matthew Adgate	John Van Rensselaer, jr.	Ichabod Parker	Samuel Dodge
John Jacob Beckman	Robert Van Rensselaer		Henry Ludenton
James Gordon	Isaac Vrooman	<i>Cumberland</i>	Brinton Paine
John Lansing, jr.		(No returns)	Guysbert Schenck
Peter R. Livingston	<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>Dutchess</i>	Jacobus Swartwout
Dirck Swart	David Hopkins	Egbert Benson	
	Hamilton McCollister		

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\*\* Does not appear in the documents as an Assemblyman

<i>Kings</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>Ulster</i>
William Boerum	Jeremiah Clark	David Gelston	Robert Boyd, jr.
Henry Williams	David Pye	Ezra L'Hommedieu	John Cantine
<i>New York</i>	Bezaleel Seely, jr.	Burnet Miller	Cornelius C. Schoonmaker
Evert Bancker	John Stagg	Thomas Tredwell	Dirck Wynkoop
John Berrien	<i>Queens</i>	Thomas Wickes	
Abraham Brasher	Benjamin Birdsall	<i>Tryon</i>	<i>Westchester</i>
Daniel Dunscomb	Benjamin Coe	Zephaniah Bacheler	Samuel Drake
Robert Harpur	Philip Edsall	Jacob Gardineer	Philip Pell, jr.
Frederick Jay	Daniel Lawrence	Abraham Garrison	Nathan Rockwell
Abraham P. Lott		John Moore	Joseph Strang
Jacobus Van Zandt	<i>Richmond</i>	Abraham Van Horne	Thomas Thomas
Peter Pra. Van Zandt	Joshua Mersereau	Peter Waggoner, jr.	Jonathan G. Tompkins

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### Fifth Session

THE SENATE — At Poughkeepsie, Oct. 10–Nov. 3, 1781, and Feb. 23–Apr. 14, 1782.

<i>Eastern District</i>	Levi Pawling	Jonathan Laurence	<i>Western District</i>
Alexander Webster	Zephaniah Platt	Isaac Roosevelt	Jacob G. Klock
	Henry Wisner	John Morin Scott	Henry Oothoudt
<i>Middle District</i>	<i>Southern District</i>	William Smith	Philip Schuyler
John Haring	William Floyd	Isaac Stoutenburgh	Abraham Ten Broeck
Thomas Palmer	Sir James Jay*	Stephen Ward	William B. Whiting
Arthur Parks			Abraham Yates, jr.

During this session, the seat of Sir James Jay was declared vacant because he was a Prisoner of War.

THE ASSEMBLY — At Poughkeepsie, Oct. 24–Nov. 23, 1781, and Feb. 21–Apr. 14, 1782.

<i>Albany</i>	Cornelius Humfrey	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Tryon</i>
Matthew Adgate	Ebenezer Husted	Jeremiah Clark	Zephaniah Bacheler
Jacob Ford	Abraham Paine	John Hathorn	Abraham Garrison
Philip Frisbie	Thomas Storm	John Stagg	William Harper
John Lansing, jr.	Jacobus Swartwout	John Suffern	Isaac Merselis**
George Palmer	<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>Queens</i>	John Moore
Dirck Swart	(No returns)	Benjamin Birdsall	William Petrie
Samuel Ten Broeck	<i>Kings</i>	Benjamin Coe	<i>Ulster</i>
Israel Thompson	William Boerum	Philip Edsall	Johannis Bruyn
Isaac Vrooman	Henry Williams	Daniel Lawrence	Charles DeWitt
Edmund Wells**		Nathaniel Tom**	Johannis G. Hardenburgh
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	Abraham Hasbrouck
David Hopkins	Evert Bancker	Joshua Mersereau	James Hunter
Hamilton McCollister	John Berrien	<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>Westchester</i>
Matthew McWhorter	Abraham Brasher	David Gelston	Nathaniel Delavan
John Williams	Daniel Dunscomb	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Abijah Gilbert
<i>Cumberland</i>	Robert Harpur	Burnet Miller	Zebediah Mills
(No returns)	Frederick Jay	Thomas Treadwell	Nathan Rockwell
<i>Dutchess</i>	Abraham P. Lott	Thomas Wickes	Thomas Thomas
Dirck Brinckerhoff	Jacobus Van Zandt		Jonathan G. Tompkins
Jonathan Dennis	Peter Pra. Van Zandt		

Nathaniel Tom, of Queens County, was appointed by the Senate, Oct. 31, in place of Philip Edsall, resigned.

\* Does not appear in the documents as a Senator

\*\* Does not appear in the documents as an Assemblyman

## Sixth Session

THE SENATE — At Poughkeepsie, July 8–25, 1782; at Kingston, Jan. 27–Mar. 27, 1783.

<i>Eastern District</i>	Ephraim Paine	William Floyd	<i>Western District</i>
Alexander Webster	Thomas Palmer	Jonathan Laurence	Jacob G. Klock
John Williams	Arthur Parks	Isaac Roosevelt	Henry Oothoudt
	Zephaniah Platt	William Smith	Philip Schuyler
<i>Middle District</i>		Isaac Stoutenburgh	Abraham Ten Broeck
William Allison	<i>Southern District</i>	Stephen Ward	William B. Whiting
John Haring	James Duane		Abraham Yates, jr.

James Duane was appointed by the Assembly, July 22, 1782, in place of Sir James Jay, a Prisoner of War. Ephraim Paine, who was expelled from the Fourth Senate for neglect of duty, Mar. 15, 1781, was appointed to the Sixth Senate in place of Levi Pawling, deceased.

THE ASSEMBLY — At Poughkeepsie, July 11–25, 1782; at Kingston, Jan. 27–Mar. 23, 1783.

<i>Albany</i>	Cornelius Humfrey	<i>Orange</i>	Andrew Finck, jr.
Matthew Adgate	Ebenezer Husted	Jeremiah Clark	Frederick Fisher**
John H. Beeckman	Matthew Patterson	Gilbert Cooper	John Frey**
John Jac. Beeckman	Thomas Storm	John Hathorn	Christian Nellis**
Jacob Ford	Jacobus Swartwout	John Stagg	William Petrie
John Lansing, jr.	<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>Queens</i>	<i>Ulster</i>
Dirck Swart	(No returns)	Benjamin Birdsall	Johannis Bruyn
Samuel Ten Broeck	<i>Kings</i>	Benjamin Coe	Charles DeWitt
Peter Van Ness	William Boerum	Daniel Lawrence	James Hunter
Christopher Yates	Henry Williams	Nathaniel Tom**	William Malcolm
John Younglove	<i>New York</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	John Nicholson
<i>Charlotte</i>	Evert Bancker	Joshua Mersereau	Cornelius C. Schoonmaker
Benjamin Baker**	John Berrien	<i>Suffolk</i>	
David Hopkins	Abraham Brasher	David Gelston	<i>Westchester</i>
Hamilton McCollister	Daniel Dunscomb	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Abijah Gilbert
Joseph McCracken	Robert Harpur	Burnet Miller	Samuel Haight
<i>Cumberland</i>	Frederick Jay	Thomas Tredwell	John Lawrence
(No returns)	Abraham P. Lott	Thomas Wickes	Zebediah Mills
<i>Dutchess</i>	Jacobus Van Zandt	<i>Tryon</i>	Ebenezer Purdy
Benjamin Birdsall	Peter Pra. Van Zandt	Zephaniah Bacheler	Thomas Thomas
Jonathan Dennis			

After the War was over, the Legislature returned to New York City. The sessions were held as follows, down to 1797; after which date all of the sessions were held at Albany:— 1784, 1785, 1786 and 1787, at the City Hall, New York City; 1788, at Poughkeepsie; 1788, 1789 and 1790, at the City Hall, Albany; 1791, 1792 and 1793, at New York; 1794, at Albany; 1795, at Poughkeepsie; 1796, at New York. The latter was the 20<sup>th</sup> Session, the adjourned portion of which was held at Albany, Jan. 3–Apr. 3, 1797.

\*\* Does not appear in the documents as an Assemblyman

## THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

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The documents are singularly deficient in regard to the Continental Congress. There is little information aside from the statement that the Delegates from this State were paid \$7., or 34/—, per day. The Accounts of about 20 of the Delegates, for their pay, have been preserved.

### State of New York to Philip Schuyler Dr.

To my services as a Delegate in Congress from 15th May 1775 to 19 June following, being 35 days.....	£ 59.10.0
To 6 days on my journey from Albany to Philadelphia at 34/.....	10. 4.0
To my Services as a Delegate in Congress from the 21 March 1777 to 27 May Inclusive, Including my journey from Albany, being in all 65 days at 34/—....	115.12.0
To my Services in Congress from the 16 Nov. 1779 to 12 December, Including Journey to Congress & return to Albany, in all 27 days .....	45.18.0
To my Services as a Delegate in Congress from the 27 Feb. 1780 to 3 September 1780, Including Journey to & from Philadelphia, 190 Days . . . . .	323. 0.0
	£554. 4.0
April 17, 1780 By Cash from the Continental Treasury 5000 Dollars at 60 for 1 is 33 2/3 .....	33. 9.4
	£520.14.8

### State of New York in Acct Currnt with James Duane Esqr as Delegate

Dr.		
1778		
March 17	For his Services in Congress & in Committee of Congress from 3d April 1777 to this day being 348 days at 34/ pr day.....	591.12.0
1783		
Novr 11	For his Services in Congress from 8th July 1783 to this day being 126 days at 40/.....	252.
		£843.12.0
Cr.		
1777		
July 31	By Cash reced of Mr. Duer £520.16. at 3 for 1 by the Pennsylvania Scale .....	£173.12.
1778		
Octr 22	By Cash of Mr. Sands £641.4. at 5 for 1 . . . . .	128. 4.11
1783		
June 23	By Cash from the Governor.....	200.
Octr 23	By ditto from ditto .....	100.
	Balance due James Duane Esqr.....	241.15. 1
		£843.12.

The Delegates of Apr. 20, 1775, were chosen by a Convention assembled especially for that purpose. The Delegates of May 13, 1777, were chosen by the Fourth Provincial Congress, or

Convention. After that date they were chosen by the Legislature; but they were commissioned by the Council of Appointment. The following were the Delegates from New York during the Revolutionary War:—

<i>First Delegates</i>	Lewis Morris	<i>Oct. 16, 1778</i>	Ezra L'Hommedieu
John Alsop	Philip Schuyler	James Duane	Robert R. Livingston
Simon Boerum	Henry Wisner	William Floyd	Alexander McDougall*
James Duane	<i>Mar. 29, 1777</i>	Gouverneur Morris	Philip Schuyler
William Floyd	William Duer	Philip Schuyler	John Morin Scott
John Haring	<i>May 13, 1777</i>	<i>Nov. 4, 1778</i>	<i>Oct. 26, 1781</i>
John Jay	James Duane	John Jay	Egbert Benson*
Philip Livingston	William Duer	<i>Oct. 1, 1779</i>	James Duane
Isaac Low*	Philip Livingston	James Duane	William Floyd
Henry Wisner	Gouverneur Morris	William Floyd	Ezra L'Hommedieu
<i>Apr. 20, 1775</i>	Philip Schuyler	John Jay	Philip Schuyler
John Alsop	<i>Oct. 3, 1777</i>	Ezra L'Hommedieu	John Morin Scott
Simon Boerum	James Duane	John Morin Scott	
George Clinton*	William Duer	<i>Oct. 18, 1779</i>	<i>July 22, 1782</i>
James Duane	Francis Lewis	Philip Schuyler	James Duane
William Floyd	Philip Livingston	Robert R. Livingston	William Floyd
John Jay	Gouverneur Morris	<i>Sept. 12, 1780</i>	Alexander Hamilton
Francis Lewis	<i>Mar. 25, 1778</i>	James Duane	Ezra L'Hommedieu
Philip Livingston	Philip Schuyler	William Floyd	John Morin Scott
Robert R. Livingston			

\* Does not appear in the documents as a Delegate

# THE EXECUTIVE

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## THE GOVERNOR

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William Tryon was the last of the Colonial Governors to be recognized by the Province of New York — although James Robertson was appointed his successor Mar. 23, 1780; and Andrew B. Elliott, Lieutenant-Governor, Apr. 17, 1783.

The official date of the Government of the State of New York, independent of Great Britain, was Apr. 19, 1775. Thereafter, and until the operation of the First Constitution, the Presidents of the several Councils, Provincial Congresses and Conventions were the real Executives of the State. They were as follows:—

Philip Livingston Apr. 20, 1775	Nathaniel Woodhull Feb. 12, 1776	Abraham Yates, jr., Aug. 28, 1776
Peter V. B. Livingston May 23, 1775	Nathaniel Woodhull May 18, 1776	Peter R. Livingston Sept. 26, 1776
Nathaniel Woodhull <i>pro tem.</i> Aug. 28, 1775	John Haring <i>pro tem.</i> June 19, 1776	Abraham Ten Broeck Mar. 6, 1777
Abraham Yates, jr., <i>pro tem.</i> Nov. 2, 1775	Nathaniel Woodhull July 9, 1776	Leonard Gansevoort Apr. 18, 1777
Nathaniel Woodhull Dec. 6, 1775	Abraham Yates, jr., <i>pro tem.</i> Aug. 10, 1776	Pierre Van Cortlandt May 14, 1777
John Haring <i>pro tem.</i> Dec. 16, 1775		

George Clinton was chosen a Delegate to the Continental Congress, by the Provincial Congress, Apr. 20, 1775. He was a Deputy, from Ulster County, to the Third Provincial Congress, in 1776; and to the Fourth Provincial Congress, or Convention, in 1776–1777. He was sworn in as Governor, at Kingston, July 30, 1777; and he held that Office all through the War, and as late as 1795 when he was succeeded by John Jay. The latter, after a single term of three years, gave way to George Clinton who again held the office for one term, 1801–1804.

When Governor Clinton was first sworn in, he was a Brigadier-General in active service; and he remained in the field until Burgoyne had surrendered, in the fall of 1777. It should detract nothing from the record of this remarkable man to state that he sometimes held rather inconsistent Offices at the same time. For instance, while he was Governor of the State he was also, for a time, the Clerk of Ulster County:—

Ulster County SS. This is to certify that Joseph Gasherie and Christopher Tappen, Esquires, have respectively lodged in the Clerk's Office of this County Bonds in the Sum of seven thousand Pounds each, executed by the said Joseph Gasherie and Christopher Tappen respectively and others their respective Sureties, to the People of the State of New York, with Condition for the true and faithful Performance of their Office as Loan Officers of the County

of Ulster, and which said Bonds have respectively an Indorsement thereon — signed by one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and a Majority of the Supervisors of the said County signifying their Approbation of such Security — agreeable to the Tenor of the Act in that case made and provided. Dated this 10th Day of May Anno Domini 1786.

Geo. Clinton, Clk.

It should be to the credit of Governor Clinton that a careful estimate of his services to the State makes it appear that if the Offices he held had been held successively, instead of doubling-up, or overlapping, his term of office-holding was about 90 years.

It is not the purpose of this Chapter to give details of the life and work of Governor Clinton beyond those that appear in the documents preserved by this Office. Those who are interested further should consult "The Public Papers of George Clinton", now in process of publication by the State Historian, Hon. Hugh Hastings.

On July 31, 1777, only a day after his inauguration, the Council of Safety authorized Governor Clinton to draw not to exceed £3000 "to answer the present Exigencies of the State". From that time to the close of the War his hand was apparent in everything.

### Accounts of Governor Clinton

Governor Clinton's general Accounts, or summaries of his smaller Accounts, are of great interest. Here are several of them:—

Dr.		His Excellency Governor Clinton in a/c with the State of New York	
1777	Augt 16	To cash Received from the Treasurer. . . . .	£ 200. 0. 0
1778	May 16	To ditto £1000 Continental. . . . .	1000. 0. 0
1779	March 16	To ditto the Ballance agreeable to an act of the Legislature dated 13 May 1779. . . . .	1204. 10. 6
			2404. 10. 6
Cr.			
1779	March 20	By amount of his account to the Legislature amount in Conti- nental money to be charged specie £2404.10.6 is for Continental charges £14 £12 £20 £8.8 £2.8 £1.4 £3.12. . . . .	61. 12. 0
			& for State Expenses. . . . . 2342. 18. 6
			£2404. 10. 6
Dr.			
1779	Sept 5	To cash received from the Treasurer . . . . .	£1000. 0. 0
1780	July 10	To ditto the Ballance agreeable to an Act of the Legislature dated 13 March 1780. . . . .	2314. 19. 7 1/2
			£3314. 19. 7 1/2

Cr. 1780			
July	10	By amount of his account delivered to the Legislature for State Expenses. . . . .	£3314.19. 7 1/2
			£3314.19. 7 1/2

[Comment by the Auditor General:—]

To exhibit to the Legislature an account of the incidental expenses in administering the Government from the commencement of it to the present day it will be necessary to observe That by the Governor's first account up to the 8 March 1779 it will appear that he had expended. . . . . £2404.10. 6

Granted by the Council and received from the Treasurer in August 1777 for incidental expenses. . . . . £ 200. 0.0

Granted by the Legislature in the Spring of 1778 & received from the Treasurer. . . . . 1000. 0.0

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The Ballance of £1204.10.6 was provided for by Act passed the 13th March 1779 and rec'd from the Treasurer in that Month.

In March 1779 the farther sum of £1000 was granted by the Legislature for incidental Expenses

The Governor advanced from the 8th March 1779 to March 1780 as by his 2d account rendered. . . . . 3314.19.7 3314.19.7

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£5719.16.1

The Ballance of £2314.19.7 was provided for by Act of 13 March 1780 and received from the Treasurer 22d Sepr 1780

N. B. The above with the accounts now delivered will shew the whole Expense of Administering the Government from its commencement to this day — New York 29 March 1784.

This is the detail of a part of the above Account:

1777 August	The State of New York To his Excellency Governor Clinton. Dr. To cash paid to the Hon <sup>bl</sup> . Abraham Yates Esqr. for so much advanced by him to an Express with public Dispatches from Albany. . . . .	£ 5:16: 0
	To Cash paid sundry Persons for riding Express on State Business. Vouchers lost at Kingston. Am <sup>o</sup> . collected from private memorandum. . . . .	11: 4: 0
Nov <sup>r</sup> .	To cash paid an Express from pleasant Valley to Kingston with Orders for Troops at Hurley to remove to New Windsor and to dismiss the militia. . . . .	3: 4: 0
1778	To Cash advanced in Specie to Andrew Billings Esqu <sup>t</sup> . towards making a great Seal for the State — as pr Rec <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	16: 0: 0
4 March	To Cash paid Thomas Henderson for going Express to Hartford with Dispatches from his Excellency General Washington to Colo. Champion as pr Rec <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	14: 0: 0
9th	To Cash paid for making a Rolling Press for Secretary's Office & for Materials as pr Rec <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	26: 4: 0
11th	To Cash paid Wm. Kinnan for striking off Copper Plate Commissions and for Ink for the same as per Rec <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	3: 4: 0
13th	To Cash advanced to Colo. Willett for his Expenses in going to Cumberland County and delivering Civil and Military Commissions to the Officers appointed for that County and in performing other Services there. . . . .	34: 0: 0

		1778	
15th	March	To Cash paid William Balden for going Express to Albany with Dispatches from Congress to the Marquis De la Fayette then command <sup>g</sup> . at Albany — as pr Rect. — . . . . .	£ 12: 0: 0
20th		To Cash paid Thomas Henderson for going Express to Albany with Dispatches to the commanding officer. . . . .	20: 0: 0
April	1	To Cash paid to Colo. Dubois advanced by him to Stephen Henderson to pay Expresses with Orders to the Militia of Dutchess County — as pr Rect. — . . . . .	4: 0: 0
7th	April	To Cash paid David Barclay for going Express to Albany with Commissions & Proclamations for holding Courts &c. as pr Rect. . . . .	13: 0: 0
		To Cash paid David Barclay for going Express to Congress at York Town with the Exemplifications of the Act ratifying the Confederation between the United State as pr Rect. . . . .	49: 8: 0
		To Cash paid Richard Hatfield Esqr. in Part for his Services in the Secretary's Office as my private Secretary and as Clerk to the Council of Revision. . . . .	72: 0: 0
11th		To Cash paid an Express to Mr. Loudon Printer at Fishkill for a Copy of an Act of the Legislature for filling up the Continental Battalions raised under Direction of this State. . . . .	1: 0: 0
19th		To Cash paid Edward Schoonmaker for going Express to Albany to carry Orders &c. to Genl. Ten Broeck to draft his Brigade for filling up the five Continental Battalions raised in this State with a letter to Genl. Schuyler requesting his attendance at Congress. . . . .	8: 8: 0
24th	May	To Cash paid an Express to Colo. Woodhull to request his attendance on the Council of Appointment. . . . .	3: 8: 0
2d	June	To Cash paid an Express with Orders to the Militia of Ulster County for Defence of the Frontiers. . . . .	2: 8: 0
17th	June	To Cash paid Capt. Tudor for Bees Wax for Secr <sup>y</sup> 's Office as pr Rect. . . . .	12: 12: 0
27th		To Cash paid an Express to Fish Kills with Dispatches for the State Delegates in Congress with Copies of sundry Papers respect <sup>g</sup> . the disaffected Inhabitants on the Grants to be forwarded from thence by Genl. M <sup>c</sup> Dougal . . . . .	1: 4: 0
30th		To Cash paid the Hon <sup>bl</sup> . Arthur Parks Esqr. for so much by him paid to Expresses employed in August last to Carry orders to the Militia as pr Rect. . . . .	2: 16: 0
5th	July	To Cash paid the Hon <sup>bl</sup> . Pierre Van Cortlandt Esqr. for so much advanced by him to Geo. Barlow to ride Express from Hurley to New Windsor for Directions respecting the procuring Provision for Continental Troops then at Hurley on their March from Albany to N. Windsor as pr Rect. . . . .	3: 12: 0
18th		To Cash pd. different Persons going Express to the Officers command <sup>g</sup> . Regiments of Militia in Ulster & Orange with Orders for them to meet at the New Paltz to consult on proper measures for Defence of the Frontiers of those Counties. . . . .	9: 4: 0
28th	July	To Cash paid Thomas Henderson for riding Express with Dispatches to his Excellency Genl. Washington at the White Plains. . . . .	10: 0: 0
4th	Sept <sup>r</sup> .	To Cash paid Colo. Wynkoop for his services in going with Public Dispatches in August last to Genl. Harkimer in Tryon County having orders to assist in arranging and calling out the Militia of that County as pr Rect. . . . .	29: 16: 0
To		To Cash paid Richard Warner on Express with Orders to Militia of Dutchess County to reinforce the Posts at West Point . . . . .	4: 16: 0

1778	20th Novr.	To Cash paid Major Jesse Brush for apprehending & securing the Body of Claudius Smith agreeable to my Proclamation founded on the concurrent Resolutions of the Senate and Assembly as pr Rect.	£ 480:0:0
	5th Decr.	To Cash paid Henry Wisner Esqr. for so much advanced by him to James Savage for riding Express to Albany with Intelligence for Genl. Ten Brook as pr Rect. . . . .	12: 0: 0
1779		To Cash paid for 3 reams of Paper for Public use. . . . .	24: 0: 0
Febv.	16	To Cash paid Gerard Bancker Esqr. for 10 Skins Parchment for State Commissions as pr Rect. . . . .	16: 0: 0
		To Cash paid Henry Livingston Esqr. for 6 skins for do as pr Rect. . . . .	9:16: 0
		To Cash pd. to different Persons for 8 skins of Parchment for the like use as per memorandum. . . . .	12:16: 0
		To Cash pd. for Postage of public Letters at different Times. . . . .	3:10: 8
	19th	To Cash pd. Richard Warner on Express to Judge Hobart to request his Attendance at the Council of Revision as pr Rect. . . . .	15: 8: 0
	26th	To Cash pd. Abner Thorp for apprehending & securing the Body of Jas. Smith son of Claudius Smith agreeable to my Proclamation founded on concurrent Resolutions of Senate and Assembly as pr Rect. . . . .	240: 0: 0
March	1st	To cash pd. Colo. Swarthout his Account for Expenses as pr Vouchers. . . . .	37:12: 0
		To Cash paid David Barclay his Acct. as State Express as pr. Account and Receipt. . . . .	872: 0: 0
1	March	To Cash paid Abrm. B. Bancker for Pay & Expences of himself Mr. Peter Wynkoop and a Guard of a Serjeant and five men in conveying 100,000 Dollars from Philadelphia to the Treasury of this State — as pr Acct. & Rect. . . . .	308: 3:10
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		Cr.	2404:10: 6
		By Cash received from the Treasury in August 1777 pursuant to a Resolution of the Council of Safety. . . . .	£ 200:0:0
		By Cash received from the Treasury pursuant to the Act of the Legislature granting that sum for Contingent expenses. . . . .	1,000:0:0
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Bal. £1204:10:6  
 Geo. Clinton  
 2nd March 1779.

Rec'd. March 29th 1779 from Gerard Bancker Treasurer One thousand two hundred and four pounds ten shillings and Six pence (including Sixteen pounds in specie) in full for the above Account pursuant to a Law passed the 13th instant intituled "An Act for the payment of the salaries of the several Officers of Government and for other purposes therein mentioned".  
 £1204:10:6. Geo. Clinton

No. 2215. Govr. Clinton  
 £1204:10:6.

Dr. His Excellency Governor George Clinton in a/c with the State of New York Cr  
 Salary Accot

		To Received out of the Monies taken on Loan as by Act of the Legislature dated 14 April 1782. . . . .	£8057.15.10
1782	July	1 To ditto pursuant the aforesaid Act. . . . .	1500.

1783			
July	1	To ditto pursuant the aforesaid Act.....	£ 1200.
1785			
April	14	To Received from the Treasurer for Salary . . . . .	1500.
Decr	22	To Received from ditto on Account of Salary . . . . .	360.
1786			
April	12	To received from ditto ditto . . . . .	86.16
May	29	To received from ditto ditto by Benson . . . . .	50.
		To Ballance due the State on Account of Contingenc . . . . .	67.17. 3
		Ballance due His Excellency . . . . .	2435. 6. 9
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			£15257.15.10

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		By Ballance due on former Account Audited by the Treasurer pursuant to an Act of the Legislature dated 14 April 1782.....	£8057.15.10
1782			
July	1	By so much allowed for Salary pursuant to the abovementioned Act from 1 July 1781 to 1 July 1782 is 1 Year . . . . .	1500.
1783			
July	1	By ditto pursuant to an Act dated 26 March 1783 from 1 July 1782 to 1 July 1783 is 1 Year . . . . .	1200.
1784			
July	1	By ditto pursuant to an Act dated 12 May 1784 from 1st July 1783 to 1 July 1874 is 1 Year.....	1500.
1785			
July	1	By ditto pursuant to an Act dated 27 April 1785 from 1 July 1784 to 1 July 1785 is 1 Year.....	1500.
1786			
July	1	By ditto pursuant to an Act dated 5 May 1786 from 1 July 1785 to 1 July 1786 is 1 Year.....	1500.
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			£15257.15.10

Here are several individual Accounts that were paid by the Governor:—

1777		The United States to Corns D. Wynkoop	Dr.
Augt		To his services going up to Schenectady in order to assist Genl Harkerman raising the Militia for Securing the Frontiers &c 14 Days	£15. 0. 0
		To expenses paid out of my pocket	14. 0. 0
		To do horse hire going from New Paltz to New Windsor . . . . .	16. 0.
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Poughkeepsie	Sept	4th 1778	£29.16. 0

Recd of his Excellency Governor Clinton the above sum of twenty-nine pounds sixteen shillings  
Cornelius D. Wynkoop

		The State of New York to David Barclay	Dr.
		To riding Express for his Excellency Governor Clinton from May 2d 1778 to Novr 2d, inclusive, including Horsehire and expenses a £75 per mo. . .	£472.
		& to the like service from the 2d Novr 1778 to the 2d March 1779 a £100 per mo. . . . .	£400.
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			£872.

2d March 1779 Recd from his Excellency Governor Clinton Eight Hundred and Seventy two Pounds being in full for my services as Express Rider agreeable to the above Acct.

David Barclay

Poughkeepsie Decr 11th 1781 — Recd of his Excellency Governor Clinton the Sum of two Pounds thirteen Shillings and three pence in specie in part for my services and Expenses in going Express from Lt. Colo. John Van Rensselaer at Sinkaick to Genl. Gansevoort at Albany & from Genl. Gansevoort to his Excellency the Governor at Poughkeepsie to give Information of an Insurrection which had taken place in Genl. Gansevoort's Brigade.

£2.13.3

Caspar Rouse

### Entertainments

November 25th 1783

His Excellency Governor Clinton To Saml. Fraunces Dr.

To an Entertainment . . . . .	£30..4..0
To 75 Bottles of Madeira at 8/. . . . .	30..
To 18 Ditto of Claret at 10/. . . . .	9..
To 16 Ditto of Port at 6/. . . . .	4..16..
To 24 Ditto of Porter at 3/. . . . .	3..12..
To 24 Ditto of Spruce at 1/. . . . .	1..4..
To Lights 60/ Tea & Coffee 64/. . . . .	6..4..
To Brokeg . . . . .	2..2..
To Punch . . . . .	10..10..
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	£97..12..

The above Bill is for an Entertainment on taking Possession of the City when the British evacuated the Southern District. Rec<sup>d</sup> the Contents in full 2d Feby. 1784.

30 1/2 pts at 64/  
4 Dollars

£ 96..0..0  
1..12..0

Saml. Fraunces

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£ 97..12..0

The State of New York to John Cape Dr.

To a Dinner Given by His Excellency the Governor and Council to their Excellences the Minister of France and General Washington etc.

1783

December	To 120 dinners at . . . . .	48: 0:0
	To 135 Bottles Madeira . . . . .	54: 0:0
	" 36 ditto Port . . . . .	10:16:0
	" 60 ditto English Beer . . . . .	9: 0:0
	" 30 Bowls Punch . . . . .	9: 0:0
	" 8 dinners for Musick . . . . .	1:12:0
	" 10 ditto for Sarvts. . . . .	2: 0:0
	" 60 Wine Glasses Broken . . . . .	3: 0:0
	" Coffee for 8 Gentlemen . . . . .	1:12:0
	Music Fees &c. . . . .	8: 0:0
	" Fruit & Nuts . . . . .	5: 0:0
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		£156:10:0
	By Cash	100:16:0
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		£55:14:0

We a Committee of Council having examined the above account do certify it (amounting to one hundred and fifty six pounds ten shillings) to be just.

December 7th 1783

Isaac Roosevelt  
Jas. Duane  
Eggt. Benson  
Fed Jay

Received the above Contents in full New York 17th December 1783

John Cape.

### Pledges by the State

On Dec. 22, 1780, and on many other occasions, Governor Clinton directed certain Officers to impress Wheat as a Bounty for their Soldiers. One of his chief services, however, was the raising of Money by pledging the faith of the State. In 1780, numerous parties advanced Money to the American Prisoners on Long Island, on the strength of such Pledges. In 1782-1783, the Governor paid several amounts to Hendrick Wyckoff, Aspinwall Cornwall, Thomas Wicks, Robert Morris, Nicholas Covenhoven, Col. William Allison and Col. James McClaughry for procuring Money on Long Island, and elsewhere. Nearly all of the Pledges were in the hand-writing of the Governor. Here is a specimen of the form generally in use:—

State of New York, SS. Pursuant to an Act of the Legislature authorizing the same The  
£500 faith of the said State is hereby pledged for the Repayment of the Sum of five hundred  
Pounds Current Money of the said State in Specie with Interest at the Rate of Six  
per Cent per Annum to Mr. John Brush within one year after the Conclusion of the  
present War with Great Britain.

Given at Pokeepsie this 20th Day of  
September 1782.

Test

Thos. Wickes.

Geo. Clinton.

[Indorsed as follows]

John Brush Recd. March ye Third 1785 from Gerard Bancker Treasur<sup>r</sup>. five Hundred Seventy  
£573:12:0 three pounds twelve Shillings in full discharge of the principle and Interest of the  
Within note. John Brush.

The names of the men and women who cashed these Pledges should be preserved. Many of them, perhaps all, never expected to receive their money again; but it is evident that most of them were paid, with interest. (See the law of May 6, 1784). This is the Roll of Honor:—

Allison William [Col.]	Butler John	Covenhoven Nicholas	Harper Alexander
Antonides Peter	Carll John	Covenhoven Rem	Hegeman Elbert
Areulianas Philip	Carll Phineas	Ditmars Abraham	Hegeman Rem
Barcalo Harmanes	Carll Platt	Duryee Abraham	Hegeman Sytie
Bennet James	Carll Timothy	Duryee Jacob	Hendrickson Isaac
Bennet John	Clopper (Miss)	Duryee Johannes	Hendrickson John [Maj.]
Bennet Wynant	Cock Daniel	Duryee Joost	Hix Charles
Bergen Johannes	Cock William	Duryee Peter	Horton Nathan
Bergen Michael	Coles Nathaniel	Dusenbury Denton	Johnson Anne
Boerum Jacob	Colyer Peter	Eldert Catharine	Johnson Barent
Bogert Isaac	Cornwall Aspinwall	Eldert Hendrick	Kerchow Jacob
Borum Mary (Widow)	Cornwell Obadiah	Ellison Gabriel	Ketcham Zebulon
Brush John	Cortelyou Isaac	Elsworth Thomas	Kissam Daniel W.
Burtis Abraham	Cortelyou Jaques	Everit Benjamin	Lattin William
Burtis John	Cortelyou Simon	Gansevoort Peter [Col.]	Lefferts Barent

Lefferts Jacob	Onderdonk Andrew	Sperry Jacob	VanCortlandt Philip [Col.]
Lefferts James	Payne Lewis	Stillwell Richard	Vanderbilt Jeremiah
Lefferts Leffert	Polhemus Jacob	Suydam Hendrick	Vanderbilt John
Lefferts Peter	Powers George	Suydam Jacob	Vanderbilt John I.
Lequier Abraham	Rapalje Tunis	Suydam Lambert	Vanderveer Cornelius
Livingston Henry B. [Col.]	Remsen John	Thompson Isaac	Vanderveer Hendrick
Lott Hendrick	Remsen Rem A.	Thorne John	Vanderveer John
Lott Jannetje	Rogers John	Thorne Richard [Maj.]	VanDuyne Cornelius
Lott Johannis E.	Sands John [Col.]	Tillotson Thomas	VanPelt Wynant
Lott Stephen	Schenck Abraham	Titus Charles	VanSchaick Goose [Col.]
Luyster John	Schenck John	Titus Francis	VanSideren Ulphianus
McClaughry James [Col.]	Schenck Martin	Titus John	VanSinderen Femmetje
McGraw Alexander	Schenck Peter	Townsend James	VanVarch John
Martinsse Adrian	Schultz Christopher	Townsend Pryor	VanVoorheis Adrian
Martinsse George	Searing Coe	Townsend Sylvanus	VanVorst Cornelius
Martinsse Gerrit	Searing Gilbert	Valentine Philip	Voorheis Abraham
Mesherol John	Skilman Thomas	VanBrunt Adrian	Wickes John
Money Samuel	Skilman William	VanBrunt Albert	Wickes Thomas
Monfort Peter	Smith John	VanBrunt Nah.	Williamson Rem
Morris Robert	Smith Philetus	VanBrunt R.	Wright John, jr.
Nostrand Cornelius	Smith Timothy	VanBuren James N. [Dr.]	Wyckoff Cornelius
Nostrant John	Snyder William	VanBuren John H. [Dr.]	Wyckoff Hendrick
Oakley Samuel			

Governor Clinton also took Money on Loan (See the Loan Office in the Chapter on "The Treasurer").

### The Temporary Government in the Southern District

The keen vision of Governor Clinton was evident in his anticipation of the end of the War, the Evacuation of New York City by the Enemy, and the preparations for Establishing a Temporary form of Government in the Southern District. This District then comprised the Counties of Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, and Suffolk and Westchester — all of which had been in the possession of the Enemy since the Summer of 1776.

Laws relating to the Temporary Government were passed:— June 29, 1778; Oct. 23, 1779; Nov. 27, 1783 and May 12, 1784. The Council for the Temporary Government of the Southern District, as shown by the documents in this Office, consisted of the following:—

President — Richard Morris  
 Secretary — James M. Hughes  
 Door-Keeper — Victor Bicker  
 Members

Abraham Becker	Daniel Dunscomb	John Lansing, jr.	Henry Rutgers
Egbert Benson	Gilbert Drake	Johannis E. Lott	Jacobus Swartwout
Jeremiah Clark	John Sloss Hobart	William Malcomb	Rutger Van Brunt
Gilbert Cooper	Jacob G. Klock	Richard Morris	Peter Pra. Van Zandt

The accounts against the State recited the attendance of several of the Members of the Council:— Klock, 24 days, Nov. 23–Dec. 13, 1783, and Jan. 15–17, 1784; Lansing, 15 days, Nov. 22–Dec. 6, 1783; Lott, 2 days, Jan. 6–7, 1784; Swartwout, 15 days, Dec. 1–6, 1783, and Jan. 9–17, 1784; Van Brunt, 2 days, Jan. 6–8, 1784; Van Zandt, 39 days, Nov. 27, 1783,–Jan. 6, 1784; Bicker, door-keeper, 55 days, Nov. 26, 1783,–Jan. 20, 1784.

Governor Clinton, in March, 1783, paid £539.4 for contingent expenses attending the work of the Council. Some of the most interesting of the Accounts paid by the Governor were these:—

The State of New York to Colo. Smith:—

To Cash paid on Express sent to the Governor from New York for directions respecting the Provost when the British were about to leave town. . . . . 18/8

1783	The State of New York to Richard Morris Dr.	
May	To my Expenses of Self, Servant and three Horses going to the county of Westchester to establish Civil Government by order of the Governor, Eight Days on the Road. . . . .	£ 14. 18. 8
	My Expences at East Chester to the 6th July, as per Guion's bill. . . . .	32. 19. 8
	To Expences at New Rochell, Westchester and other places not included in that bill . . . . .	3. 10. 0
	To my Expences on my Return five Days by the way, myself Sick, three Horses & Servant . . . . .	9. 6. 8
	Cash paid Messenger sent to Sir Guy Carleton in order to apprehend some Robbers said to be on the Islands called Brothers . . . . .	2. 0. 6
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		£62. 14. 10

I have in my custody a Horse claimed by the Wife of one Embree that belonged to De Lancey Corps. She could not make Proof of her property. I therefore suppose it to be a stolen Horse; have kept it in hopes the owner would apply, none has yet applied.

New York March 24th 1784.

Ri'd Morris

New York 19th May 1784. Received of his Excellency Governor Clinton thirty three pounds four Shillings on Account of Richard Morris Esquire on Acct of his Expenses in attending the Establishment of Governnt in Westchester County.

£33.4.3

L. R. Morris

The State	of New York in Account with James M. Hughes	
	To 60 Days Service as Secretary to the Council for exercising the Temporary Government in the Southern District, which is Eight weeks and four Days at £10 per week . . . . .	£ 85. 14. 3
	To my Expences going to New York from Harlem by order of the Council . . . . .	2. 13. 0
	To one Ink Stand for the use of the Council . . . . .	10. 0
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		£ 88. 17. 3

The Committee of Council appointed for Auditing Accounts Report that in their Opinion the Secretary ought to be allowed Ten pounds p. Wek for the time that he has been employed by the Council as Such

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W. Malcom

Henry Rutgers

Received 13th February 1784 from His Excellency Govr Clinton Eighty Eight Pounds 17/3 in full of the above Account

James M. Hughes.

The State	of New York to Governor Clinton	Dr.
	For Contingent Expences attending the taking possession of the Southern District of the State	
	To Cash paid Mrs. Day for a Room and accommodation for the Council while at Haerlem as p. Account audited by a Committee of the Council . . . . .	32. 18. 0

To Cash paid Samuel Fraunces for an Entertainment for the Military and other public Officers on entering the City as p. receipt.....	97.12. 0
To Cash paid John Cape for an Entertainment, by direction of the Council, to the Minister of France &c &c as p. Account audited by the Committee . . . . .	156.10. 0
To Cash paid John Cape for a Room and accommodation for the Council as Acct. audited by the Committee . . . . .	109. 2. 4
To Cash paid Miles Hughes Sec'y to the Council for his services and disbursements as p. account Audited by the Committee.....	88.17. 3
To Cash paid Robert Benson, Esqr. for Disbursements made by him as p. account . . . . .	14. 8. 0
To Cash paid Anthony Griffith for a Flagg p. account . . . . .	23. 9. 6
To Do paid Jones & Ross for Do. p. Acct . . . . .	16. 4. 3
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Ballance carried to Account No. 6.	£ 539. 1. 4

George Clinton

The State of New York to John Cape.....Dr.

To the following Expences Incurred by the Council for Executing the temporary government, Viz:—

1783	
November 25	To 3 Bottles Madera . . . . . £ 1. 4. 0
	To 6 Large Bous punch . . . . . 1.16. 0
26	To 3 Bottles Madera . . . . . 1. 4. 0
	To 4 Bous punch . . . . . 1. 4. 0
	To 1 ditto Grog . . . . . 2. 0
	To 1 ditto punch . . . . . 6. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . . 6. 0
27	To 4 Bous punch . . . . . 1. 4. 0
	To 2 ditto Grog . . . . . 4. 0
	To 1 pint Madera . . . . . 4. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . . 10. 0
28	To 5 Bous punch . . . . . 1.10. 0
	To 2 ditto Grog . . . . . 4. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . . 4. 0
29	To 4 Bous punch . . . . . 1. 4. 0
	To 2 ditto grog . . . . . 4. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . . 4. 0
	To the Room & fire one day..... 14. 0
	To ditto 4 days . . . . . 2.16. 0
30	To 3 Bous punch . . . . . 18. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . . 4. 0
	To Grog . . . . . 2. 0
	To paid for Invitation Cards . . . . . 6. 4
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	£ 16.14. 4

[The Account ran on in the same way till January 20, 1784, the total being £109.2.4, (See the general account, next above), being "examined & approved" by W. Malcom, J. Lansing, jr. and Henry Rutgers, the Committee of the Council for auditing accounts.]

Received from his Excellency Governor Clinton Payment in full of the above Account this 6th Day of Feb'y, 1784.

John Cape.

### The Council of Appointment

Under the first Constitution of the State, this body was the successor of the Executive Council of the Colonial period. It was composed of one Senator from each of the four Senatorial Districts. The term of office was one year, and the salary was 8/— per day. The Assembly appointed the Members of the Council. The Governor was the President, but he had a casting vote only. The Governor asserted, and sustained, his right to make nominations to the Council; but this right was taken away from him by the Constitutional Convention of 1801, which decided that any Member of the Council might nominate. The power of the Council grew stronger every year; so that, in 1821, 6663 Civil Officers and 8287 Military Officers held commissions under it. This centralization of power was so unpopular that the Constitutional Convention of 1821 abolished the Council by a unanimous vote.

The documents contain many appointments by the Council during the War; among them being the Commanders of several of the Privateers. The Members, at different times during the War, were the following, the \* indicating that their names do not appear, as Members, in the documents in this Office:— George Clinton, President; Robert Harpur, Clerk; Elkanah Day \*, Ebenezer Russell and Alexander Webster, from the Eastern District; John Haring \*, Ephraim Paine \*, Arthur Parks \*, Levi Pawling, Zephaniah Platt \* and Jesse Woodhull \*, from the Middle District; Jonathan Lawrence \*, Isaac Roosevelt, John Morin Scott \*, Isaac Stoutenburgh \* and Stephen Ward, from the Southern District; and Rynier Mynderse, Henry Oothoudt, Abraham Ten Broeck, D. Wessel Ten Broeck\*, William B. Whiting and Abraham Yates \*, from the Western District.

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### The Private Secretary

The records, and more particularly those relating to Commissions and Appointments, show that Richard Hatfield acted as Private Secretary to Governor Clinton. Stephen Lush also acted as Secretary. The office of Private Secretary was not created, by law, till some time after the close of the War.

## THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

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This Office was filled, at irregular intervals, during the rule of the Crown; but the Constitution of 1777 made it a permanency. Pierre Van Cortlandt held the office from 1777 to 1795, when he was succeeded by Stephen Van Rensselaer. (See the Chapter on "The Legislature").

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## THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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John Tabor Kempe was the last Attorney-General under the Colonial Government. On the breaking out of the War, his authority was repudiated, and his property was afterward sold for disloyalty to the American cause. The Convention appointed Egbert Benson to the Office, May 8, 1777; and he also took the Office, under the first Constitution, Jan. 15, 1778. Mr. Benson was the Attorney-General throughout the War, and till 1788. There are many important documents signed by him, and by some of his successors:— Richard Varick, Morgan Lewis, Ogden Hoffman and Abraham Van Vechten. The absence of all documents signed by Aaron Burr, as Attorney-General, confirms the belief that they have been removed from this Office.

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## THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Previous to the creation of this Office many of its duties were performed by the Secretary of the Provincial Congress (See the Chapter on "The Provincial Congresses".) The Office was created by the First Constitution of the State, and the incumbent was appointed by the Council of Appointment. John Morin Scott was appointed Mar. 13, 1778. He held the Office through the remainder of the War; and down to Oct. 23, 1789, when Lewis Allaire Scott was appointed his successor. John Morin Scott, as the First Secretary of State, was paid for his work in fees; and among the documents there are many of his bills for services. His deputies were Robert Harpur and Lewis A. Scott.

The Secretary of State had charge of many of the Public Records, a great responsibility in the days when the Government was migratory. In recent years, the Secretary of State has had the direction of the decennial Census of the State. The Census of 1783 was taken by the Surveyor-General (See the Chapter on "The Surveyor-General".)

## THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

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The power to audit Claims against the Government was variously distributed during the supremacy of the Dutch and the English; but after the Colonists took possession, the Provincial Convention, in 1776, gave that power to the Auditor-General. There were but two incumbents of the Office down to 1797, when the Comptroller succeeded to the powers and duties of the Auditor-General. The Comptroller also, in a legal sense, inherited all the valuable papers of the Auditor-General relating to the Revolutionary War. Those papers are of value not only for their historical interest, but also because they form the beginning of the Accounts in the Comptroller's Office. In a word, they open the books of the chief financial Officer of the State.

Comfort Sands was appointed Auditor-General by the Fourth Provincial Congress, or Convention, July 24, 1776; and he held the Office till Apr. 8, 1782. His salary was £300. a year. Among his duties was that of certifying to the correctness of the Treasurer's Accounts:—

I Comfort Sands Auditor General of the State of New York do hereby certify that I have examined the Account of the payments made by Gerard Bancker Treasurer of the Said State, from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of December 1778 inclusive and compared it with the several Vouchers referred to therein, Amounting to Sixty thousand three hundred and Sixty three pounds three Shillings and five pence half penny and find it right, which Account and the Vouchers numbered from No. 1862 to No. 2090 inclusive are now delivered to me.

Witness my Hand at Poughkeepsie this 1st Day of January 1779

£ 60363. .3. .5 1/2.

Comfort Sands Auditor Gen<sup>l</sup>.

Comfort Sands was succeeded, as Auditor-General, by Peter Theobald Curtenius, Apr. 8, 1782; and he held the Office until Samuel Jones, the first Comptroller, was appointed, Mar. 15, 1797. Mr. Curtenius had already served as Commissary. (See the Chapters on "Military Stores" "Provisions" and "Clothing".) The documents show that Mr Curtenius was paid a salary of £250, in 1782 and 1783; and £350, in 1785. The name of William Denning appears as Assistant Auditor-General.

The duties of Mr. Curtenius were far more laborious than those of Mr. Sands. The War was nearly at an end, but the Claims were more numerous and more complicated. Beside this, the Currency was in a state of confusion that was almost hopeless. With the ending of the War, came the Claims of New York against the United States, all of which it became the duty of the Auditor-General to settle; or, at least, to advise the several Commissioners what should be done. This required a large amount of patient investigation. In all of this work, Mr Curtenius proved that he was one of the most remarkable financiers of his time. He was, probably, second to no one in this State, aside from Alexander Hamilton; and the reputation of the latter was rather national than local.

During all of his vexatious work, and in spite of the many false Claims that came before him, Mr. Curtenius never lost his temper. Once, only, do the documents show that he almost forgot himself:—

Sir:—

The Inclosed Papers were at your house yesterday to be delivered in, but your office was shut and no one to be found. They belong to Claims already delivered in, and left with me to forward to you  
Jas Abeel —

Mr P. T. Curtenius —

[Indorsed as follows]

Rec<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1, 1791. I was at home, or some one to Represent me, the whole day of the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1790, so that what James Abeel asserts in the within Letter is [“ Lye,” erased] not true —  
P. T. Curtenius

Mr. Curtenius had an accurate Knowledge of every one who was indebted to the State. The indebtedness was, in most cases, only temporary; and the classing of an individual thus was not a badge of dishonor. The accounts of the Auditor-General do not group the debtors.

Unfortunately, neither the Auditor-General nor the Treasurer left papers (at least, they are not among the documents of this Office relating to the War) giving a concise account of the Moneys actually received and expended. Therefore, the only way in which a summary of their total transactions can be had, and that imperfectly, is by bringing their numerous papers together.

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**Claims against the State**

The work of the Auditor-General, like that of the Treasurer, was seen in every Department that helped to carry on the War. A few of the miscellaneous Claims will give an idea of what the Auditor-General was obliged to consider and pass upon:—

Albany — 18th March — personally appeared before me, Ebenezer Kelsey, the person in the Precedent Sertificate and made oath that he never received an Pay from the Bretches (British) or any of the States from the Day he was Taken Presener until the day he returned.

Sworning before me the Day above mentioned. John Price Justice.

1781	Squire Fanshar to William Adams —	
March —	To Dressing his Wounds And Attendance for four weeks .....	£ 8. 0. 0
Augt. 31		William Adams
1785	Sworn before me — Abraham P. Lott, Aldm.	
	Audited 23, Septr 1785	

1782	State of New York To Charles R. Webster Printer in the City Of Albany	
Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> .	To inserting in the New York Gazetteer printed in the City of Albany Two Acts of the Legislature. the one entitled an Act for pardoning offences committed in the northeastern parts of this State passed the 14 April 1782 The other An Act for quieting the minds of the Inhabitants in the Northeastern parts of the State passed y <sup>e</sup> 14 April 1782 mak <sup>g</sup> . 18 Squares in s <sup>d</sup> paper @ 8/ p. Square .....	7. 4. 0

1783	March 31 To inserting in the New York Gazetteer an Act of the Legislature entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to lay a Duty of excise on Strong Liquors to appropriate the Monies arising therefrom, and for the better regulating of Inns and Taverns within this State passed y <sup>e</sup> 14 March 1781 making Seven Squares @ 8/ Pr. Square .....	2. 16. 0
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1783	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	To inserting in y <sup>e</sup> New York Gazetteer an Act entitled an Act to repeal An Act entitled an Act to revive the Laws appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies and to give certain powers to Magistrates & Courts therein mentioned passed the 27 <sup>th</sup> March 1783 making in the said Paper 4 1/2 Squares @ 8/ p Square .....	£ 1. 16.
1781	Decr. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	To inserting the Governor's proclamation for convening the Legislature making two Squares 5 weeks ————— p <sup>r</sup> . Square..	1. 6. 8
	Albany Aug. 19 1786	Errors & Emissions Excepted.	£ 13. 2. 8
		C. R. Webster	

### Claims for Damages by the Enemy

No Claims against the State are more pathetic than those for Damages by the Raids of the Enemy. Some of the comments were as follows:—"The Robbers has taken out of my House"; "His wife after being taken prisoner and a child of 18 mos murdered"; "To one son Kild"; "Two brothers murdered and his father taken"; "by the wanton destruction of the Enemy"; "Widow of ————— who was Killed by the Enemy and all his effects burned"; "by the Enemys to America"; "Killet and Daken of this Fammely My Father and Mother My Brothers wife with 8 Children and one sarvan maith one Brother Daken Brasenor [Prisoner] lost"; "by the Enemy, the Indians & worse as they, the British and Torrys"; "His father killed by the Enemy"; "I loose more than Double the sum above, besides my son of Seventeen years of age who was killed same time"

A bill of Dammage of Isaac Davis May 22nd yr. 1780.

Bildings housses baren and barks valued att.....	£250 0 0
Wheren Close of all my famaly vaüed att.....	34 14 0
Waggon an plow gers all Complete valued att.....	20 0 0
three beds garnished wed all valued att.....	20 10 0
horses and Ship and hids valued att.....	20 0 0
Chist and Suggester and money valued att.....	12 0 0
Houssel furnish all valued att.....	19 3 0
fences gren and apeltrees valued att.....	15 0 0
horn Cuttels to they valued att.....	12 10 0
Arms and Cutterments Sords and pistils.....	7 16 0
Hoksseds pots an Cattels att.....	7 18 0
taner and Currermen tolls att.....	4 0 0
Sleys and gers wed all att.....	7 10 0
Sadals bridles Sets and Sids att.....	6 10 0
Carpentters tuls wed all Complete att.....	6 10 0
Sumekers tuls and lader att.....	4 10 0
Bags and flowers att.....	3 0 0

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465 11 0

Isaac Davis.

The Claims are more accurately localized than is the case with any other class of Claims. In Albany County the sufferers lived in the Districts of East Rensselaerwyck, Hoosack, Saratoga, Schenectady and Schoharie — the latter District having been raided in 1778, 1780 and 1781. The great majority of the Claims from this County, however, arose from the Invasion of Gen. Burgoyne, in 1777. Some of them began in May, when he was at Ticonderoga; others follow on his track Southward to his defeat at Saratoga; and still others refer to Damages by his Troops "on their way to Boston".

An Estimation of Damages Done by The Enemy at the time When General Borguyn Was Doun with his army in this quarter in year 1777.

To Cornelius Van Veghten at Saratoga.

His Dwelling house Computed .....	£ 250 0 0
A Large new baron with Egetant Bildings of 3 Berrags and Sheep pan and Corn houses .....	250 0 0
1 Stoor hous .....	140
1 Greise mill .....	320 0 0
1 Dwelling hous of my milller .....	90 0 0
The army Laing at this place not apennal of fence left on this farm which I Suppose I cannot have Egin for .....	160 0 0
one wind mill .....	7 0 0
5 Eyron Shad Slays .....	28 0 0
3 plows .....	14 0 0
2 Harres .....	8 0 0
6 Horn Cattle .....	24 0 0
7 Hors lind . . . . .	70 0 0
45 Hogs lind .....	40 0 0
a quantety of Grean Left in the Stoorhouse and in the mill which I cannot account for.	
31 Jany. . . . .	Cornelius Van Veghten.

In Charlotte County, as in Albany, most of the Claims followed in the wake of Burgoyne's Expedition, including some relating to the retreat at Fort Edward, in July, 1777. There are others in connection with Major Charlton's Party, Oct. 10, 1780. The Districts of the County that suffered the most were:— Fort Edward, Kingsbury, Lake Champlain and White Creek; and some of Claims give additional light to the history of the settlements along Lake Champlain. The story of William Gilliland's life was particularly sad.

ESTIMATE of Loss sustained by William Gilliland and his Tenants formerly of Lake Champlain, in the State of New York, since the commencement of the present War, suposed by the Depredations of the Enemy. Vizt.

	Spacie
15 Head of Horned Cattle left behind on his plantations and at Hospital Point, . . . . . Value	£ 119 8
5 Horses and Mares " do " and at Crown Point when that Garrison was evacuated. . . . .	60
11 or 12 Swine besides pigs .....	26
Bulky Furniture and farming Utensils left behind, Looms etc. . . . .	150
A large Quantity of Manufactured and some new Iron and Steel Burried, but supposed to be found by the Enemy, some of those Who assisted in Burying them having gone to the Enemy. . . . .	100
3 New Pot-Ash Kettles left behind. . . . .	60
Grist Saw Mills Burned, he is informed by the Enemy . . . . .	250

	£	Shillings	Pence
4 Different Farm Houses of my own "Ditto" . . . . .	200		
24 Dwelling Houses of my Tenants who were greatly in my Debt together with Barns and other out-houses and some fences said to be destroyed by the Enemy . . . . .		1200	
Effects left at Ticonderoga and said to be taken or destroyed by the Enemy . . .		44	8
Several Acres of Flax left behind to be used or destroyed by the Enemy, if not rotted . . . . .		10	
An Original Map of Lake Champlain, laid down from an actual Survey, finely embellished, with several private surveys thereon of my own making, said to be lost by Genl. Arnold when he was defeated by the Enemy on the Lake, Cost more than . . . . .		30	
Computed Value of a Crop sold Udney Hay for the use of one Army which he refuses to pay for, because used or destroyed by the Enemy, as he alleges . . . . .	656		15
Property sent for me from Montreal to St. John's to be forwarded to me in 1775 by Mr. Dan'l. Turner, and and which I have been informed fell into the Enemies hands at that post . . . . .		29	4 10
Oak Timber and Hay Cutt on my Lands by the Enemy, or those within their Lines, some possession to a large amount as I am informed and may be in Value . . . . .		1000	
	£3943 15 10		

State of New York Ss. William Gilliland late of Lake Champlain but at present of the City and County of Albany Merchant being duly Sworn Deposith and saith, that the within Account in the manner and form in which it is charged Contains the Articles of real and personal property, which he verily believes was taken burnt used or destroyed by the Enemy — And that the prices stated opposite the respective Articles, are reasonable according to the best of his knowledge and belief.

William Gilliland

Sworn before me this 25th., day of February 1782.

Robert Yates.

Dutchess County seemed to escape with but a few Claims for Damages, except "When the Enemy surprized our Guard at Ward's House". Westchester County sent in several Claims due to the burning of houses when the British Army occupied Peekskill, in March, 1777. The latter Claims were accompanied by the statements of Appraisers appointed to value the buildings. Orange County sent in no Claims that appear among the documents.

The County of Tryon was the worst sufferer. Bills for Damages were sent from the following localities:—Andreastown, Beaver Dam, Butlers borough, Canajoharie District, Caughnawaga District, Cherry Valley, Coenradt's Town, Curry's Town, Durlach, German Flats District, Herkimer's Town, Kingsland District, Jerseyfield, Little Falls, Mohawk District, Old England District, Palatine District, Remasniders Bush, Saggenigo, Sand Flats, Springfield, Stone Arabia, Warrensborough, Warren's Bush.

The second Raid of Sir John Johnson, in October, 1780, was the cause of nearly all the claims in Tryon County. Full descriptions will be found in the "Public Papers of George Clinton", in "The Northern Invasion", by Franklin B. Hough, 1866; in "Schoharie County and Border Wars of New York", by J. R. Sims, 1845; and in "The Old New York Frontier", by Francis Whiting Halsey, 1900. Briefly stated, the object of the Raid was to cut off the supplies upon which General Washington depended; and to destroy the resources of all, in the valleys of

the Mohawk and the Schoharie, who were friendly to the American Cause. Johnson's Army, organized in Canada, made a detour to the westward and began by attacking the three Forts on the Schoharie, none of which were taken. The Enemy devastated the Schoharie valley, and continued the work in the Mohawk valley. They defeated Col. John Brown at Fort Paris (Palatine Bridge); but, in the end, they were defeated by Gen. Robert Van Rensselaer, and fled. The documents give the dates when the following places were raided:— Caughnawaga, Oct. 18; Durlach, Stone Arabia and Mohawk District, Oct. 19; Warrensborough, Oct. 25.

The documents also record a Raid, by John Dockstader, July 9, 1781. On Oct. 24, of that year, about 700 British and Indians, under Maj. Ross and Maj. Walter Butler, entered Currytown, among the Mohawk River settlements. They continued on the south bank of the River, burning buildings and taking Prisoners. From Auriesville, they proceed to Fort Hunter, crossed the Schoharie River and went as far as Yankee Hill in the present town of Florida. Thence they turned directly back to Johnstown. The next day, Col. Willett overtook them near Johnston Hall, and the Enemy retreated to the East and West Canada Creeks.

Earlier Raids had been made on Cherry Valley, Nov. 11, 1778; and on Caughnawaga, May 22, 1780; and still other Raids were made in 1782. Several Claims are made for "Damages to the Oneidas and Tuscaroras, the Allies of the Confederate States". Herkimer's Town and the German Flats were raided at the time of the Battle of Oriskany, Aug. 6, 1777. The latter was also raided in Sept., 1778.

A List of the Real and Personal Effects of Frederick Fisher Wantonly taken and destroyed by the Enemy in the Year 1780.

A Dwelling House—Burnt.....	£ 100 0 0
2 Beds and Bedding.....	20 16
Mens and Womens Ware.....	23 4
A Tea Kettle.....	4
A Brass Kettle.....	0 9
Plates.....	19 19
Earthen Ware.....	1 11
2 Brass Ladles.....	0 9
A Silver Mounted Sword.....	7
2 Guns.....	2 10
Holstors and Pistols.....	2 16
A Saddle Bridle and Saddle Bags.....	3 4
A pair Boots.....	1 12
2 Negroes and a wench — carried off.....	240
A Barn and 2 Barracks Burnt.....	35
12 Load Hay do.....	15
50 Scipples Indian Corn do 3/.....	7 10
2 Horses—carried off.....	30
A Set Horse Harness.....	22 10

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£ 494 7 0

State of New York Ss. Frederick Fisher being duly sworn depositeh and saith that the above Account contains the Articles belonging to him which were burnt or destroyed or carried off by the Enemy and that the prices affixed opposite to the same are reasonable.

Sworn before me this day of Jany. 1782.

Robt. Yates.

Fredk. Fisher [Col.]

State of New York Tryon County. An Account of the Damages which Samuel Campbell of Cherry Valley have Sustained by the Enemy on the Eleventh of November 1778.

	£	S	D
To one Dwelling house burnt.....	150		
To Two barns burnt.....	150		
To two horses taken away.....	30		
To two mears and one Coalt do.....	20		
To one Cow taken away.....	5		
To one beef burnt.....	5		
To four fat hogs killed.....	12		
To one Negro boy carried off.....	50		
To one Waggon burnt.....	7		
To one Slay and Harness burnt.....	6		
To thirty Loads of hay do.....	30		
To wheat and peas and oats burnt in the Straw.....	50		
To Corn and Potatoes and flax burnt.....	10		
To one watch taken away.....	6		
To two Sadls and bridles carryed off.....	5	10	
To Cloathing and house all furniture burt or carryed off.....	200		
To Cash taken away.....	60		
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	£	795	10 0

Jany. 25, 1782.

Saml. Campbell [Col.]

The Claims in Ulster County were, in most cases, for Damages when Kingston was burned by Gen. John Vaughan, Oct. 16, 1777:—

Memorandum of goods burnt by the Enemy in Kingston Eusopes.

One FetherBed Holld. Tick 1 Boulster, 1 Pillow, 1 Coverlin to the Bed,.....	£	14	0	0
1 Bedsted 20/ One green Rug 55/.....		3	15	0
2 larg Rose Blanckets.....		1	8	
1 Larg lookinglass.....		6	0	
2 Chaina Teapots.....		0	16	
Eight Burnt Chaina Chocolate Cups.....		0	10	
1/2 Doz. Tea Cups and saucers.....		0	14	
Four do plates.....		0	2	
2 larg Cream Couler sauce Cups.....		0	4	
1/2 Doz. Blew Chaina plates.....		0	6	
1/2 Doz. Cream Colour do.....		0	2	6
One Dining Table Black Cherry wood.....		1	4	
One do Teable larg.....		1		
One larg Copper Kittle.....		3	13	9
One do Brass.....		1	12	
Six Flat back Chairs.....		1	16	
One holland Cubberd Neatly Adorned with wax Work.....		10		
One Barrel Soap.....		1	12	
Three Wine Canters.....		0	6	
Four do Glasses.....		0	6	
One Chest wt Cloathing and linnen.....		1	10	
One do wt Sundry books as 1 larg Dutch Bible.....		3		
One larg Knibbe one Sermon book some of the others Divinity & some History..		1	12	
One New Spining Weale.....		1	12	
Twelve Pictures wt Glass over, forgot the price alow.....			18	
One larg Knot Bowl Cost.....		1	4	

Two larg Knot Bowls Cost 32/ one do 8/.....	£ 2
Two Beds wt Straw or Straw Beds.....	2 10
Two fine workt Baskets .....	0 16
One Tapend Water Crane.....	0 6
	£ 54 17 3

Corn<sup>s</sup>. Van Santvoordt.

After some of the worst efforts of the Enemy had been made, the Legislature, Nov. 22, 1781, passed this Concurrent Resolution:—

Resolved that the honorable the Chief Justice and puisne justic of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State for the time being, be, and they are hereby respectively authorized and requested to collect returns and evidence in the manner described in the letter from the Honorable Robert R. Livingston Esqr of the 12th instant to his Excellency the Governor of this State attendant on his Excellency's Message of this Day of the Damage done by the Enemy within this State, by the wanton destruction of property, and that the Legislature will make provision for defraying the Expense attendant on this Business and for compensating the Chief Justice and puisne justices for their services herein.

Judge Robert Yates acted under this Resolution. He gave two separate Reports to the Legislature; one of them in 1781, and the other without a date. His charge was 2/— pr each deposition.

State of New York to Robert Yates Dr.

To taking a Number of Depositions respecting Losses sustain'd by the Depredation of the Enemy in the Northern Parts of this State Vizt 227 a 2/ £ 22..14..

[This Account was, audited and paid in 1790]

The following were Claimants for Damages by the Enemy:—

*Albany County*

Abeel James	Davis Catherina	Merkel John	Swart Peter
Ball Johannis	Deitz William	Merkle Hendrick	Swart Tuenis
Bauk Johannis	Eckeson Thomas	Meyer Christian	Taylor Jeremiaf
Bauk John William	Eckeson Tiunes	Nukel Gerrit C.	Van den bergh Evert
Bauk Thomas	Enters Peter	Nukerk John	Van den bergh John
Bauk William	Enters Jacob	Porks Daniel	Van Slick Marteynis
Beck Martinus	Forster Anna	Rechtmeyer George	Vroman Adam
Becker Abraham	Forster George	Reinhardt George Fr.	Vroman Peter I.
Becker Albertus	Freymier Johannes	Rickart Eva	Vrooman Barent
Becker Harmanus	Graham John	Rickart George	Vrooman Barent, jr.
Becker Isaac	Hills George	Rickert Johannes	Vrooman Johan
Becker Johannes Jos.	Honak Henry	Robinson Charles	Vrooman Peter
Becker John	Kercher Philip	Schaefer Jacob	Vrooman Simon
Becker John Albertus	Kest Richard	Schaffer Martinis	Vrooman Tunis
Becker Peter	Kniskern Johannes	Scheffer Jost	Waite William
Becker Storm	Kniskern William	Schell Jost	Warner George
Becker Storm, jr.	Koeningh Michael	Schelman George	Warner Nicholas
Belknap Abel	Lansing Garret J.	Schneider Peter	Wendell Abraham
Bellinger Johannis	Lansing Isaac N.	Shafer Hendrick	Wendell Evert
Bellinger Marcus	Lawyer Jacob	Sidnich William	Werth John Jacob
Bergh Philip	Lawyer Johannis	Sillenick Harmanus	Winne Daniel
Borll Johannis	Lawyer Lorence	Snyder William	Winne John
Borst Baltus	Luke Jacob	Sternberg Abraham	Yates Peter
Borst Hendrick	McCrea John	Sternberger Nicklas	Zielie Martinis
Brown Christian, Capt.	Mann Peter	Sternbergh David	Ziellie Peter, jr.
Cramer Charles	Mattise Johannis	Stubrach Hendrick	Zimmer Jacob

*Charlotte County*

Baker Albert	Durkee Thomas	Moor James, jr.	Watson John
Belknap Abel	Gilliland William	Parks David	Wilson Samuel
Bitler John	Harris Elizabeth	Sanders Peter	Winne Peter
Bristoll Silas	Harris Moses	Sherwood Seth	
Durkee James	Moor James	Vallance David	

*Dutchess County*

Crane Joseph, Dr.

*Tryon County*

Abeel John	Durmot Michael	House Joseph	Oothout Abraham
Antus Coenrat	Earnest Christian	Hunt Timothy	Osterhout John
Armstrong Archibald	Ecker George	Hyer Peter	Park John
Badas Michael	Ecker Jacob	Iseman John	Petri Johannes M.
Bader Michael	Eliot Andrew	Ittig Christian	Petri Mars
Baldsperger John	Ellwood Peter	Keller Henry	Petry John Marks
Banner Johannis	Finck Andrew	Keller Johannes	Petry William
Barbelat Jacob	Fisher Frederick, Col.	Keltz Conrath	Philipse Volkert
Barden Michael	Folmer Thomas	Kennedy James	Phillips William
Barth Margaret (Widow)	Foltz Peter	Kennedy Robert	Pifer Peter
Baschou John	Fonda Adam	Kentor John	Potman David
Batcheller Zephaniah	Fonda Jelles	Kesler John, jr.	Potman David, jr.
Baxter Thomas	Fonda John	Kessler John	Potman Frederick
Bell Dorothy (Widow)	Foror Rudolph	Kinthead Crownidge	Quackenboss Abraham, jr.
Bellinger John	Fox Frederick	Klumph Thomas	Quackenboss Peter J.
Bellinger Peter, jr.	Fox George	Kortright Henry	Quackenbush Myndert W.
Bellinger William	Fox John	Lambet Peter	Raspoen Martes
Bennett Amos	Frank Albart	Lampfor Peter	Relley John
Bowman Eva	Frank Frederick	Lewis Adam	Remsnyder Hendrick
Boyay Catharine	Frank Johannis	Lewis David	Rickey James
Boyer John	Frank John	Lewis Frederick	Rung Hendrick
Brookman Godfried	Frank Lawrence	Lewis Hendrick	Ryckart Lodowick
Campbell James	Frank Timothy	Lively Simon	Sammons Samson
Campbell John	Frantz Sebastian	Loucks Henry	Schell Johannes
Campbell Samuel, Col.	Gardener Samuel	Loup William	Schimmell Francis
Cannon Andrew	Gardenier Jacob	Lythaa Niclas	Schmit Johannes
Cannon Matthew	Gettman Frederick	Mabie Harmanus	Schoemaker John
Clyde Samuel, Col.	Gibson William	McCollom Daniel	Schoemaker Thomas
Coppernoll Nicholas	Gordon Robert	McDermid Michael	Seroos Christian
Coppernoll Richard	Grim Henry	McGraw Daniel	Shaddack Thomas
Crissman Gottfried	Guile John	McKillip John	Shallop Frederick
Cristman Frederick	Haag Frederick	McKillup Archibald	Shell John, sr.
Cristman Jacob	Hall William	McKown James	Shew Godfrey
Cristman Nicholas, sr.	Hansen Hendrick	Marlatt Mark	Shoemaker Frederick
Cromwell Jacobus	Hansen Nicholas	Marr James	Shultys Christopher
Dachsteder John Nicholas	Hansen Peter	Miller Henry	Slouwits (Widow)
Davis Jacob	Harnes John	Miller Valentine	Small Susanna (Widow)
Davis James, jr.	Haywisen Martin	Mitchell Hugh	Smith John
Davis Patrick	Herder Lawrence	Moor James	Snock William
Davis Thomas	Harter Henry	Moore Jacob	Spornheyer William
Deline William	Hess Augustinis, jr.	Moore John	Staring Adam
Dellinbagn John	Hess Augustinus, sr.	Notman Jacob	Starring Nicholas
Dickson James	Hess Frederick	Nukerk George C.	Steen Conrad
Diefendorff Jacob, jr.	Hess Johannes	Nukle John	Stine William
Dietz Jacobus	Hess John	Ohrendorff George	Throop George
Dietz John	Hessler John	Ohrendorff Peter	Tillebagn John
Dietz William	Hews Catharine	Ohrendorph Frederick	Toror Rudolph
Dockstader Frederick	Hews James	Ohrendorph Frederic, jr.	Van Alstine Gilbert
Dorrs Matthias	Heyser John	Ohrendorph John	Van Brackelen Gysbert
Doxstadder George	Hoff Richard	Oneidas & Tuscaroras	Van Brackelen Nicholas

Van den berg Wynant	Veeder Volkert	Wempel Margareta	Wimer Andrew
Van der merk John	Vrooman Henry	Wempe John B.	Winkel John
Van der Wycke John	Warts Matisse	Wever Jacob	Wohleben Abraham
Van Eps Charles	Wasel George	Wicks Samuel	Wolleben Peter
Van Eps John E.	Weatherstraw Henry	Willson Andrew	Woolhaver Jacob
Veeder Abraham	Weaver Nicholas	Willson James	Young Adam
Veeder Johannis	Wempel Barent	Willson Samuel	Zieleis John

*Ulster County*

Beekman Cornelius	Elmendorph Cornelius	Houghtaling Teunes	Slegt Teunis
Bogardus Nicholas	Elmendorph Jacobus & Cornelius	Houghtaling Wilhelmus	Smart Petrus
Cox David		Low Jacobus	Snyder Johannis
De Lametter David	Eltinge William	McDowell James	Swart Adam
De Witt Jacob R., Capt.	Freer Abraham	McLean John	Tappen Christopher
Doyl Charles	Freer Samuel	Masten Benjamin	Ten Brook Jacob
Dumon Peter	Groen Jacob Marinus	Persen Adam	Tremper Jacob
Dumond Egbert	Hasbrouck Abraham	Persen Johannis	Van Gaasbeck Abraham
Elmendorph Abraham	Hasbrouck Elias	Persen Matthew & Alida	Van Santvoordt Cornelius
Elmendorph Arent	Hodlor Peter	Roggen Franz & Peter	Wittaker John
Elmendorph Conradt C.	Hoffman Anthony	Slegt Johannis	Wynkoop Dirck

*Westchester County*

Hunt Phinehas

The following Claims for Damages cannot be identified, as to location. It is probable that most of them were caused by Johnson's Raids in the valley of the Mohawk.

Bancker Evert	Ittig Michael	Patingill William	Van Everah Cornelius
Banda Milchior	Kelly John	Potman Cornelius	Van Everah John
Carner Charles	Kock Jurgen	Poyar John	Van Schaick Jacob
Cunningham William	Kock Soferines	Rechtmeier George Christian	Van Valkenburgh Abraham
Davis Elizabeth	Lansing Abraham		Van Valkenburgh Jacob
Davis Isaac	Lansing Gerret A.	Scott James	Van Veghten Cornelius
Docksteder John	Lansing Isaac H.	Snell Adam	Vroman Bartholomew
Doty Isaac	Lewis Peter	Steens John	Vroman Jonas
Fisher Catharine	Mabee Petrus	Sternberger Abraham	Vrooman Peter C.
Hansen Barant	McDavitt Charles	Tisese John	Weaver George
Hen Marka	Marks (Mr.)	Van Alstine Jacob	Weaver Johan George
Hesler Conradt	Newkirk Abraham	Van den bergh Cornelius	

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**Claims of the State against the United States**

His Accounts with the United States show Mr. Curtenius' most accurate, and pains-taking work. The conduct of that work brought Mr. Curtenius into close relations with Robert Morris, the Financier; Robert Troup and Oliver Wolcott, Secretaries of the United States Treasury; Michael Hillegas, Treasurer of the United States; John Pierce, of the United States Treasury Department; Joseph Nourse, Register of the United States; Alexander Hamilton, Receiver of Continental Taxes; Patrick Ferrall, Commissioner of United States Accounts; Benjamin Mifflin, Clerk of the Office of United States Accounts; Joseph Howell, jr., Commissioner of United States Army Accounts; William Barber, Continental Commissioner; and Daniel Tillinghast, Continental Agent. Many of the documents bear the names, and often the signatures, of these prominent men.

A law of the United States, dated May 7, 1787, repealed the law of Oct. 13, 1786, establishing a Board to Liquidate and Settle all Accounts between the United States and Individual States. It provided for the appointment of five Commissioners to go to the five Districts to state the Account of each District, respectively, with the United States. The five Districts were: the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island; the States of New York and New Jersey; the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland; the States of Virginia and North Carolina; the States of South Carolina and Georgia. The several States were limited to six months after the Commissioner had notified the Governor of each that he was ready to proceed; after which time all Claims were shut off. On June 24, 1788, a law was passed extending the time three months, that is to Oct. 1, 1788.

When the Government of the United States notified the several States of the passage of the law, noted above, this Statement was given out:—

Amount of Cash charg'd by Congress to Each Particular State vizt —

		Dollars	90th	8th
New Hampshire	reduced to Specie	440.710	75	2
Massachusetts	do	1.248.765	28	
Rhode Island	do	1.028.511	33	6
Conneticut	do	956.407	14	1
New York	do	811.728	41	
New Jersey	do	331.869	56	2
Pennsylvania	do	2.075.606	48	4
Delaware	do	63.817	5	
Maryland	do	609.433	10	6
Virginia	do	363.931	82	3
North Carolina	do	787.200	30	3
South Carolina	do	971.789	40	2
Georgia	do	678.964	68	3
Total		10.368.785	84	

CIRCULAR LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SETTLING CLAIMS OF THE SEVERAL STATES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

Office of Finance 7th Septem<sup>r</sup>. 1782.

Sir, The Comptroller of the Treasury having given you his Instructions as to the Form of settling Accounts, there are two particulars to which I will call your Attention. It has constantly been kept in view by Congress that Interest should be allow'd to the States for any disproportion of Advances & this Idea is still pursued in the Ordinance under which you act.

You must therefore on every Advance made by the State after fixing the value precisely allow an Interest at Six pr Cent until the First day of this year & charge a like Interest on Advances to them. In settling the Accounts with Individuals, you will consider that artful Men have frequently taken advantage of the Public & that in many Instances public Officers have frequently taken advantages of the weak & unprotected — You will therefore always remember that it is your Duty to do Justice in the Prosecution of this Duty — You will take care also, to discover & bring to Light, pursue and punish Fraud & Peculation of every kind, wherever you may meet with them.

I wish you Success & am Sir

Commissioners for settling  
Accounts with the States

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Robt. Morris

These queries having been proposed by Lewis Pintard, Esqr. Commissioner for liquidating the Accounts in the State of New Jersey & Danl. Desaussure Esqr. Commiss<sup>r</sup>. in the State Maryland, have been considered & the following Answers annex'd to them Viz:

In settling the Accounts between a State & the United States it will be necessary that the Commissioner be previously inform'd on the following heads Viz:

Query 1st. Is the whole, or any part of the Expence to be allow'd for Fortifications for the defence of the State, or any particular place within such State?

2nd. Is the whole or any part of the Expence for the Militia to be allow'd, either when invaded, or in danger of any Invasion by the common Enemy, or for suppressing Rebellion against the State, or when employ'd against the Indians?

3rd. In what proportions are the States to be allow'd for cloathing the Continental Troops raised by each State?

4th. Are all Camp & Military Stores of every denomination to be charged to the United States whether made use of by the Regulars or Militia? In this department it is presum'd there will be great quantities of Arms & Ammunition expended by the Militia which cannot be accounted for.

5th. Are Individual States to be allow'd the disbursements for Gallies or other armed vessels not ordered by Congress?

6th. Are they to be allow'd for Obstructions sunk or intended to be sunk in order to prevent the Enemies Vessels going up to the Cities of the United States?

Answer to No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 In all these matters the Commiss<sup>r</sup>. will be regulated by the resolution of Congress, according to the true Intent & meaning. When charges are authorized by the existing Resolves, they must be passed: & when they ought not to be admitted, they must be rejected. In doubtful cases Application must be made to the Superintendent of Finance, who will state a general Question to Congress & receive the answer without communicating the name of the State.

Query 7th. Are all disbursements for presents to Indians to be admitted as a Charge against the Union?

Answer to No. 7 No Charge for Presents to, or Treaties with Indians will be admitted unless authorized by Congress.

Query 8th. If a State hath settled & paid Accounts which shall be admitted to be a charge against the Union & it appears to the Commissioner that a considerable overcharge was made in any part thereof; shall he deduct so much as he shall judge to be an overcharge?

Answer to No. 8 All such Accounts with their Vouchers must be examin'd & all improper as well as overcharges deducted & the Commiss<sup>r</sup>. must endeavour by every means to detect all Frauds & discover all Errors.

Query 9th. Is it not the intention of Congress that the Acco<sup>ts</sup>. Current between the United States & each State be closed the 31st December in every year since the commencement of the War, & to which end, the Accounts for each Department are to be liquidated accordingly?

Answer to No. 9 The Instructions of the Superintendent of Finance on this subject of the 7th September 1782 contain an answer.

Query 10th. Shall the Charges made for Expresses to or from Congress or within the State be admitted in the Account?

Answer to No. 10 This will depend on particular circumstances, of which the Commissioner will judge.

Query 11th. Shall the State be allow'd the Charges for maintenance of Prisoners of War?

Answer to No. 11 Charges for maintenance &c. of Prisoners of War must be supported by such Sufficient Vouchers as will authorize a Charge against the Enemy; if not, they must be rejected.

- Query 12th. Shall payments made to Continental Officers, either for recruiting or other services be allow'd, or even where it does not appear, for what services he received the same?
- Answer to No. 12 The Commissioner will be directed by the Resolution of Congress whether charges for money advanc'd to Continental Officers for recruiting or other services are to be admitted: but no charges must be allowed without proving the appropriation or actual expenditure of the money for the uses mentioned in the Account.
- Query 13th. Whether Certificates given to Individuals are to be taken as they stand & new ones given for their amount, or whether they are to be re-examin'd & new prices affixed to the Articles when they have been over or undercharg'd.
- Answer to No. 13 Certificates given by Qr. Masters or Commissarys to Individuals must be re-examin'd, the Articles shewn & their Value determin'd that the receiver of them may be charg'd & made accountable to the Commissioners appointed for the respective departments. See Resolve of Congress of 23d August 1780 which must be strictly attended to.
- Query 14th. What mode is to be pursued to affix the prices of Articles furnished & services performed in each State, if they are not pointed out in the Instructions whether it would not be proper for the Commiss<sup>r</sup>. to be directed to apply to the Chief Justice & other Judges of the different Counties, to fix the same, as it would be improper for him to take upon himself a matter of so great consequence?
- Answer to No. 14 The Commiss<sup>rs</sup>. are appointed & impow'ed to make final settlements according to Equity & good Conscience, without applying to other Judges, unless it be for necessary information.
- Query 15th. Are the different Commiss<sup>rs</sup>. to correspond with each other, in order to give such information as may be useful in the respective departments; if they are, should not all letters to & from them respecting the business of their office be free of postage?
- Answer to No. 15 The Commissioners must correspond with one another when necessary & keep an Account of Postage — no Franks can be allowed.
- Query 16th. By what Scale of Depreciation are Accounts to be settled after the 18th March 1780 being the time the Continental Table of Depreciation ended?
- Answer to No. 16 It is expected there will be few or no accounts with the States after this Period, but if there are, they must be valued by the Scale of the Individual State, unless Congress shall otherwise direct, in which case the Commissioner will be furnished with their Act — With Individuals no other Scale is necessary than Equity & good Conscience.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Sir, Congress having determined to send a Commissioner into this State to adjust and settle the Accounts between the United States and this State, it is because indispensibly necessary so to arrange the Materials for this Adjustment as that the Account Current may be stated with Despatch Accuracy and Perspicuity.

The United States are to be debited with all expenditures made for their Use by the late Congress of this State, by the Convention thereof, by the different Committees, by the Treasurer, the State Agent, the Auditors for liquidating the Accounts of the Army, the Commissioner to be appointed by the Act to raise the sum of £16,000 and the further sum of £16,000 by tax within this State and for selling public Accounts, or by any other Officer of this State, and for that purpose you shall require from them Transcripts of all Accounts heretofore audited and for which Payments hath not yet been made by the Treasurer, and you shall call on the Treasurer for an Account of all Monies paid by him and which are chargeable to the United States — the Accounts of these Expenditures you will collect and digest in such Manner as that the Advances made in each Year shall stand separate, the

Amount of all Advances to the second of September 1777 you are to consider as having been paid in Money equivalent to Specie—from thence forward you are to charge the specific Value of the different Articles in Specie in such Manner as Abraham Yates Philip Schuyler and John Lansing Junior or any two of them shall direct except for the Pay of the Troops or Militia which is to be charged in the nominal Sum paid and considered as Specie.

You will carefully insert the Dates when Payments were made and when you have collected all the Accounts of this State against the United States you will then open Accounts captioned as follows. The United States for Wheat or Flour etc., (as the Case may be) Debtor—and under the Account of Wheat you are to enter all Charges for Wheat which you may have made in the Accounts above mentioned, in order that it may be seen at one view how much Wheat has been furnished, the Time when and at what Price—In like Manner you are to charge every other Article furnished by this State or any Services performed for which the State has made Payment, and as a variety of Articles may have been furnished which cannot come under one general Head, you will open an Account in which to charge such Articles.

You are not by any means to adjust the Accounts of this State with any person appointed or to be appointed by the United States until you have laid the Accounts as arranged by you before the said Abraham Yates Philip Schuyler and John Lansing Junr. Esquires and shall have taken their direction or the Direction of the Major part of them, to those Gentlemen you will also apply when any Difficulties arise in the Execution of this important Business and their Determination you are to consider as binding on you.

Property to a vast Amount has been purchased or taken from the Citizens of this State by compulsory or Impress Laws or by illegal Impresses for which the People have, if paid at all, been paid in a depreciated Money and at a Rate much below the Par in other States and it is the intention of the Legislature that the Difference of Depreciation in this State and other States should be charged to the United States, and in order to enable you to determine with any tolerable Degree of Precision what has been so furnished as aforesaid, it will be necessary that you should call on Jacob Cuyler Esquire late Deputy Commissary of Purchases for an Account of all Supplies purchased or taken, specifying the Date of the Purchase the Time when paid, the Articles purchased or Services performed, distinguishing what has been paid, for and what not,—like Application you will make to Morgan Lewis Esquire to Hugh Hugh Esquire, to Udney Hay Esquire late Deputy Qr. Masters General, to Mr. Nicholas Quackenbush Ass. D. Q. Master General, to Mr. Andrew Bostwick Forage Master General, to the Commissioners for auditing Accounts in the Northern Department and to every other public Officer employed in purchasing and at the Head of any Departments within this State, these Accounts must be digested by you in like Manner as before directed with the other Accounts of this State so that the aggregate amount of each particular Article may be determined at one View.

You shall by Advertisement in the public Papers require the Commissioners of Sequestration and every other public Office appointed by the Congress of this State, by the Convention thereof or by any Committee to come and settle Accounts with you without Delay and shall also require all Persons having Claims on this State to prefer their Accounts that you may audit them, and you shall keep Copies of every Account by you audited, in order that you may charge the United States with every Article furnished by the Accountants and which may with Propriety be charged to the United States.

The Cannon and Military Stores taken by order of the Congress or Convention of this State from the Officers of the King of Great Britain and which may have been delivered to any Officer of the United States you are to charge to the United States.

You will procure all the Journals of Congress as well those already published as those which may hereafter be published and make a Schedule of all such as relate to Requisitions on this State, noting their Substance in such Schedule that the Gentlemen appointed to give you additional Instructions may take them into Consideration and determine the Use to be made of them in a final Settlement with the United States.

If a Commissioner from Congress comes into this State to adjust Accounts and settle with the State and Citizens thereof, you shall require from such Commissioners a Copy of his Instructions so far as they relate to the Principles on which he is to make such Settlement, Copies of which you shall transmit the Gentlemen appointed to give you additional Instructions.

Poughkeepsie 13th: April 1782.

By Order of the Senate.

Pierre Van Cortlandt Presdt.

By Order of the Assembly

Evert Bancker Speaker.

QUERIES OF PETER T. CURTENIUS, AUDITOR GENERAL, AND ANSWERS BY PHILIP SCHUYLER, COMMISSIONER (THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS BEING JOHN LANSING, JR. AND ABRAHAM YATES), MARCH II, 1784.

May 15th 1775, Vol. I, Page 102. Congress Resolve that the Warlike Stores be remov'd from New York — Query Whether this Resolve will authorise the State of New York to charge the Expence of removing the Cannon &c out of Town, because Congress do not say they will be at the expence of such removal. Yes

June 22d Page 126. It is resolved to employ the Green Mountain boys, for the defence of America. The State of New York furnished them with cloathing — Query Whether the United States are to be charg'd with the Cloathing they were furnish'd with? Yes

October 22d. It is resolved by Congress that New York shall raise an Artillery Company, without saying that the Continent would be at the expence — Query, Whether the expence of raising & paying this Company can with propriety be charg'd to the Continent Yes

Novem<sup>r</sup> 4th. Congress recommend to the different Colonies to keep their Gun Smiths at Work to manufacture good Fire Locks & that the prices are to be fixt by the different Assemblies &c. This seems to imply as if the Arms were to be furnished at the expence of the Continent & yet in several subsequent resolves it appears that Stoppages were to be made out of the Soldiers wages for the Payment of the Arms — See Resolves Decr. 5th & 21st Page 280 & 300. Jan'y 19th, 1776. Vol 2d Page 30 Feby 17th Page 66. & in June 25, 1776 Page 230 it is resolv'd that Col Dubois shall raise a Regiment & that the Arms the Men furnish themselves with are to be valued by the Committees of the Counties & to be paid for by the Continent — this last resolve seems to contradict the Resolves that precede it —

In the years 1775 & 1776 I as Agent for the State of New York purchas'd & deliver'd a considerable number of Arms for the Use of the Continental Troops raised by our State, for which I believe no Stoppages have been made, because I never was called on by the Officers to whom I deliver'd them for the price of the Arms; of course they could not make the stoppages when they were ignorant of the price — My Orders at first from the Convention were to deliver the Arms to the Officers of our Regiments taking their Receipts for the delivery, which I did, but had no Orders to fix the price — Afterwards I receiv'd Orders to deliver all the Arms & warlike Stores to Richard Norwood Colony Store Keeper who deliver'd them out to the Officers of our Regiments & took their Receipts for the delivery in the same manner I did, without fixing the price; besides this, between Five & Six Hundred Musquets were taken out of the City Hall by the Populace belonging to the Corporation which have never been paid for and were afterwards collected by the Officers of McDougall's Regt from the Inhabitants of the City; of course no receipts were given by the Officers who receiv'd them — As the Resolves about the Arms appear to me to contradict each other — Query, Whether the Arms this State has furnish'd must be charg'd to the Continent from the delivery or not; and if the Continent is to pay for them what price must they be charg'd at.

All Arms deliver'd to Troops in the Line of the Army must be charg'd to the United States at £4. if possible —

Jan'y 5th 1776 Page 12. Vol 2d Congress direct the Delegates of New York to write to the Convention to furnish Genl Schuyler with what Money had been paid by them to Officers or Persons under his Command; If this has been done by the Convention the General will please to certify (when he can have recourse to his Books) what the Sums were & from whom the Stoppages were made

Answer — Jonathan Trumbull was Pay Master in 1775 & 1776. his Books contain an exact Account of all Stoppages made in favour of the State of New York

June 19th 1776 Congress recommended to the Assemblies & Conventions of the United Colonies to purchase Cloathing for the Troops rais'd for that Campaign & that they be baled, Invoiced & stor'd & to be deliver'd to the Order of Congress, or the Commander in Chief, & that the Cost be deducted from the Pay of the Soldiers: This Resolve has never been complied with, by our State, as to Stoppages — The State order'd me to purchase Cloathing & to deliver them to John Henry State Store Keeper & take his receipt for what I deliver'd, but gave me no directions about pricing them — John Henry deliver'd them to the Order of the Governor & took Receipts for the Delivery, but could fix no price to them, as he did not know the Cost, of course the Officers that receiv'd them could make no stoppages when they were ignorant of the price — Query, Whether the State must loose the Cost of them, or the Continent whose Officers neglected to demand an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Cost.

The Cloathing must be charg'd to the United States the Auditor must support the charge, in the best manner he can; he must make every enquiry from Commissaries & Officers to obtain information on the subject

October 8th 1776 Page 404 Congress resolve that a Suit of Clothes be annually given as a Bounty to the Soldiers who shall list during the War, amounting to 20 Dollars for the present year — Query, Whether all the Suits that were deliver'd from the 1st Jany 1776 to 1st Jany 1777 are included in this Resolve & Query Whether if the Suit cost the State more than 20 Dollars, whether the United States are to be charg'd with the Overplus?

The Cloathing must be charg'd what it cost the State, with all the Incidental expences attending it

The State of New York furnish'd Cloathing in the year 1775 for Four Regiments of Continental Troops raised in this State for which no Stoppages have been made because the Cloathing were consider'd as Bounty Cloathing; but I see no Resolve of Congress in 1775 that authorises any State in that year to give Cloathing to their Troops as a Bounty. Query, Whether the Cloathing furnish'd in that year, can with propriety be charg'd to the United States as the first Bounty Cloathing was given Octr 8th 1776 — See preceding Resolve

All Cloathing must be charg'd

Octr 9th 1776 Congress order that a Commissary of Cloathing be appointed, to receive & pay for the Cloathing that should be deliver'd to him by the different States — It does not appear by any papers I am possessed of, that any Money has been receiv'd by our State for any Clothing deliv'd to Continental Clothiers, before, or after this date

April 29th 1777 Congress recommend to the different States, to transmit to the Paymasters of the Battalion the Amount of Advances made by the different States to their Officers for the Recruiting Service, in order that the Paymasters may call such Officers to Account & Feby 6th 1778 Vol 4 Page 78 It is recommended to the respective States to transmit duplicate Accounts to the Board of Treasury of Advance, made by them to the Regimental Paymasters, or other Officers of the Army; and that each State sustain the Loss which may arise from the detention of their Accounts after the 1st July 1778 — These Resolves I am apprehensive have not been complied with by our State, because the Accounts of Col<sup>s</sup> Van Schaick Gansevoort, Cortlandt & H. B. Livingston still stand open for considerable Sums advanc'd them in 1776 & 1777 for the recruiting Service — I have wrote them on the subject, some of them have been with me & say that their Accounts have been settled by the Pay Master General, & that Stoppages have been made in favour of the State of New York for the Sums receiv'd by them from the State — I desir'd them to procure Certificates from the Pay Master for that purpose which they have promised to do, but if they should not get them in time. Query, Whether it would not be proper to charge the United States with the Gross Sums advanc'd them, and produce their Receipts for Vouchers —

The United States must most certainly be charg's with all Advances made their Officers It were however to be wished, that they had been informed of those Advances, lest if no credit is given by those Officers; it may not be allowed by the State

Jan'y 5th 1779 Page 10. By this Resolve & the Resolve therein referr'd to, it will be necessary to make out an Interest Account & if an Interest Account is to be made out, & charg'd daily on every small sum which has been paid out by the State Treasurer on Continental Account, it will take up as much time to make out the Interest Account as the Continental Account Query must the Interest be computed on the daily payments, or at the End of each Month?

This must be adjusted with the Continental Commis<sup>r</sup>

March 2d 1779 Vol 5. Page 80. Congress resolve that a proper Person be appointed to settle & pay all Accounts for Arrearages of Cloathing due to the Troops of the United States for the year 1777 — That the Clothiers of the different States make exact returns of Cloathing issued for 1777. This Resolve has not been complied with by our State Query Whether our State is to loose all the Cloathing furnisht in that year?

The Cloathing must be charg'd, & the Exigencies of the State must be pleaded for the non compliance

March 9th 1779 Page 94 & 95. It is recommended to each State to fill up their Compliment of Men by Drafts & that a Bounty of 200 Dollars be given to each Draft & that each State shall be credited for 200 Dollars for each Recruit, it shall bring into the Field for three Years, or during the War — Query, Who is the proper Person or Persons from whom I can get the information how many Men were raised on this Resolution?

We dont know, you must procure the best information you can

March 23d 1779 Page 109. This Ordinance for the Cloathing Department, has been partly complied with — I had written Orders from the Legislature to deliver all the Cloathing in Store, to the Sub Clothier and take his receipt for all the delivery which I did, but was inhibited to fix the prices — I was directed by my Orders to make a minute of the prices as they went when they were deliver'd, which was out of my power to do, for there was no scale of Depreciation then publish'd. Great part of the Cloathing I deliver'd to the Sub Clothier were purchas'd by me in April 1778 some of them were Shoes & Stockings raised by Assessments, & a price fix'd much under their real Value & the greater half, say 500 Suits of what was purchas'd in April 1778 were deliver'd December 11th 1779 — I see difficulties in settling the Cloathing Account, There are three ways to settle it, The first is, to average what the Cloathing cost pr Suit in Specie in each Year: The Second is to charge every Suit at the Price Congress fixes a suit at, in each Year: or to get the Average price from the Clothier General what a Suit cost in every Year during the War — I wait your direction which of these Modes I must adopt

That Mode which is most beneficial to the State

April 14th 1779 Congress recommend to the different States to appoint an Agent to supply their Officers with Rum at 5/4 pr Gallon, Sugar at 4/ & Tea at 8/ pr at the Expende of the United States Query, If the Articles cost the State more than the price here limited, whether the State is to loose the difference

The Cost & Charges of those Articles must be charged

April 4th 1780 Vol 6. Page 109. Congress approve the raising 800 Men for the defence of the Frontiers of this State, & that they be entitled to receive Continental Pay and Rations — Query, Whether the State is pay in the first Instance all the Troops that have been rais'd before, and since this Period for the defence of the Frontiers, and charge the Amount to the United States — Col<sup>s</sup> Weissenfelt & Willet have applied to me to know whether I was authorised to Audit their Abstracts for the Frontier Service — I deferr'd Auditing them until I could obtain your Instructions what to do in this matter.

The Laws of the State, must be your guide.

April 13th 1781 Vol 7. Page 83. Congress recommend to the States to pay the New Levies — Query, Whether the Levies here mentioned, were those that were drafted to fill up the Continental Battalions

Probably

I have called on Col Hay for an Account of the Specific Supplies furnish'd by this State to the United States; his Answer was, that his Books and Papers were unfortunately consumed by Fire, and therefore it was out of his Power to give me any Account, but he inform'd me

that he had made regular returns from time to time to the Legislature & to the Financier of the Quantity deliver'd which Returns he was ready to attest to upon Oath — Query — Whether the Financier or Commissioner can, or will admit Col Hays Oath, as a Proof of Delivery without a particular Resolve of Congress for that purpose

The Auditor must procure the necessary Information from the Financier's Office.

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### Specie Requisitions

Some of the most important of the Auditor-General's Accounts related to Specie Requisitions. The following Commission may make more clear what the Requisitions were:—

Whereas Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, in conformity with an act of the United States in Congress Assembled, passed the 2<sup>d</sup> November, 1781, hath been duly appointed by Commission under my hand & Seal Receiver of the Continental Taxes within the State of New York, And Whereas it is doubtful whether a Receiver of Continental Taxes hath yet been recognized by the Legislature of that State, in order to obviate difficulties that might arise on that account, I do hereby especially authorize and empower the Said Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, to make application to and receive from the executive authority of the said State, the Treasury or such other Person or Persons as are or may be appointed and enabled to pay unto the Superintendent of Finances or his order for the use of the United States, the first quarterly payment of the quota of the said State in Eight Millions of dollars Specie required by Congress for the Service of this present year, and upon the Receipt of the whole or any part of the said quarterly payment, which became due to the United States on the first Day of this present Month, in the Sum of Ninety three thousand three hundred and ninety nine and one half dollars Specie, to give his Receipts or Discharges which shall be equally valid against the United States as if given by me.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Treasury at the Office of Finance in the City of Philadelphia this fifteenth day of April, 1782.

Robt. Morris —

## THE TREASURER

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Abraham Lott, appointed in 1767, was the last Treasurer of the Colony under the Crown. It might be inferred that he continued in the Office till May 8, 1777, when the Convention ordered him to turn over his money and books to the State Treasurer, and to give an account of the same. But this was not the fact. There are many documents giving the Accounts of Monies paid out by Peter Van Brugh Livingston, the Treasurer of the Provincial Congress, in 1775 and 1776. His Accounts, running for less than the first year of the war (June 17, 1775, to April 26, 1776) gave total receipts of £161,823.3.9.; of which the Continental Congress contributed one item of £62,000, and another of £18,800. The first cash received was from Col. McDougall, £100 on June 17, 1775. The signers of the New Emission of Paper money paid £45,000 into the Treasury. From July 19 to Dec. 31, 1777, the Commissioners of Sequestration sold Confiscated Property to the amount of £8036.2.2, in the Counties of Dutchess, Tryon, Ulster and Westchester.

Here is the story of Treasurer Livingston's strong box:—

	The State of New York to John Chipp of Kingston Dr.		
1777			
February 27th	To work, nails & stuff repairing a writing desk .....	£ 0.	8.0
	To stuff & nails for a large writing Table .....		8.0
	To making said Table .....		8.0
	To a Cupboard Lock, Hinges & Screws .....	0.6.0	
	To Glew and Nails .....	1.0	
	To stuff for the Box .....	5.0	
	To making said Box .....	12.0	1. 4.0
	To a Packing Box 8/ a pair of Snibles for do 1/— .....		9.0
	To repairing a small packing Box with a Bottom & a Board to cover it .....		3.0
	To 2 chests more with Hinges &c. ....		2.10.0
			£ 5.10.0

[Audited, Apr. 8, and paid, May 20, 1777]

The Accounts of Gerard Bancker, as Vice-Treasurer, began Aug. 28, 1775, and ended Mar. 31, 1778. So active was he, during that period, that he is often called the Treasurer, in the documents. The Provincial Congress frequently called him the Deputy State Treasurer, in 1776; and, in that year, he asked Pay for his services as Clerk to the Auditor. Numerous receipts, signed by claimants, show that Mr. Bancker was the Executive of the Treasury Department; subject, in part, to Mr. Livingston. Mr. Bancker, Dec. 26, 1777, acknowledged the receipt of £2. from the Auditor-General "so much I paid for removing the Treasury from Kingston to Rochester".

With this training in the Office, and with qualifications specially adapted to the work, it was not strange that Gerard Bancker was appointed State Treasurer under the First Constitution,

Apr. 1, 1778. Nor was it strange that his remarkable conduct of the Office led to his holding the same for twenty years. The retaining of this faithful public servant enabled the State, before the end of the Eighteenth Century, to close up the most important Accounts with its Creditors and with the United States.

Under the State, the Treasurer was paid the same amount that was paid under the Colony, £300. The duties of his Office were perplexing and arduous, although the Auditor-General relieved him by auditing the bills. It was the Treasurer's duty to raise the Money to pay the bills, and this was no easy task. The iron money-chest was moved about, like the Provincial Congress, from Rochester to Hurley, Poughkeepsie, Kingston and Albany. On retiring from office, Mr. Bancker availed himself of the privilege of those days and took the chest with him. A hundred years later, in 1898, the chest was sold, with many other interesting effects, for the estate of the late James A. Bancker, in Philadelphia.

The contents of the Treasurer's iron chest comprised a miscellaneous lot of Securities, many of them not very secure. Aside from a small amount of English Money, there was the Money issued by the Continental Congress, the Provincial Congresses and the State — all of it in various stages of depreciation. There were also Certificates issued by the Treasurer or the Auditor-General; and Notes issued by the Treasurer. The "Horse Notes" were those given for the purchase of horses. There were also the following kinds of Certificates:— Claim, State Agent's, Levy, Depreciation, Principal, New Principal and Interest. The latter kind was often subdivided into four parts.

A considerable sum came to the Treasury from the fines paid by Quakers who did not serve in the Army. Large amounts were paid in by the Commissioners of Forfeitures, and other bodies that were carrying on the work in special lines. A debt due to a Tory, or Suspected person, became a debt due to the State; and thus, an asset of the Treasury:—

A clear notion of the work of the Treasurer, in collecting Money and paying it out, cannot be had except by a thorough perusal of his papers in this Office. Not only did the Treasurer pay bills for expenses incurred during his term of office, but he was also obliged to pay bills that had come to him from the Treasurer of the Provincial Congress.

The Exchange of State and Continental Securities, directly after the War, was conducted by a Board of Commissioners consisting of William Denning, Henry Remsen and Comfort Sands. The latter was the Auditor-General from July 24, 1776, to Apr. 8, 1782.

Three days after Mr. Bancker's retirement from office, a law was passed, Mar. 19, 1798, directing that all the papers in the hands of Gerard Bancker, late Treasurer, should be lodged in the Office of the Comptroller; and those papers have remained in this Office ever since that date.

### The Subscription Rolls

Circular Letter to the Commissioners in the Different Precincts in the several Counties.  
Gentlemen:

We have received Authentic Intelligence that a considerable Land and Naval Force is daily expected from France; and, congress have made a requisition upon the several States for monies to be paid immediately in order to put our Army in a condition effectually to co-operate with our Allies. The Exigences will not admit of the slow operation of a Tax, or the formality of a Law for a Loan and the Taxes as they from time to time come into the Treasury are anticipated to discharge past contracts we have therefore had recourse to the Patriotism of Individuals, and for that purpose have opened subscriptions of which you have one inclosed. This subscription we must entreat you to promote and offer it to every person in whom you may suppose to have Ability and Inclination to subscribe.

By the Terms of the Subscription you will observe that the money is to be repaid within six months, or a year at the option of the respective lenders, with Interest at six per Cent per Annum and secured against a further depreciation.

We are authorized to give the fullest assurances that the Legislature will before they adjourn make effectual Provision for the punctual discharge of this Debt and also provide that if any of the subscribers should become purchasers of the forfeited Lands they may have Credit upon such Purchases for the sum subscribed with the Interest due thereon.

We must request you to use your influence with the subscribers to pay the money upon, or shortly after subscribing in which case you will please to receive the money and pass your receipts until the Subscription Rolls can be returned when you will be furnished with the proper Treasury Notes in order to cancel your Receipts, and within fourteen days from this day a Messenger will wait upon you with an order from the Treasury for the Subscription rolls and the monies you may have collected.

It is intended that no Subscriptions shall be taken for a less sum than five hundred Dollars. You will be allowed your expences. Congress in their Letter communicating this important Intelligence declare that the sum they require is necessary to put our own Army in Motion and observe that this Armament from France generously calculated either to produce a diversion in our favor or to forward the operation of our Arms by being directed to the same object, may either by our exertions be made the means of delivering our Country in the Course of the Campaign from the ravages of War or being rendered ineffectual through our supineness serve only to sully the reputation of our Arms, to defeat the benevolent intention of our great Ally and to disgrace our Confederacy in the Eyes of all Europe.

In short if ever there was a period in the war which called for Virtue and Spirit it is the present, you doubtless have the same Convictions and therefore we flatter ourselves with your utmost and immediate Exertions.

Kingston May 30th 1780

By Order of the Senate

By Order of the Assembly

In accordance with this appeal, the following made Loans to the State, on Subscription:—

Ackerman Casparus	Becker Abram	Bloom John	Brinkerhoff Abraham
Ackerman Gulian	Becker Albartus	Bogardus Egbert	Bronck John L.
Arden Thomas	Becker David	Bonestil Philip	Bronck Peter
Ball Peter	Becker Johannes H.	Bont Harmanes	Brooks John
Ball Wilhelmus	Beech Barnabus	Borst Jost	Brower Nicholas
Bamar Joseph	Bellinger Johannes L.	Bournstil Philip	Brown Daniel
Barber Francis	Bellinger Marcus	Brancius W.	Brown William
Bauch Dohmas	Berringer Henry	Brandow Johannes	Bruch Johannes
Bauch Johannes	Billings Andrew	Brett Theodorus	Bruyn Benjamin
Bayard Samuel	Bloodgood Abraham	Brewster Henry	Cantine John, Col.
Beak Barnabas	Bloodgood James	Brewster Joseph	Cantine Matthew
Becker Abraham	Bloom Isaac	Brinckerhoff John	Cantine Peter, Jr.

Carpenter Elijah	Freer Isaac	Lansing Franciscus	Payne William
Carpenter William	Gardner David	Lansing Jacob F.	Peacock John
Cash David	Gardner James	Lansing John, jr.	Persen John
Cash William	Gebbert John Gabriel	Lansing Levinus	Phillips Amaziah
Chesnut Alexander	Gilchrist Adam	Lasher John	Phillips Samuel
Clements Thomas	Glen Henry	Lawyer Johannes L.	Post James
Close John	Goetschius Stephen	Lawyer Laurentz	Prout John
Codwise George, Capt.	Gosline Samuel	Leach Phineas	Quackenboss Sibrant
Concklin Daniel	Grenell John	Leonard William, Capt.	Ray Stephen
Concklin Thomas	Griffen Richard	Loudon Samuel	Rea Martha
Conklin Samuel	Griffin Jacob	McClallen Henry	Reed James
Connyne Philip	Groesbeck Gerrit	McClallen Robert	Reiorden Egnatius
Cooper & Campbell	Groom William	McFarlan Andrew	Rice John Frederick
Crandell Samuel	Groot Nicholas	McFarley Andrew	Richtmeyer Christian
Cross John	Hager William	McKee Thomas	Ries John Frederick
Cross John I.	Haight Daniel	Maley John	Rikes Peter
Cross Robert	Haight Daniel, jr.	Mancius Wilhelmus	Robinson John
Curtenius Peter T.	Haight Elizabeth (widow)	Marshall Francis	Robinson Rachel
Cuyler Cornelius	Haight Gideon	Marten Charles	Roosevelt Isaac
Cuyler Jacob	Haight Stephen	Marvin Elihu	Rosa Jacob
Davis John	Hait Daniel	Marvin Elihu, jr.	Sanders John, jr.
Decker Johannes	Hait Daniel, jr.	Mattes Johannes	Sands Comfort
Dedrick J. W.	Harbork John	Matthise Jacob	Sands Richardson
Delamater Gertruyd	Hardenbergh Johannes G.	Mattise Jost	Savage Charles
Delamater Jacobus	Hart Nehemiah	Maul Christopher	Savage David
Delamatter John	Hasbrouck Jonas	Maul Friederick	Savage Henry, jr.
Delametter Jacob	Havens Jonathan	Maul Johannes	Savage Jean
Delemetter Martin	Havens Jonathan Nicoll	Maul Johannes, jr.	Savage John
DePeyster John	Hawkins Eleazer	Mead Lebeus	Savage Moses
Depue John	Hayt Gideon	Mead Silas	Sears Isaac
DeWitt John, Jr.	Heermanse Gose	Mead Soloman	Schafer Christian
Dietz William	Hedge Stephen	Mercier Alexander	Schell Christian
Dill Caleb	Hedges Eleazer	Merser Alexander	Schell Peter
Dill John	Heger Johannes	Meyer Stephanus	Schenck Geysbert
Dubois Christian	Hendrickse William	Miller Alexander	Schenck Henry
Dubois Cornelius	Henry John	Miller Barnet	Schoolcraft Lawrence
Dubois Jacob, Jr.	Hilsinger Peter	Miller Cornelis	Schoonmaker Jacobus
Dubois Lewis	Hobart John Sloss	Miller Matthew B.	Schoonmaker Jotham D.
Dubois Matthew	Holsapple William	Miller Samuel	Schurri Johannes
Dubois Nathaniel	Hoornbeck Benjamin	Mitchel Hugh	Shepherd John
Duryee Abraham	Hoornbeck Eleazor	Monfoort Peter	Short Peter
Duryee Charles	Hoyt Gidion	Monfoort Peter T.	Sichnich Harmen
Eckerson Thomas	Huick Henrich	Montgomery James	Sickels Zacharias
Ellice James	Humphreys Thomas	Moor James	Slegt John H.
Elsworth John	Ingolt Johannes	Mowris Henry	Sloat John
Enders Jacob	Isaacs Aaron	Mulford Ezekiel	Sly Samuel
Ernest Mary	Jacobs Phillip	Muller Christopher	Smith Caleb
Fanning Phineas	Jansen Henry	Mynderse John	Smith John W.
Ferguson Anne	Jessup Zebulon	Nevier Alexander S.	Smith Josiah, Col.
Feek Cornelius	Johnson John	Newkerk Cornelius	Smith Melancton
Finch Isaac	Ketchum Joel	Newkerk Nancy	Smith Obadiah
Fisher George	King Andrew	Newkerk Philip	Smith Philetus
Flaake Coenradt	Knieskern Johannes, jr.	Nicoll John	Smith Samuel
Fleming Peter	Kniskern Hendrick	Oothoudt Abraham	Smith Wilhelmus
Floyd William	Kniskern Jost	Osborn Jeremiah	Smith William
Fonda Abraham	Kramer Charles	Overbagh Johannes	Snyder Hendrick
Fonda Jelles	Landon David	Paine William	Snyder Peter
Fordham Daniel	Landon Ebenezer	Parsons Elnathan	Stewart William
Franks John	Langdon Jared	Parsons John	Storm Gerret

Storm Gores	Van Aken Petrus	Van Steenberg Tobias, jr.	White James
Storm Patience (widow)	Van Bunschoten Elias	Van Valkenberg Joachim,	Whiteman Henry
Strachen Anne	Van Buschoten Teunis	jr.	Wilde Hugh
Strachen Margaret	Van den Burgh James	Van Vechten Teunis	Wills William
Stringer Samuel	Van Deusen John	Van Veghten Lucas	Wiltse Johannes
Strong Selah	Van Deusen Lucas	Van Wyck Theodorus	Wiltse Martin
Stubrach Christian	Van Gelder Gerret	Vedder Arent H.	Winfield David
Swart Evert W.	Van Kleeck John	Visscher Bastejan T.	Woodhull Abraham
Swart Joseyas	Van Loon Albartus	Visscher Matthew	Woodhull James
Swartwout Jacobus	Van Ness Peter	Vroman Isaac	Wood Robert
Swartwout Naittje	Van Ness William	Vroman Martines	Woolsey Richard
Tappen Peter	Van Nette Petrus	Vroman Peter	Wynkoop Adrian
Taylor John	Van Orden Ignatius	Vroman Peter A.	Wynkoop Cattrena D.
Taylor John	Van Orden John	Vroman Peter I.	Wynkoop Cornelius D.
Ten Broeck Abraham	Van Rensselaer James	Vrooman Ephram	Wynkoop Cornelius E.
Ten Eyck Barent	Van Rensselaer Killian	Vrooman Samuel	Youngs Thomas
Ten Eyck Matthew	Van Schaack Arant	Walsh Hugh	Zabrisky John Joost
Ter Bos Daniel	Van Schaick Anthony	Waltemire George	Ziele Peter
Turck John	Van Slyke James	Washburn Bethuel	

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### The Loan Office

The Loan Office was an important adjunct to the Office of the Treasurer. As early as 1776, the names of Andrew Barclay, Nicholas Gouverneur and Theodorus Van Wyck appear as Loan Officers for the City and County of New York; and Ezra L'Hommedieu, for Suffolk County. In 1778, Governor Clinton, as Clerk of Ulster County, appointed Joseph Gasherie and Christopher Tappen as the Loan Officers of that County. The law of Mar. 30, 1778, appointed Commissioners to take, on loan, subscriptions of not less than \$200. A Concurrent Resolution of the Legislature, Apr. 4, 1778, declared that all Loans to the State should be repaid, with six per cent interest, within one year, the money to be raised by Tax. The law of Oct. 8, 1778, authorized the Governor to appoint a Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office.

By An Act, passed Apr. 18, 1786, the Loan Officers were allowed to issue bills of credit for £200,000 to be numbered by Evert Bancker, Henry Remsen, Jonathan Lawrence, John De Peyster and William Heyer; and signed by any two of them, and delivered to the Treasurer. If more bills than necessary were printed, the signers were required to destroy the surplus. It was provided that Money should be lent for 14 years, from the third Tuesday of June, 1786, in sums not exceeding £300, nor less than £20; also that the Interest should be paid annually; also that the Principal should be paid 1/10 yearly, from 1791 to 1799. Bills remaining four weeks in the Loan Officers' hands might be lent in sums of more than £300; but if remaining more than eight weeks, they must be carried to the next Account. The Loan Officers were required to meet on the first Mondays of November, annually, to destroy bills that came into the Treasury. The Treasurer was authorized to exchange bills when he had received £150,000 in Gold and Silver, from the Loan Office.

Here is a spicy letter from the Loan Officer of Ulster County to the Treasurer, relative to one of the State Agents' Certificates:

Sir:—

Kingston July 15th 1781

In your Letter of the 6th June last I found a General List of Agent Certificates sent to you a few Days previous to that date. Also a Blank Receipt for a Horse Note likewise sent you. The List you have herewith signed agreeable to Request. But the Receipt I do not think proper to sign. I have however drawn a Certificate to the same Effect in Lieu thereof, which I presume will answer your purpose. If not, shall at all times be ready to give such Testimonials as are consistent with the duty of my office respecting that matter. If you had sent me the Receipt to Sign without assigning any Reasons I never would have hesitated to do it. But you say "the Sum on the Face of the Note appears to be altered, and the Receipt on the back of it by Jacobus Bruyn is Obliterated partly". I must therefore confess that I do not know what is intended by demanding a Receipt from me, to be annexed to a paper which from your Description has all the appearance of Fraud & Knavery about it; untill you satisfy me in this I shall consider it as perhaps not intended by you.

I am, Your most Obedt. Servt.

Gerard Bancker, Esq.

Christopher Tappen

There were also "Certificates loaned to the State of New York to be exchanged for other Certificates or Securities for Monies due, and for the Purpose of receiving the Proportion of Interest directed by Law to be paid to Holders as Possessors of certain public Securities &c".

For an account of the way in which Governor Clinton secured money on Loans, see the Chapter on "The Governor".

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### Taxation

The importance of proper methods of Taxation grew more and more evident as the War progressed. One of the earliest laws on this subject was passed, Mar. 2, 1779. The operation of this law, and the duties of the Treasurer in connection with it, were explained by Concurrent Resolutions of the Legislature, passed Aug. 27, Sept. 29, and Oct. 2, 1779.

On Feb. 12, 1780, a law "to facilitate supplies for the Army of the United States within this State" provided that the inhabitants might pay Taxes by Certificates issued by Morgan Lewis, Deputy Quarter Master General; Udney Hay, State Agent and Deputy Quarter Master General in the U. S. Army; Jacob Cuyler, Deputy Commissary General of Purchases in the U. S. Army; or Andrew Bostwick, Deputy Commissary of Forage in the U. S. Army. Taxes were paid not only in State Agents' and Wheat Certificates; but also in Certificates of the following Kinds: Principal, Interest, Levy and Loan Office.

Under the Tax laws of Apr. 11, 1787, and Mar. 19, 1788, the Treasurer acknowledged the receipt of large sums from the County Treasurers of Albany, Queens, Richmond and Suffolk. These sums, paid for Taxes, were in the form of Certificates for Claims against Forfeited Estates.

According to the documents, Orange was the only County that kept separate lists of real and personal property.

## THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL

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Simeon De Witt and Philip Schuyler were Surveyors-General. Charles Clinton was Deputy Surveyor General. Thomas Machin was Engineer. Isaac Andrews, Evert Bancker, David Burt, Archibald Campbell, Charles Clinton, jr., Robert Cochran, Joseph Crary, David Culley, George Fleming, Abraham Hardenburgh, Seth Marvin, Hugh Maxwell, Thomas Palmer, William Palmer, Platt Rogers, Walter Sabin, Seth Sherwood, Cornelius Tappen, Josiah Throop and Lawrence Vrooman were Surveyors.

The office of Surveyor-General was instituted, in the Province of New Netherland, in 1642; and it continued till it was abolished by the Constitution of 1846, and the Office of State Engineer and Surveyor was created in its place. For a portion of the time, previous to the War, the officer was known as the Surveyor of the King's Woods. The Office of Surveyor-General was revived by the law of Mar. 21, 1781, for raising two Regiments on Land Bounty Rights.

Philip Schuyler was appointed Surveyor-General by the Council of Appointment, Mar. 30, 1781. He was succeeded by Simeon De Witt, May 13, 1784. The latter held the Office till Jan. 20, 1835, and he was intimately associated with the development of the Canal system of the State.

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### The Census

The Continental Congress, Dec. 11, 1781, recommended that each of the several States should take an Enumeration of the "white inhabitants thereof, pursuant to the Ninth Article of the Confederation"; and again, Apr. 18, 1783, that the number of all the Inhabitants should be taken. The Legislature, Mar. 20, 1782, passed a law authorizing an Enumeration in accordance with the first of the recommendations, noted above; and the Surveyor-General, Philip Schuyler, sent out a circular and blanks for taking an Enumeration: of the Inhabitants; and, of the Buildings and Patented Lands. Unfortunately, that part of the circular relating to No. 1 is missing; but the following has been preserved:—

In completing the Returns, marked No. 2, you will please, where any lands are not occupied, to insert in the column, intitled, "Occupants Names", the Names of the present Proprietors, if you can, if not, then to enter in the same Column, such a Description thereof, as that the Identity of the Lands may be ascertained.

When the returns are completed, you will please to transmit them, by some safe Conveyance, to the Supervisors Clerk, of your County, whom I shall intreat to forward the mto me.

No. 1. was entitled: "A Return of the Inhabitants in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of New York; together with a Return of the Killed and captivated in the War, and of those who have joined the Enemy" Under each of the four captions of "White Males", "White Females", "Black Males" and "Black Females", subdivisions give the age as "under 16 years",

"16 and under 50", and "50 and upwards". The "Killed", the "Captivated" and those who "Joined the Enemy", are classified as either male or female; and a column is ruled to record those who "Returned from Captivity".

No. 2. was a "Return of Buildings and of patented Lands, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of New York; together with an Estimate of the real Value of the Buildings and Lands, 1783". The several columns were arranged as follows:—"Occupants Names"; "Dwelling Houses, Brick or Stone, Framed or Log"; "Barns and other Out Houses"; "Mills, Grist, Saw, Fulling, Powder, Paper or Oil"; "Distilleries"; "Breweries"; "Furnaces"; "Forges"; "Value of the Buildings"; "Acres of Land, both Improved and Unimproved"; "Value of the Lands".

On Feb. 8, 1786, the Legislature passed a law to more fully comply with the Federal law of Apr. 18, 1783.

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### Land Bounty Rights

The important subject of Land Bounty Rights is mentioned, very briefly, on pages 12 and 14 of the second edition of "New York in the Revolution". The subject is worthy of more extended treatment.

The original documents are dated from 1781 to 1794, and those relating to Land Grants bear the indorsements of Philip Schuyler and Simeon De Witt, Surveyors-General. The laws of Apr. 1, 1778, Mar. 11, 1780 and Mar. 23, 1782, relating to the Land Bounty Rights are briefly described on page 12 of the book to which reference has been made, above.

As a condition precedent to the claiming of a Right, every Company of Militia was divided into Classes, the number of men in a Class having been settled by law, but averaging about fifteen. Each Class chose one of its number as its head, and it was thereafter known as the Class belonging to the head man. The Class was required to furnish an acceptable man for service in the Troops of the United States known as "the Line" and in return it had an allowance of 200 acres of Land. The Declaration and Assignment of the Land Bounty Rights was sometimes preceded by this statement:—

WHEREAS, in Consequence or pursuance of an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed the 17th Day of November, 1781, the Militia of said State was ordered to be Formed into Classes for the purpose of raising fifteen hundred Men for the defence of its frontiers purporting that one Man in each Class should be stiled the head of such Class, and

WHEREAS the said Legislature did, on the 23d Day of March, 1782, take under consideration the very great scarcity of Specie, was pleased as an aid or encouragement in raising the Men as aforesaid to give as a gratuity Two Hundred Acres of Land out of the unappropriated Lands belonging to the said State to each Class who should raise a Man on certain conditions therein specified:—

Now this indenture witnesseth — That we whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being the Majority of a Class (&c).

More frequently, the Declaration and Assignment took the following form:—

TO ALL TO WHOM these presents shall come know ye that we Lawrance Vrooman, Tobias Ten Eyck, Arent N. Van Petten, Adam Condy, Lanchester Conner, Nicholas Hall, Jacob

Ten Eyck, Cornelius Lansing, James Lighthall x x x the major part of the members of a Class in the Regiment of militia commanded by, Colo Abraham Wemples x x x having under the act Entitled an act for Raising troops to complete the line of this State in the service of the united states; and the two regiments to be Raised on Bounties of unappropriated lands, and for the further defence of the Frontiers of this state passed the twenty thierd day of march one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two Engaged John Christiance to serve in said troop for the further defence of the Frontiers untill the first day of January Eighty three. . . . .do hereby grant transfer assign and set over unto Danial Toll x x x and to his heirs and assigns all our Estate Right title and Intrest to any land we are or may become, Intitled to for or by Reason of our Engaging the said, John Christiance as aforesaid under or by virtue of the said act to have and to hold all the Estate Right title and Intrest of in or to the land, unto the said, Danial Toll x x x his heirs and assigns forever IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto set our hand; and affixed our seals this Eighth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two and in the sixth year of our Independence

Signed Sealed and delivered

In the presents of

Jacob Swits

John Hetherington

Lawrence Vrooman

Tobias Ten Eyck

Arent N. Van Petten

Adam Condey

Memorandum that on the 14 day of May one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two personally appaired before me, Isaac Vrooman Esqr. one of the judges of the Inferior court of common pleas, for the city and county of Albany Jacob Swits x who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty god that he saw, the several grants sign seal and deliver the above deed for the use therein mentioned and that he also saw, John Hetherington the other witness subscribe as witness thereunto; and having carefully perused the same and finding no material Razours or Interlinations therein do allow the same to be Recorded

Lancaster Conner

Nicholas Hall

Jacob T. Ten Eyck

Cornelius Lanseng

James Lythall

Isaac Vrooman

The men who affixed seals, in the above and all similar documents, have been grouped under the heading of "The Militia-Land Bounty Rights", in the second edition of "New York in the Revolution". Although there is no record of their having seen actual service in the field, at that late period of the War, yet they have been classed as Soldiers who should be given credit for their willingness to serve, if necessary.

Returning, now, to the Class Right, copied above, it should be stated that Daniel Toll was an Assignee — (See list of "Assignees", at the end of this Chapter) — The same man also became as Assignor (See list of "Assignors" &c):—

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that I, Daniel Toll within named do hereby grant, transfer, assign and set over unto Isaac Vrooman, Esqr., and to his Heirs and Assigns the one just, equal and undivided third part of all the Estate, Right, Title and interest to the Land by the within deed Assigned, Transferred and set over unto me:—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Estate, Right, Title and Interest of, in and to the one just, equal and undivided third part of the said Land, and premises unto the said Isaac Vrooman, his Heirs and Assigns, forever; and I, the said Daniel Toll, do grant, assign and set over unto the said Isaac Vrooman full power and authority to receive and take a grant by Letters patent for the whole of the said Land, within assigned and set over unto me, in his own

name. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of May in the sixth year of our Independence, 1782.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
Andrew McDowell  
Lawrence Vrooman

Daniel Toll.

Accompanying every Class Right was a Certificate of the Muster Master of the United States Troops that the head of the Class had delivered to him an able-bodied man (usually mentioned by name) "duly armed and equipped". An example of such a Certificate follows:—

This is to Certify that Lawrence Vrooman, as a Superintendent of a Class in Coll. Wemple's Regt. of Militia, No. 19, has procured an able-bodied Man for the Service, untill the first Day of January next, properly equip as is required by an Act entitled "An Act for raising the troops for the Defense of the Frontiers", and mustered before me this 14th of May 1782

Guy Young, Capt., Muster Master

It was seldom that any member of a class bought the Right of the Class and proceeded to locate the Land. In almost every case the Right was assigned to some Officer in the Army, or to an outsider; and sometimes there were several Assignments before the Application for a Certificate was actually made to the Surveyor-General. Thereafter, the business was done directly with that Officer. (See lists "Fees of the Surveyor-General", "Certificates of the Surveyor-General", "Class Rights" and "Locations", at the end of this Chapter). The usual form of an Application for a Certificate was this:—

I Zaccheus Scrivener, of Ballstown in the County of Albany and State of New York, do, in consequence of two Certificates & their transfers for Class rights of two hundred Acres each and by virtue of an Act of said State in such case providing, Locate the two following tracts of Land—To wit, the one lying on the West bank of Hudson's river between the North boundary of Cayadarosseras Patent and the waters of the North River to contain two hundred Acres. The Other tract, on the East side of the North River between the said North bounds of Cayadarosseras patent and the South bounds of Jessups patent Immediately after passing a ridge lying on the East bank of said River about a mile and a Quarter from the Said East Bank, to contain likewise two hundred Acres—For the Use and in behalf of Eliphalet Kellogg. As Witness my hand this third day of November 1784

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The Certificate of the Surveyor-General usually took this form:—

Surveyor Generals Office, New York Novr 3d, 1784.

I do hereby certify that Zaccheus Scrivener has deposited in this Office two Class Rights, for two hundred Acres each, and his Location for two Tracts of Land the One on the West bank of the Hudsons River between the North bounds of Cayadarosseras patent and the Waters of the Hudsons river for two hundred Acres the other between Cayadarosseras and Jessups patent about a mile and a Quarter East from where the North boundary line of Cayadarosseras Crosses the Said Hudson, likewise for two hundred Acres. In behalf of and for the use of Eliphalet Kellogg.

Simeon De Witt, Surv'r Gen'l

Along with the descriptions of the Lands located there appear about 100 Maps, 15 or 20 of which are quite elaborate. Some of them relate to the places now known as Ithaca, Canajoharie, Elmira and Binghamton; and there are also valuable maps of Locations in the Counties of Herkimer, Montgomery, Delaware, Orange, Albany, Clinton and Ulster, including the German Patent. There are also Maps of Locations along the Susquehanna River, and Maps of numerous farms.

Among the Applications for Locations are the following, with the dates thereof: In 1782, Barent I. Staats, Tryon County, near Oneida lake; 1782, Leonard Gansevoort, Tryon County, in the Mohawk and Schoharie valleys; 1782, Martinis Zielie, Tryon County, at the head of Cayuga Lake, with a Map of the site of Ithaca; 1783, Isaac Vrooman, Tryon County; 1783, Gen William Allison and Stephen Lush, Tryon County, along the Susquehanna River, with several Maps; 1783, David Cully, Tryon County, the site of Binghamton, with a Map; 1783, Isaac Vrooman, Tryon County; 1784, John Bay, Montgomery County, "town of Chemung"; 1784, Witter Johnston, Montgomery County, along the Susquehanna River, with Maps; 1785, Jonathan Fitch, Montgomery County, along the Delaware River; 1785, Jelles Fonda, Montgomery County; 1785, three several Claims by David Lapham, Abligence Waldo and Elihu Wade, each with his Associates, for Land in Montgomery County, in the vicinity of Binghamton; 1785, Thomas Machin, Montgomery County, near Seneca Lake; 1786, William Arnot and others, Montgomery County, the site of Elmira; 1786, Lawrence Vrooman, and Col. Marinus Willett, Montgomery County; 1787, John Van Anglen, Thomas Sickels, Robert McCallan, John Maley and John Tayler, Montgomery County, various Locations; 1788, Henry Oothout, Abraham Oothout and Volkert Veeder, Montgomery County, various Locations; 1789, Henry Wisner, Isaac Vrooman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Seth Reed, St. Leger Cowley and Moses De Witt, Montgomery County, various Locations; 1789, Henry Wisner, Preserved Cooley and John Lansing, jr., Montgomery County, several Locations near Elmira; 1789, William Harper, Ontario County, the site of Oswego Falls, with Maps; 1790, Abraham Hardenburgh and Moses De Witt, Montgomery County, "North of Seneca Lake"; 1791, John Hallenbeck and Ezekiel Crocker, Tioga County; 1791, Patrick Burnet, Montgomery County, "North of Seneca Lake"; 1792, John Bay, Ezra L'Hommedieu, John Cantine, Nathan Parshall, James McKown, James Clinton and Matthew Carpenter, Tioga County, various Locations; 1793, Charles McKnight and John D. Dickinson, Ontario County; 1793, John Gazley and Caleb Bentley, Tioga County, Bentley claiming the site of "Newtown"; 1793, Col. Morgan Lewis, Montgomery County; 1794, John Carpenter, Onondaga County, various Locations; 1794, Col. John Hathorn and John Suffern, Tioga County, various Locations; 1794, Abraham Lansing and Moses De Witt, Ontario County "West of Seneca Lake"; 1795, William Cockburn, Otsego County, along the Delaware River; 1797, Matthew Watson and William Cockburn, Tioga County, various Locations.

One of the Applications was made by John Tayler, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Philip Schuyler and Simon De Witt for "The Ten Townships" on the St. Lawrence River. The tract contained 16,450 acres. Other Applicants for large tracts, together with the number of acres they claimed, were these:— Zephaniah Platt, 88,500; Thomas Machin, 81,000; Jeremiah Van Rensselaer 23,570; Henry Oothout, 22,050; Simeon De Witt, and others, 16,450; Pliny Moore, 11,967; James Dean, 11,600.

For further information see "Bounties".

The names of all persons who appear in connection with the Land Bounty Rights have been classified; and they may be found in the six lists given below:—

## ASSIGNEES

Abbott Joel	Becker John D.	Brown Noah	Cockburn William
Abernathy Giles	Bedford Andrew	Brown Solomon	Coe Benjamin
Adams John	Beebe Hosea	Bruce Robert	Coe John
Adamy Peter	Beebe Martin	Bull James	Coe John D.
Addams John	Beeckman Jacob	Bullis Peter	Coe Jonas
Addams William	Beeckman John H., Lt.	Bullis Robert	Coe Moses
Addoms John	Col.	Burgert Milbery	Coe Samuel
Addoms Jonas	Beel David	Burgis Stephen	Cole Amos
Adgate Matthew	Belknap Isaac, jr.	Burnet Patrick	Cole Barnabas
Adriance Albert	Bell Robert	Burnham Josiah	Cole Samuel
Akin John	Benedict Azariah	Burt Daniel, jr.	Coleman George
Akin Jonathan	Benedict Joseph, Lt. Col.	Burt Henry, jr.	Collins Jullius
Alger George	Benedict Joseph	Bush Asahel	Colyer Isaac
Allen Samuel	Benedict Nathan	Cadey Elisha	Conant Josiah
Allison William, Col.	Bennet John	Cady Ebenezer	Concklin Isaac
Alsdorph Philip	Bentley Caleb	Caldwell James	Conine Peter, jr.
Andrews Zenas	Berry Jabos	Calkins Turner	Conkling Benjamin
Angle William	Bertholf Gilliam	Campbell Archibald	Cock Gerrard Daniel,
Anson John	Bevier Andrew	Campbell David	Rev.
Arden John, jr.	Bevier David, jr.	Campbell Duncan, Lt.	Cook William
Armstrong John	Bevier Samuel	Cannon James	Coon Marcus
Arnott William	Bidwell Daniel	Cantine John, Col.	Cooper Annanias
Arnout Peter	Billings Andrew	Cantine John I.	Cooper Cornelius I.
Ashman Samuel	Birdsall Benjamin	Carl David	Cooper Henry
Ashmore John	Blatner Mark	Carman John	Coulter Thomas
Aspinwall Eleazor	Bleecker John	Carpenter Daniel	Cowing Isaac
Astin Jacob	Bleecker John N.	Carpenter John	Cowley St. Leger
Atwater John	Blin Seth	Carpenter Matthew	Crans Adam
Atwell Peter	Bloodgood Abraham	Carpenter Moses	Crippen Thaddeus
Atwood Jabes	Bloom Peter Clows	Carpenter Richard	Crist Daniel
Austin Isaac	Bloomer William	Carpenter William	Cristeyanse Cornelius
Ayres Robert	Boerum Nicholas	Carr	Cross William
Babcock Elisha	Bogardus Jacob	Carr William	Cry John
Babcock William	Bogardus James	Carter William	Culley David
Baker Albert	Bond John, Dr.	Case Abraham	Cumpston Edward
Bancker Francis Mesnard	Bouton Stephen	Case Alexander	Curtenius Peter T.
Bancker John	Bowman Samuel	Case Philip	Dake Oliver
Bangs Samuel	Boyd Robert, jr.	Case Stephen	Day Nathaniel
Banks Justus	Boyd Samuel	Cassel Gedion	Deake Immanuel
Barber James	Bradt Henry	Chamberlain John	Dean James
Barheit Nicholas	Brewer Cornelius, jr.	Chamberlain William	De Freest Jacob, Capt.
Barker Solomon	Brewer Jacob	Chandler John	De Graff Simon
Barkley John	Brewster Nathan	Chapley William	De Groot Joseph
Barnet James	Brinkerhoff John G., Capt.	Chapman Benjamin, Capt.	Delaney Dennis
Barnum Noah	Brockway Jesse	Christman Nicholas	Delano Thomas
Barnum Samuel, Dr.	Brodhead Thomas	Clark Ebenezer	Delavan Nathaniel
Barnum Samuel	Bronck Jonas	Clark George	Delavergne Benjamin
Barton Benjamin	Bronk Peter	Clark William	Demott Isaac
Barton Lewis, sr.	Brooks Uri	Clinton Charles	De Witt John
Barton Lewis, jr.	Brower Nicholas	Cluet Frederick	De Witt John, jr.
Bateman Elisha	Brown Deliverance	Clute Frederick	De Witt Moses
Bay John	Brown Halsey	Clute Jacob	De Witt Peter
Beach Zerah	Brown Jacob	Clynman Thomas	De Witt Simeon
Beack Samuel	Brown James H.	Cock James	De Witt Thomas

De Witt Tjereck C.	Fry Abiel	Hamlin Asa	Holly Jesse
Deygert Theobald	Fulton John	Hammond Abijah	Holly William
Dibell Joel	Gage George	Handel John	Holmes James
Dicason John	Galatian David, Agt.	Hanes Caleb	Hooker Gilbert
Dick Henry	Gansevoort Leonard	Hanes Caleb, jr.	Hopkins Freeman
Diefendorff Johaniacob	Gansevoort Peter, Jr.	Hanford Timothy H.	Hopkins Solomon
Dingman Gerrardus	Gardenier Henry H., Capt.	Hanmore David	Hornbeck Benjamin
Dodge William	Gardiner David	Hann Coenraedt	Hough Zephaniah
Doolittle Timothy	Garlock George	Hardenbergh Abraham	House Seth
Douglass	Garnryck William	Hardenbergh John L.	How Jonathan
Douglass Asa	Garnsey John	Hardin Thomas	Howard John
Douglass Jonathan	Garrett Benjamin	Haring Cornelius	Howell Stephen
Douglass Wheeler	Gazley John	Haring Elbert	Hoyt Jesse
Douglass William	Gedney Alexander	Harnden John	Hulbert John, Capt.
Drake John	Gifford Joseph, Lt.	Harper William	Humphrey Evans
Drake Mason	Gilbert Augustus	Harpur William	Humphrey Hugh
Drake Reuben	Gill John	Harris James	Humphrey James
Drake Samuel, Col.	Gill William	Harris James, jr.	Humphry Dudley
Drake Samuel	Gillet Joel	Harris John	Hunsdon John
Du Bois Cornelius, Lt. Col.	Gilliland William	Harris Joshua	Hunt James
Du Bois John	Gillit Lemuel	Harris Moses	Hunt Samuel
Dumond John H.	Gillit Nathan	Harrison Justus, Capt.	Hunt Ward
Earll Daniel	Gillit Zechariah, Agt.	Harsin George	Hunter James
Earnest Christian	Gillmore George	Hart Henry	Hunter Matthew
Edmonds Samuel	Glen Jacob	Hartwell Ebenezer	Hunter William
Edsall Richard	Gorsline James	Hasbrouck Elias	Hutchings Absolum
Ellwood Richard	Graham Jacobus	Hasbrouck Jacob, Maj.	Hutton Jacob
Endres Jacob	Graham William	Hasbrouck Petrus	Hutton Timothy
English John	Green Benjamin	Hatch Matthew	Huxley James
Evens Edward	Green Daniel, Capt.	Hathorn John	Hyatt Stephen
Everitt Richard	Green Isaac	Heerman Reyer	Hynpagh Peter
Fansher William	Green James	Heermance Andrew P.	Ingles George
Faurot Henry	Green Jehiel	Heermanse Gose	Inglish John
Fellows Abiel	Green Nathan	Heliker Herman	Irvin Henry
Fero Henry	Gregg Henry	Hendrickson Stephen	Jackson Archibald
Ferris Caleb	Gregg Hezekiah	Henry Nathaniel, Capt.	Jackson Benjamin
Fish Ephraim	Gregg James	Henry Nathaniel	Jackson Elias
Fitch Elnathan	Gregg William	Herrick Joseph, jr.	Jackson Michael
Fitch Jonathan	Grifes Nathaniel	Hetfield Moses	Jansen Henderikus
Flagg John	Griffen Jacob, Lt. Col.	Hicks Wheaton	Jennings Stephen
Floyd William	Griseel Ephraim	Higley Nehemiah	Johnson Isaac
Fonda Abraham	Griseel Ephraim, jr.	Hill Andrew	Johnson Shepherd
Fonda Isaac D.	Grisiel Elijah, jr.	Hill Ebenezer, Lt.	Jones Augustus
Fonda Jacob D.	Groom William	Hill Eleaser, jr.	Jones James
Fonda Jelles	Gros John Daniel, Rev.	Hill Robert	Joy Samuel
Ford Jacob	Gue Joseph	Hinckley Gershom	Kain James
Ford Nathaniel	Guernsey John	Hinman Lewis	Kayser Hendrick
Fort Jacob, jr.	Hait Abraham	Hoagton John, Agt.	Keeler Hezekiah
Foster David	Hait Daniel	Hodges Curtis	Keets George
Foster Nathaniel	Hait Jacob	Hodges Jack	Kellogg Eliphalet
Foster Samuel	Hait Phinehas	Hoffman Harman	Kellogg Stephen
Fox Nathaniel	Hall Daniel	Hogeboom Cornelius, Capt.	Kelly Sylvanus
Frank Andreas	Hall John	Hogeboom Stephen	Kentor John
Freer Abraham	Hall William	Holbam John	Kesler Thomas
Freer John	Hallak Joshua	Holbart John	Ketchum Stephen
Freligh George	Hallenbeck Henry	Holdsberger Adam	King Gideon
Furman John, Lt.	Halshoudt Frederick	Hollenback John	King James
Frisbee Samuel	Hamilton James	Holly Israel	King Samuel
			Kinkead Crownidge

Kleinman Thomas	McCollister Hamilton	Mynderse Frederick	Peeks John
Klump Thomas	McCormick Daniel	Mynderse John	Penbrook William
Klyn Jacob	McDaniel Alexander	Nairn James	Perigo Usual
Knap Abraham	McDole John	Naughton Solomon	Perkins Ebenezer
Knap Abram	McDonald Donald	Neasor Hanickell	Petry William
Knickerbacker John	McDowl John	Neely Abraham	Philip Jacob J.
Knickerbacker Peter	McFarland James	Nelson Thomas	Philipse William
Knickerbacker Philip	McGee Peter	Nere Charles	Phillips Moses
Knight Caleb	McGill William	Nestell George	Phoenix Dan
Knox Joseph	McHenry Thomas	Newcomb Christian	Pirce Phinas
Kortright Lawrence	Machin Thomas, Capt.	Newcomb Cyrenius, Capt.	Pixley David
Kratzen George	McKee Thomas	Newcomb Simon	Platner Henry
Lake Collins	McKinstry John	Newcomb Thomas	Platner Marks
Landers John	McKown James	Newcomb Zachariah	Platt Charles
Lansing Hendrick	McMaster David	Newell Oliver	Platt Israel, Capt.
Lansing Jeremiah	McMaster James	Newell Simeon, Capt.	Platt Nathaniel, Capt.
Lansing John, sr.	McMaster Robert	Newkerck Charles	Platt Theodorus
Lansing John, jr.	McMichel Patrick	Newkerck Garrat C.	Platt Zephaniah
Lansing John G.	McMurray William	Newkerke Benjamin	Plumb Amariah
Lapham Pazy	McWethy David	Newkerke Charles	Potman Adam
Lawrence Jonathan	Magee Samuel	Nicholson John	Potter Samuel
Lawyer Johannes	Maley John	Nicholson Thomas	Powell Morgan
Lee Andrew	Mandeville Francis	Northrup Isaac	Powers Peter
Lee Jonathan	Mansfield Henry	Northrup Joel	Prime Samuel, jr.
Lee Thomas, Capt.	Marcy Zebulon	Northrup Nathaniel	Pulman Adam
Leech Benjamin	Marselis Arent	Norton Abijah	Pulver Wandle
Leonard Timothy	Marsh Daniel	O'Ferrol Michael	Purdy Abraham, Agt.
Lewis Charles	Marsh Peter	Ogden Jonathan	Putnam Victor
Lewis Morgan, Col.	Martin Moses	Olds Gilbert	Quackenbos John
Lewis Robert	Marvin Elihu	Onderdonk Garret	Quackinbos, Ab. D.
Lewis Ruben	Marvin Matthew	Oothout Henry	Quackinbush Vincent
L'Hommedieu Ezra	Marvin Seth	Osterhout Gideon	Quick John
L'Hommedieu John	Mead Isaiah	Ostrander John, Lt.	Radclift William
Livingston Edward	Mead Israel, sr.	Ostrander John	Randall John
Livingston Gilbert	Memgar Philip	Owen Ebenezer	Ransom Peleg
Lockwood Benjamin	Miller Burnet	Owen John	Reab George
Lockwood David	Miller David	Owen Jonathan	Real George
Lockwood Job	Miller Mathias B	Owen Joseph	Reed Seth, Col.
Lockwood Moses	Millerd Timothy	Owen Nathaniel	Reeve Simon R., Capt.
Loomis Jerome	Milligan Robert	Paddock Peter	Reker Hendrick
Loop Peter, jr., Lt.	Mix Samuel	Palmer George	Reynolds Elisha
Lounsbury James	Moffat Thomas	Palmer Joseph	Reynolds Elisha, jr.
Low John	Montgomery Hugh	Palmer Thomas	Reynolds Hugh
Lowry James	Moore John	Palmer Thomas, Agt.	Rice Abner
Lucky George	Moore Pliny	Palmer William	Rive Pelatiah
Ludinton Henry	More John	Pardee Joshua	Richardson Josiah, Lt.
Lush Richard	Moredock Zimri	Paris Isaac	Ridder Frederick
Lush Stephen	Mosher Thomas	Parish Cyprian	Riddle Robert
Lytle William	Mott Ebenezer	Parker Benjamin	Robinson Isaiah
Mabie Joseph	Mott Gershom	Parshall Nathan	Robinson John
McArthur Charles	Mowry Phillip	Parshall Phinehas	Robinson Josiah
McArthur John P.	Mulks Benoni	Pattengell Oliver	Robison John
McBride James	Mull Isaac	Patterson Asa	Rockafeller William
McCall Benejah	Muller Nicholas	Payne Abraham	Rockefeller Philip
McCallen James	Myer Benjamin	Peacock Richard	Rockwell Stephen
McChesney John	Myer Tobias	Peak Christopher	Roe James
McClaghry James, Col.	Myer William	Peak Cornelius	Rogers Ananias
McClallen Robert	Myers John	Pearsee Jonathan, Capt.	Rogers Elnathan
McCleary Daniel	Mynderse Barent	Peek Jacobus	Rogers Hugh

Rogers Platt	Sikes Nathan	Swart Tunis	Van der Hiden Gershom
Rogers Platt, jr.	Simmons William	Swartwout Jacobus	Van der Warcker John
Rogers Thomas	Simson Peter	Sweet Elizabeth	Van Everah John C.
Roosa Aldert, Lt.	Sinnet James	Swetland Ambrose	Van Every John, jr.
Root Denison	Sloan Sturgin	Swift Samuel	Van Houten Claus R.
Roseboom	Sly John	Swift Willard	Van Houten Peter jr
Row Gerherd	Smedes Aldert	Tappen Christopher	Van Houten Peter P.
Row Joseph	Smith Anning	Tarpening Jacob	Van Kuren Abraham
Rowley Nathan	Smith Bill	Tator John	Van Loon Albertus
Rude Dan	Smith David jr	Tattersall James	Van Ness John
Rus Nathan	Smith Henry	Taylor John	Van Ness Peter
Rusco John	Smith Isaac	Tearse Peter Benjamin	Van Orden Egnatys
Rynders John	Smith Israel	Tebow Andries	Van Petten John
St. John Abraham, jr.	Smith John	Ten Broeck Abraham	Van Rensselaer Henry K., Lt. Col.
St. John Daniel	Smith Melancton	Ten Eyck Abraham	Van Rensselaer Jeremiah
Sackett Richard	Smith Nathan	Terbos Daniel, Maj.	Van Rensselaer Kendrick
Salmon Absolom	Smith Nathaniel	Terpening Teunis	Van Santvoord Cornelius Z.
Sanders John	Smith Nehemiah Ludlom	Terpenning Hendricus, jr.	Van Schaick Mynderse
Sanford Ezra	Smith Platt	Terwilliger Jacob	Van Scoy Abraham
Saxton John	Smith Samuel, Capt.	Theal Abraham	Van Sice Cornelius
Sayres John, Capt.	Smith Samuel, jr.	Thompson Israel	Van Steenberg Abraham
Schenectady, Protestant Dutch Church of	Smith Solomon	Thompson James	Van Tassel Abraham
Schermer Maas	Smith William	Thompson Willis	Van Tine Robert
Schermerhorn Barnardus (Freeman)	Snider Daniel	Thomson Thomas	Van Valkenburgh Chris- tian, Capt.
Schermerhorn Jacob C.	Snow Ephraim	Thorn William	Van Veghten Anthony
Schoolcraft John	Snyder Daniel	Tibbits George	Van Vleet Arie
Schoolcraft Laurence	Snyder John	Tibbits John	Van Wagenen Gerrit H.
Schoonmaker Cornelius C.	Snyder William, Agt.	Tillman Christopher	Van Woert Jacob I.
Schoonmaker Thomas	Souls Evezezer	Tillotson Thomas	Van Woert John
Schoonmaker Wilhelmus	Spangler John George, Dr.	Titus Benjamin	Van Woert Lewis
Schultzs Jacob	Spencer Eleazar	Toll Daniel	Van Wyck Cornelius
Schumman John jr	Spencer Israel	Townsend Solomon	Veeder Abraham
Schuyler Harmanus	Spicer Nathan, jr.	Tracy Silas	Veeder Abraham
Schuyler Philip	Spraker Conradt	Treat Ashbel	Veeder Peter H.
Scofield Ezra	Spratbrow William	Tredwell William	Veeder Simon
Scofield Smith	Staats Barent	Trimble George	Veeder Volkert
Scott Archibald	Staats Barent I.	Trimper Jacob	Vernooy Abraham
Scott Peter	Staats Gerrit	Trimper Lawrence	Visscher Matthew
Seaman Baltus	Staley George	Trotter Matthew	Visscher Teunis J.
Sears Benjamin	Staten Livy	Turner Lemuel	Vosburgh Abraham J.
Seely Jonas	Steenrod Solomon	Tymeson Eldert	Vosburgh Evert
Selfridge John	Sternberg David	Vail Joseph	Vosburgh John
Selfridge Oliver	Steward John	Van Alstin John	Vosburgh Mark
Seyler Jehiel	Stewart Joseph, jr.	Van Alstin Peter I.	Vredenburg William J.
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Shafer Jacob	Storm Thomas	Van Alstyn Matthew	Vrooman Hendrick B.
Shaw Daniel	Stoutenburgh Isaac	Van Anglen John	Vrooman Isaac
Shaw James M.	Strang Gilbert	Van Antwerp Douw	Vrooman John B.
Shaw Samuel	Stringer Samuel, Dr.	Van Arnem William	Wabber John
Shearman John	Stringer Samuel	Van Bergen David	Wadron James
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Shepherd Joel	Strong Warham	Van Bergen William	Waldo Jonathan
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Shuts Abraham	Sturtevant Consider	Van den Berck Richard	Walling Jeremiah
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Walsworth James, jr.	Wessell Arant	Willson William	Woodworth Robert
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Walter Casper	West Eleazar	Wilson Robert	Worden Ahitophel
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Weaver Nicholas	White Silvanus	Witbeck John A.	Yates Christopher
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Webster Charles R.	Wilde Thomas	Witbeck Abraham Johs	Yates Peter
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Weller Jonathan	Williams Sanford	Wood Benjamin	Young Mathias
Welling Richard	Williams Tim	Wood Robert	Young Peter
Wells William	Williams Uriah	Wood William	Young William
Welsh Peter	Willis James	Woodhull Jesse, Col.	Youngs Silas
Wempel Abraham	Willson	Woodhull Robert	Zabriskie John Jost
Wemple John	Willson Amos	Woodworth Josiah	Zielie Martinis
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Arden John jr.	Beebe Martin	Brewer Jacob	Callaghan Thomas
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Astin Lockart	Benedict Nathan	Bronck Jonas	Cannon James
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Bagley Azor	Berry Jabos	Brown James H.	Carpenter Richard
Bailey Moses	Bevier David, jr.	Brown John	Carpenter William
Baker John F.	Billings Andrew	Brown Noah	Carr
Bangs Samuel	Bingham Rial, Lt.	Brown Solomon	Carter John
Banks Justus	Birdsall Benjamin	Bruce Robert	Case Alexander
Barker Jared	Black Cato	Bruster Samuel	Case Philip
Barker John	Black Cesar	Buckley Andrew	Case Stephen

Cashen William	Crippen Thaddeus	Embler Nathaniel	Gray Eliphalet
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Castler John	Crumb John	Everitt Richard	Green Isaac
Castor William	Crumb Richard	Eyelyn James	Green James
Cater William	Culley David	Fansher William	Green Jehiel
Catlind Timothy	Cumpston Edward	Farrington James	Green Nathan
Cato Prince	Cunningham Thomas	Faurot Henry	Green Peter
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Clark George	Defendorf Jacob	Foot Simeon	Grob John
Clark William	De Freest Jacob, Capt.	Ford Isaac	Groom William
Clinton Charles	De Graff Joseph	Ford Jacob	Guile Levi
Clow George	De Groot Henry	Ford Nathaniel	Guillaume Martain
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Clynman Thomas	Delano Thomas	Foster Nathaniel	Hackny Joseph
Coats Christopher	Delavan Nathaniel	Foster Samuel	Hainer Coenrad
Cocksing James	Delavergne Benjamin	Fox Nathaniel	Hait Abraham
Codman John	Delenow Nathan	Francis Hendrick	Hait Daniel
Coe Benjamin	Delong David	Francis Phillip	Hait Jacob
Coe John	Delong Joseph	Fransisko Michael	Hait Phinahas
Coe John D.	Dennis Joseph	Freeland Robert	Hall Christopher
Coe Jonas	Dennison Prince	Freer Abraham	Hall Isaac
Coe Moses	Devine John	Freer John	Hall John
Coe Samuel	Devoe Henry	Freligh George	Hall Simon
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Coldgrove John	De Witt Moses	Fulton John	Hallenbeck Henry
Cole Barnabas	De Witt Peter	Furman John, Lt.	Hallett William
Coleman George	De Witt Tjerck C.	Gage George	Halshoudt Frederick
Collins Jullius	Dibble Nathan	Galatian David, Agt.	Halsted James
Coltman William	Dibell Joel	Gansevoort Leonard	Hambleton John
Concklin Isaac	Dicason John	Gansevoort Peter, jr.	Hamilton James
Conine Peter, jr.	Dickinson John B.	Gardenier Henry H., Capt.	Hamlin Amos
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Conkling John	Diefendorff Johaniacob	Gause Benjamin	Hammond Jno. Christopher
Cook John	Dilliber John	Geesen Matthew	Hanes Caleb
Cook William	Dingman Gerrardus	Gerret James	Hanes Caleb, jr.
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Coon Marcus	Doolittle Timothy	Gilbert Augustus	Hanmore David
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Cooper Cornelius I.	Douglass Wheeler	Gill John	Haring Cornelius
Cooper Henry	Drum Peter	Gill William	Haring John Christian Fuor
Cooper Imanuel	Dubois Cornelius	Gillet Joel	Harden John
Costly John	Dubois John	Gillet Lemuel	Harper William
Coulter Thomas	Dumas Pierre	Gilliland William	Harpur William
Cowen Thomas	Dutcher Bernard	Gilmore Elizabeth, Admx.	Harrington William
Cowing Isaac	Earll Daniel	Gilmore George	Harris Henry
Cowles Gideon, Lt.	Earll Daniel, jr.	Ginequint Joseph	Harris Joshua
Cowley St. Leger	Earnest Jacob	Ginson Richard	Harris Moses
Cox Charles	Edick Conrat	Gorsline James	Harsin George
Coyse Peter	Eldon John	Graham Jacobus	Hart Henry
Crans Adam	Elliott Thomas	Graham William	Hartwick Christian
Crapow Peter	Ellison William	Grass George	Hasez Coenradt

Haskins Benony	Hyatt Minnah	Learns Ira	McWethy David
Hawes John	Hynpagh Peter	Lee Andrew	Maines James
Hawley Zadoc	Ingles George	Lee Thomas, Capt.	Maley John
Heerman Reyer	Irvin Henry	Lephard John	Malone John
Heermance Andrew P.	Jack (Negro)	Lewis Elijah	Mandeville Francis
Heermance Gose	Jackson Archibald	Lewis Henry	Mansfield Henry
Heliker Herman	Jackson Michael	Lewis Samuel	Mansfield Thomas
Helm Charles W.	Jennings Solomon	L'Hommedieu John	Marble Sampson
Helmer John	Jennison Isaac	Lint Jacob	Marselis Arent
Helsing John	Jerrons Jassen	Lint James	Marsh Daniel
Hendrickson Stephen	Johnson Isaac	Livingston Edward	Martin Moses
Henry Nathaniel, Capt.	Johnson Shepperd	Lockwood Benjamin	Marvin Elihu
Henry Nathaniel	Johnston Benjamin	Lockwood David	Marvin Matthew
Henry Robert, jr.	Johnston Witter	Lockwood John	Marvin Seth
Herrick Joseph, jr.	Jones David	Lockwood Moses	Mason Francis
Hetfield Moses	Jones John	Loop Peter, jr., Lt	Matancomin Benjamin
Hewins Joseph	Jones William	Lounsbury James	Mead John
Hicks Wheaton	Joy Samuel	Lovlet Francis	Midgley Joseph
Higley Nehemiah	Keets George	Lucas Jonathan	Miles William
Hill Andrew	Kellogg Eliphalet	Lucy Bartis	Miller Andrew
Hill Ebenezer, Lt.	Kellogg Stephen	Ludington Henry	Miller David
Hill Robert	Kelly Dennis	Lush Stephen	Millerd Timothy
Hillman Nicholas	Kelly Edward	Lusk Jacob	Milligan Robert
Hinman Lewis	Kelly John	Lytle William	Millot Ferreal
Hochstrasser Baltus	Kelly Sylvenus	McArthur Charles	Misern John
Hodges Curtis	Kentor Richard	McArthur John P.	Moffat Thomas
Hodges Jack	Kesler Thomas	McArthur Neal	Moffet John
Hoffman Harman	Ketchum Stephen	McCallan Robert	Montanye Peter
Hogeboom Stephen	Kill Christopher	McChesney John	Montgomery Hugh
Holdsberger Adam	Killey Sylvenis	McClaghry James, Col.	Mool Isaac
Holly Jesse	Kimberly John	McCAllen Robert	Moon Abraham
Holly William	King Gideon	McCleary Daniel	Moor Daniel
Holmes Benjamin	King James	McCollister Hamilton	Moor Francis
Holmes James	King Samuel	McCoy Daniel	Moor Martin
Homes Jedediah	Kinkead Crownidge	McCoy John	Moore John
Hooker Gilbert	Kinney Amos	McDaniel Alexander	Moore Pliny
Hooper Robert Lettiss	Kip John	McDaniel Henry	Morancy Joseph
Horsford Samuel	Kleinman Thomas	McDonald Donald	More John
Horton Thomas	Klyn Jacob	McDonol Anninias	Moredock Zimri
House Seth	Knapp Abraham	McEwan Cornelius	Morrell William
Hudson William	Knickerbacker Peter	McFarland James	Morrison Lewis
Humphrey Evans	Knickerbacker Philip	McGill John	Mosher Thomas
Humphrey Hugh	Kratzen George	McGill William	Mott Ebenezer
Humphrey James	Kyser Henry	McGurchy Edward	Mott Gershom
Hunsdon John	Lafieur John	McHenry Thomas	Mower Peter
Hunt James	La Grange Arie	Machesney John	Mulks Benoni
Hunt Samuel	Lake Collins	Machin Thomas, Capt.	Mull Isaac
Hunt Ward	Lansing Evert	McKee Thomas	Murphy Thomas
Hunter James	Lansing Hendrick	Mackey John	Murray Jack (Negro)
Hunter John	Lansing Isaac H.	McKinstry Charles	Mussey John
Hunter Matthew	Lansing Jacob G.	McKinstry John	Myers John
Hunter William	Lansing Jeremiah	McKnight Charles	Myers John, jr.
Hutchings Absolom	Lansing John, sr.	McKown Isaac	Mynderse Barent
Hutchins John	Lansing John, jr.	McMaster	Mynderse Frederick
Hutton Jacob	Lapham Pazy	McMaster David	Mynderse John
Hutton Timothy	La Salle Jacques	McMaster James	Nairn James
Huxley James	Lawrence Alexander	McMaster Robert	Nathan Reace
Hyatt Alvan	Lawrence Peter	McMichel Patrick	Naughten Solomon
Hyatt David	Lawyer Johannes	McNeal John	Naunauneknauk David

Naunaunontonke Jacob	Penbrook William	Rogers Hugh	Shepard James
Neel John	Perigo Usual	Roosa Abraham	Shepard Joel
Neely Abraham	Perkins Ebenezer	Roosa Aldert, Lt.	Shepard Rufus
Nelson Thomas	Petrie William	Root Asa	Sherwood Seth
Nely John	Petry William	Root Benjamin	Shuls Christian
Nere Carel	Phelps Israel	Roseboom	Shuter Robert
Nestell George	Philip Jacob J.	Ross Findly	Shuts Abraham
Nestell Martin	Phillips John	Row Gerherd	Sickels Thomas
Nestell Peter	Pierce Richard	Row Joseph	Sikes Nathan
Newcomb	Pierce Thomas	Rowley Nathan	Simson Peter
Newcomb Christian	Pixley David	Rowley Seth	Sinnet James
Newcomb Cyrenius, Capt.	Platner Henry	Rowley Timothy	Skinner Michael
Newcomb Simon	Platt Nathaniel, Capt.	Rucar Daniel	Slauson John
Newell Chauncy	Platt Zephaniah	Rude Dan	Sloan Sturgin
Newell Oliver	Plough Henry	Rugg Benjamin	Sly John
Newell Seth	Potman Adam	Runnels Silas	Smallim Jacob
Newell Simeon, Capt.	Potter Samuel	Rus Nathan	Smedes Aldert
Nichols Silas	Powel Morgan	Rusco John	Smith Anning
Nicholson John	Powers Charles	Russell Benjamin	Smith Bill
Nicholson Thomas	Powers Peter	Ryder Frederick	Smith Daniel
Nimham Aaron	Pratt Chalker	Rynders James	Smith Isaac
Nimham John	Pratt Robert	Rynders John	Smith Israel
Nimham Isaac	Pratt William	St. John Abraham, jr.	Smith Israel, Agt.
Noble Robert	Prime Samuel, jr.	St. John Daniel	Smith John
Northrup Isaac	Pruyn John F.	Sackett Benjamin, Agt.	Smith Nathan
Northrup Joel	Pulver Wandle	Sackett John	Smith Nathaniel
Northrup Nathaniel	Putnam Victor	Sackett Richard	Smith Nehemiah Ludlow
Notonksion William	Quackenbos John	Salbury Joseph	Smith Samuel, Capt.
Null Christian	Quackenbos Nicholas	Salmon Absolom	Smith Samuel, jr.
O'Ferrol Michael	Quackinbush Vincent	Sanford Ezra	Smith William
Ogden Jonathan	Ransom Peleg	Sanders John	Smith Zacheriah
Olds Gilbert	Reab George	Saxton John	Snow Ephraim
Onderdonk Garret	Reed Seth, Col.	Sayres John, Capt.	Snyder Johannes
Orchard Thomas	Reker Hendrick	Scheller John	Souls Ebenezer
Ore Jacob	Reynolds Elisha	Schermerhorn Cornelius	Spangler John Geo., Dr.
Osborn Nathaniel	Reynolds Elisha, jr.	J., Agt.	Speed Henry
Osterhout Gideon	Reynolds Hugh	Schoonmaker Wilhelmus	Spencer Eleazar
Ostrander	Rhinelande Frederick	Schuyler Harmanus P.	Spencer Israel
Ostrander John, Lt.	Rice Abner	Schuyler Peter	Sperick Christian
Ostrander John	Rice Pelatiah	Scofield Ezra	Staats Barent
Ostrander Jonathan	Richardson George	Scofield Silvenus	Staats Gerrit
Ostrom Dirck	Richardson Josiah, Lt.	Scofield Smith	Staley George
Otterman James	Richardson William	Scott Peter	Stanford
Ouderkerk John	Ricker Hendrick, jr.	Scott Thomas	Steenrod Solomon
Owen Jonathan	Riddle John	Scudder Ezekiel	Stewart Joseph, jr.
Paddack Peter	Rinehart William	Seaman Baltus	Stillwell Henry
Palmer Joseph	Ripley Pirum	Searns Isa	Stokes William
Palmer Thomas	Robertson Peter	Sears Benjamin	Stopplebeen Jacob
Palmer William	Robertson William	Selfridge John	Storm Thomas
Pardee Joshua	Robinson David	Selfridge Oliver	Storms John
Parnet Claude Joseph	Robinson Issachar	Sewall Reuben	Stringer Samuel, Dr.
Parr Moses	Robinson John	Seward Joseph	Strong Warham
Parshall Phinehas	Robinson Levi	Shades Adam	Stuart Charles, jr., Lt.
Pattengell Oliver	Robison James	Shafer John Conrad, Lt.	Sturdavant Zar
Patterson Asa	Rockafeller William	Shanhenkekuk Moses	Sturtevant Consider
Peak Christopher	Rockwell Stephen	Shaw Daniel	Suylandt Johannis
Peak Cornelius	Rodes Richard	Shaw James M.	Swart Tunis
Peck John	Roe James	Shaw Samuel	Swayer Lambert
Peck Lysias	Roe John	Shearman Peter	Sweet

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Tarpening Jacob	Van Bunschoten John	Von Herrman John Chris- tian	White Silvanus
Tattersall James	Van den Bergh Daniel	Vosburgh Evert	Whitney Joshua
Taunaku Cornelius	Van der Car Richard	Vosburgh John	Whitney Seth
Taylor John	Van der Cook Michael	Vosburgh Mark	Wilcox Nathan
Taylor Ebenezer	Van der Heyden Jacob	Vredenburg William J.	Wilde Thomas
Taylor Spencer	Van der Hiden Gershom	Vrooman Hendrick B.	Wilken
Tearse Peter Benjamin	Van der Mark Cornelius	Vrooman Isaac	Willard Moses
Tebow Andris	Van der Werker Harmanus	Vrooman J.	Willett Marinus, Col.
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Ten Broeck Dirck	Van Dusen Jacob	Wabber John	Williams John, Col.
Ten Broeck William	Van Everah John C.	Wadron James	Williams Tim
Ten Eyck Abraham	Van Gemund Frederick	Waid James	Williams Uriah
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Terwilliger Jacob	Van Kleeck Michael	Walsh Hugh	Wilson Hugh
Terwilliger Mertinus	Van Loon John M.	Walsworth James, jr.	Wilson Robert
Terwilliger William	Van Ness Peter	Walworth Jesse	Wilson Samuel
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Thompson James	Van Orman Isaac	Watson John	Wilton Dirck
Thompson John	Van Petten John	Wautahunaut John	Winne Peter
Thornton John	Van Rensselaer Jeremiah	Weakes David	Winter Peter
Thuston Daniel	Van Rensselaer P.	Weakes John	Wisner Henry
Tibbits George	Van Santvoord Cornelius Z.	Webb Nathaniel	Witbeck John A.
Tillman Christopher	Van Schaick Samuel	Webb William	Witbeck Peter W.
Titus Benjamin	Van Scoy Abraham	Weed William	Witbeck Abraham John
Toles Amos, jr.	Van Sice Cornelius	Weeks James	Wood Benjamin
Toll Daniel	Van Sickles Ryneer	Welch Ebenezer	Wood Robert
Tompkins Lawrence	Van Slyke Tobias	Weller Jonathan	Wood William
Townsend	Van Steenbergh Abraham	Wells William	Woodhull Jesse, Col.
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Trimper Lawrence	Van Tine Robert	Weltch John	Woodcott Joseph
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Tuttle Ezekiel	Van Wyck Cornelius	Wessels Wessel	Yates Christopher
Van Alstin Abraham	Van Yeveren Garret	West Eleazar	Yeanor Anthony
Van Alstin John	Vaughn Richard	Westervelt Jesper	Young Henry
Van Alstin Peter I.	Veeder Abraham	Weston Samuel	Young Mathias
Van Alstin Philip	Veeder Peter H.	Whaley Michael	Young William
Van Alstyn Matthew	Vinegar Samuel	Wheeler John	Youngs Silas
Van Anglen John	Visscher John	White George	Zielie Martinis
Van Atta James			
Van Benthuyzen Martin			

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Bell Robert	Brewster Nathan	Cantine John	Crocker Ezekiel
Benedict Joseph	Caldwell James	Carpenter John	De Graff Simon
Billings Andrew	Campbell Archibald	Chruch Timothy	De Witt Moses
Birdsall Benjamin	Campbell Christian	Clark	Douglass Asa
Bleeker B.	Campbell Donald	Cockburn William	Douglass Wheeler

Douglass William	Korz	Randall John	Trimble George
Duerville	Lansing John	Ransom Peleg	Van Anglen John
Earll Daniel	Lansing John, jr.	Reed Seth, Col.	Van Benthuyssen
Fitch Elnathan	Latta J.	Roach	Van Bunschoten Elias, Maj.
Fitch Jonathan	Lewis Robert	Robison John	Van Ingen Dirick
Flint	Lewis Samuel	Rockefeller	Van Rensselaer Jeremiah
Fonda Jacob	L'Hommedieu Ezra	Roosa Aldert, Lt.	Van Wagenen Gerrit H.
Fonda Jelles	Lush Stephen	Sanders John	Veeder Simon
Fort Isaac	Mabie Joseph	Schenectady, Protestant	Veeder Volkert
Fort Peter	McCarty David	Dutch Church of	Vredenburg William J.
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Gazley John	McClallen Robert	Scriba George	Watkins
Gilbert Josiah	McCormick Daniel	Sickels Thomas	Watson
Gillet	McGregor	Simpson Solomon	Watson James
Gilliland William	Machin Thomas, Capt.	Smith Melancton	Watson John
Goeterhuis M.	McKown James	Smith Ph	Willett Marinus, Col.
Gretemis M.	Maley John	Snyder Johannes	Winens
Grisel Ephraim	Moore Pliny	Staats Barebt I.	Wisner Henry
Gros John Daniel, Rev.	Newkerck Charles	Steward John	Wood Walter
Hammond Abijah	Newkerck Garrit	Stringer Samuel	Woodhull Jesse, Col.
Hardenbergh Abraham	Noble Arthur	Suffern John	Wright Abraham
Haring Cornelius	Oothout Abraham	Tappen Cornelius	Yates Peter
Harris Joshua	Oothout Henry	Taylor John	Yates Philip
Harris Moses	Palmer Thomas	Ten Eyck Andries	Zabrisky John
Hathorn John	Platt Zephaniah	Thurman John	Zielie Martinis
Hitchcock Z.	Pratt Abraham	Travis Silvanus	

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Addoms John	Carpenter Matthew	Douglass Asa	Hall William
Adgate Matthew	Case Abraham	Douglass Wheeler	Hallenback John
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Brown Hercules	Dean Nathan	Garnsey John	Houseman George
Brown Jacob	De Barry Thomas	Gazley John	Humphrey James
Burnet Patrick	De Golier James	Gilbert Josiah	Hylsop Robert
Burns Francis	De Graaf Simon	Gilliland William	Hynpagh Peter
Caldwell James	Delaney John	Gilliland William, Agt.	Ingles George
Campbell Jacob et al., heirs of Archibald	Demott Isaac	Glen Jacob	Keader Stephen
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Leake John	Oothout Abraham	(Freeman)	Van Deusen John
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Lewis Morgan, Col.	Pardy Jesse	Schuyler John C.	Van Slyck Nicholas
Lewis Robert	Paris Isaac	Schuyler Philip	Van Wagenen Gerrit H.
L'Hommedieu Ezra	Parshall Nathan	Scrivener Zaccheus, Agt.	Veeder Abraham
Livingston Peter V. B.	Pearsee Jonathan, Capt.	Seely Jonas	Veeder Abraham I.
Livingston Philip P.	Perry David	Shepherd William	Veeder Simon
Livingston Robert G.	Petry William	Shepperd Horace	Veeder Volkert
Loomis Jerome	Phillips Moses	Sherwood Seth	Veeder Volkert T.
Lucy Eleazer	Platt Charles	Shultz Jacob	Vernooy Abraham
Lush Richard	Platt Israel, Capt.	Sickels Thomas	Vredenburgh William J.
Lush Stephen	Platt Nathaniel, Capt.	Simpson Solomon	Vrooman Adam B.
Lynot E. & M.	Platt Zephaniah	Smith David	Vrooman Hendrick A.
Mabie Harmanus	Potman Adam	Smith Levi	Vrooman Isaac
Mabie Joseph	Powers Abraham	Smith Melancton	Walker James
McBride James	Pruyn David	Smith Platt	Walter Casper
McCallan Robert	Quackinbush Vincent	Snyder Johannes	Watson Jacob
McCormick Daniel	Quick John	Springer Elizabeth	Watson John
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McMaster James	Reed Seth, Col.	Steward John	Whitaker Squire
McMaster Robert	Reeve Simon R., Capt.	Stoughton Levi	Willett Marinus, Col.
Maley John	Remsen Peter	Stringer Samuel	Williams John, Col.
Manning James	Rhinelande Frederick	Strong Warham	Williams Sanford
Marlet Gideon	Richardson Josiah, Lt.	Suffern John	Wisner Henry
Moffat Thomas	Richardson William	Tappen Peter	Wood William
Moore Pliny	Robinson James	Taylor John	Woodhull Jesse, Col.
Morris Lewis	Robison John	Ten Broeck Dirck	Woolsey Melancton Lloyd
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Harris Moses	Newkerck Garrit	Smith David	Walter Casper
Hart Henry	Newkirk Gerrit, jr.	Smith Levi	Walworth Jer
Harvey Joel	Nicholson John	Smith Melancton	Watson John
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Hinckley Gershom	Ostrander John	Strong Warham	White George
Hogeboom Stephen	Ostrom Dirck	Suffern John	Whitney Joshua
Hooper Robert Lettis	Palmer Thomas	Sweet Elizabeth	Willett Marinus, Col.
Hornbeck Benjamin	Pardy Jesse	Swetland Ambrose	Williams John, Col.
Houseman George	Pearsee Jonathan, Capt.	Taylor John	Wisner Henry
Humphrey James	Peck John	Tebow Andries	Witbeck John A.
Humphry Evans	Perry David	Ten Broeck Abraham	Woodhull Jesse, Col.
Hynpagh Peter	Phelps Amariah	Ten Broeck Dirck	Woolsey Melancton Lloyd
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Roseboom	Strong Warham	Van Loon Albertus	Whitney John
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Schenectady, Protestant	Swart Benjamin	Van Ness Peter	Wilson Robert
Dutch Church of	Sweet Elizabeth	Van Rensselaer Jeremiah	Wisner Henry
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(Freeman)	Swift Samuel	Van Sice John	Wisner Henry, 3d.
Schoolcraft Johannes	Tappen Peter	Van Vleet Arie	Witbeck John A.
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# THE EXECUTIVE BODIES

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## THE STATE AGENT

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Gen. Undy Hay was appointed State Agent June 24, 1780. The law abolishing the Office was passed Mar. 24, 1783. The other laws relating to this Office and its Accounts were enacted as follows:— June 23, 1780; May 12, 1784; Apr. 22, 1785; March 22, 1788; and April 6, 1795. His salary was £800 per annum. Aside from the duties of the Office as shown by the documents below, the State Agent bought paper for the “New Money”, and (by the law of Nov. 22, 1781) paid the salaries of the Governor’s Secretary, and the Senators and Assemblymen. For his work in collecting Taxes, see Taxation in the Chapter on “The Treasurer”.

By his Excellency George Clinton Esquire Governor of the State of New York General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia and Admiral of the Navy of the same

To Gerard Bancker Esquire Treasurer of the said State. . . . . Greeting.

Pay unto Udney Hay Esqr. Agent of this State to procure Supplies on Account and Credit of the Said State, for the Use of the United States in pursuance of the Act entitled “An Act to procure Supplies for the Use of the Army, to prevent a Monopoly of Cattle within this State and more effectually to prevent Supplies of Cattle to the Enemy” The Sum of five thousand Pounds of the new Bills to be emitted in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the eighteenth Day of March last and for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

Given under my Hand and the privy Seal of the said State at Pokeepsie this twentieth Day of July in the fifth Year of our Independence and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

By his Excellency’s  
Command

Geo. Clinton

Robt. Benson Secry.

The Army now Guarding the Frontiers of this State both to the Northward & Westward, being in immediate want of Beef, And a Number of Beef Cattle Expected here from New England being unexpectedly delayed, It is requested that the Friends of America to whom this shall be presented by Mr. Harmanus Wendell To send me immediately what Cattle they can spare, which upon his receipt shall not only be faithfully replaced very soon without loss, but those who shew their inclination to serve their country in this way shall if wanted be supplied with some salt on the most reasonable Terms, which I have great reason to Expect will soon be put under my direction

Udney Hay, State Agent

Albany Sept<sup>r</sup> 21st, 1780

[Mr. Wendell was dismissed as Store-Keeper by Gen. Hay Feb 26/81, and brought in a bill from Aug 1/ 80 to Feb 28/ 81 = 212 days @ 10/— = £106. 0. 0]

By his Excellency George Clinton Esq<sup>r</sup>. Governor of the State of New York, General and  
Commander in Chief of all the Militia and Admiral of the Navy of the Same  
To Udney Hay Esquire.

Whereas, the Emergency and Occasion requires the Same, These are therefore, in pursuance  
of an Act of the Legislature entitled, "An Act authorizing the Person administering the Gov-  
ernment of this State, to grant Warrants of Impress, passed the 23 Day of June, 1780, to  
authorize and empower you to impress (for the Use and Service of the Army) four thousand  
Barrels of Flour, or an equivalent in Wheat, With a Sufficient number of Casks to contain  
the Flour, and Teams to transport it to the nearest & most convenient landing place on Hud-  
sons River

By his Excellency's Command  
Rob<sup>t</sup>. Benson Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Given under my Hand at Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess this thirteenth Day of  
December in the year of the Independence of the Said State, in the year of our Lord one  
thousand seven hundred and eighty. Geo. Clinton

This Warrant is not to extend to what Individuals may have for the use and Consumption  
of their own Families — Geo: Clinton

By virtue of power invested in me by a law of this State I hereby empower Harmanus A.  
Wendel of Albany to execute the Warrant of which the above is a true Copy  
Udney Hay State Agent

Sir:—

Poughkeepsie 3d July 1781

Captain DuBois has this moment handed to me your Instructions to him of 25th ult. respect-  
ing the settlement of the Accounts for Forage & Provisions &c furnished Horses Oxen and  
their drivers in his district, upon which I must beg leave to make the two following observations.

1st You make a distinction betwixt the value of what a Soldier eats and what a teamster or  
fatigue man eats, in the same space of time, though Congress has thought it necessary not  
to allow as much Provision to the one when he is lying in Camp doing merely the duties of a  
Soldier as to the other supposed upon constant fatigue. Yet I am afraid it would be extremely  
difficult to persuade any person furnishing the diet for an equal number of men belonging to  
each of those classes employed in doing the same duty that he ought to be contented with  
two thirds of the pay for the one class of what had been tendered and paid him by the same  
person for the other. As Ulster County has furnished scarce any but fatigue men, and Albany  
County I believe but soldiers in this way, I am afraid this nice distinction might create a Jeal-  
ousy between the two Counties that would prove much more hurtfull to this State than any  
benefit that could possibly arise from the small saving which a pursuance of your plan could  
possibly produce, and cannot suppose myself Justifiable in consenting that Captain DuBois  
should comply with your request on this head unless he is to make the payment with public  
money.

You propose likewise that the provisions paid by Captain DuBois should be credited to the  
Quota of this State, and the pasturage be charged to the United States. As these are often  
included in one Certificate I cannot, in the first place, see a possibility of entering them regu-  
larly in two accounts. In the second place, I know it is the determination of the Legislature  
to charge the United States in the same account current in which they credit them with the Quota  
of Specific Supplies, they may from time to time demand, for every article that passes through  
my hands.

I hope you will be pleased to alter your Instructions so far as that Captain DuBois may  
be enabled to comply with them.

Colonel Timothy Pickering.

I am respectfully, Sir, Your  
most Obed hum<sup>l</sup> Servt  
Udney Hay.

By his Excellency George Clinton Esquire Governor of the State of New York &c  
To Gerard Bancker Esquire Treasurer of the Said State.

Pursuant to the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to procure Supplies for the use of the Army, and to prevent a monopoly of Cattle within this State and more effectually to prevent Supplies of Cattle to the Enemy" passed the 24th June 1780 You are hereby required out of any Monies which may be in the Treasury & not otherwise appropriated to pay unto Udney Hay Esquire State Agent or his Order the Sum of twenty Thousand Dollars in Bills of the new Emission and for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

Given under my Hand and the Privy Seal of the said State at Poughkeepsie this 25th Day of August 1781.

By his Excellency's  
Command  
Rob<sup>t</sup>. Benson Sec<sup>ry</sup>.

Geo. Clinton.

Rec<sup>d</sup> August 31st. 1781 from Gerard Bancker Treasurer Twenty thousand Dollars New Emission pursuant to the above Warrant £8000  
Geo. Taylor Jun<sup>r</sup>.

1781 State of New York to John Hyatt, Dr—  
Novr 16 To transporting Public Grain from Rye to Crompond with a 4 Cattle Team  
34 Miles as pr Certificate from Col. Udney Hay State Agent at 3/— pr  
Ton per mile . . . . . £5 2 0

This Certifies that Colo. Jno. Hyatt has transported from the neighbourhood of Rye to this place, distance about thirty four miles, thirteen Bushels & a half of Indian Corn; for which he is entitled to receive pay from the State Agent.

In behalf of Colo. Udney Hay State Agent Crompond November 16, 1781  
George Taylor jun<sup>r</sup>

John Hyatt declares upon oath that he has never received any Pay or Compensation for the within Service.

July 15th 1786 Sworn before me  
Ab<sup>m</sup> P. Lott Ald'm. John Hyatt

I John Lee, junr, do most solemnly swear that in the month of Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1781, a Body of troops went down to Rye from Peekskill to collect forage and Hogs below the lines, that Colo'l Hyatt had a double team, that the said team was full loaded at Rye Neck and brought it to Croten, that after the corn was taken out at Sundry times untill it came to Crompond, that altho by the enclosed certificate it appeared then to have but thirteen and a half bushels in.

Sworn before me at Crompond  
3d Sepr 1784  
Joseph Osburn, Justice of peace— John Lee

" Poughkeepsie 20th July 1782

Sir, I am favoured with yours of this date, requiring a Copy of my accounts while I acted as D.Qr.Mr.Gen. and enclosing me at same time your instructions from the Legislature on that subject.

If you will employ any person to take a Copie of these accounts as entered in my books, he shall have free access to them at my office for such time as you shall deem necessary for that purpose; or if the Legislature will indemnify me against all claimants on public account till it shall appear on a final settlement that I am indebted to the public, I will deliver up my vouchers for your Examination, at same time must observe to you there are yet many vouchers in the hands of my assistants which I have repeatedly required them to furnish me with, but my requisitions have all proved ineffectual, and probably will do so till they have at least something resembling the shadow of a promise that they will receive some adequate compensation for their services while acting in that station. I shall only add that it is impossible for me to have the least idea what I obtained by voluntary purchase, and what by impresses of any kind, as in tak-

ing receipt for the amount of the services where the Cash was paid, or promissory notes were given, no distinction was ever made, but if it can render you any service you shall be informed of the amount in value of the certificates I issued for which this State became responsible.

You may rely on my doing every thing in my power to facilitate the execution of your important business with despatch, and am,

with much respect, Sir, Your most obedient humble Sert.

Peter T. Curtenius Esqr.

Udny Hay  
late D. Qr. Mr. G.

1783	Udny Hay Esquire, late State Agent to James Roosevelt Dr —	
Jan'y 24th	To services of 17 days in taking out an Execution against Coll. Robert Livingston for the sum forfeited by his not delivering this Wheat Tax within the Time by Law Limited — in going to the chief Judge for a Warrant to apprehend the Constable to appear and answer his neglect of duty in not Levying agreeable to Said Execution and reporting to Coll. Hay the Chief Judge's answer, then going to Albany to evidence the delivery of said Execution into the hands of the Constable, then attending the grand Jury for the above purpose @ 50 Dolls pr month..	£11 6 8
	To traveling Expences in said Time of Service for Self & Horse @ 10/— pr Day . . . . .	8 10 0
		£19. 16 8

Received from Col. Udny Hay out of a Draught upon Mess. Peter R. and Robert C. Livingston the above Sum of Nineteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eight pence in Specie in full of the above Amount —  
James Roosevelt

£19 16 8  
Claverac District March 17th 1784

In 1784, the Auditor-General, Peter T. Curtenius, made the following inquiry; to which answer was made by Philip Schuyler, a Commissioner for Settling the Accounts of the State against the United States:—

I have called on Col Hay for an Account of the Specific Supplies furnish'd by this State to the United States; his answer was, that his Books and Papers were unfortunately consumed by Fire, and therefore it was out of his power to give me any Account, but he inform'd me that he had made regular returns from time to time to the Legislature & to the Financier of the Quantity deliver'd which Returns he was ready to attest upon oath — Query — Whether the Financier or Commissioner can, or will admit Col Hays Oath, as a Proof of Delivery without a particular Resolve of Congress for that purpose

The Auditor must procure the necessary information from the Financier's Office.

The Auditor-General to the Delegates in the Continental Congress, Dec. 7, 1785.

It will be necessary to get a Resolve passed about the State Agents' Business whose papers are burnt. I have conversed with Colo'l Hay on the business & he tells me that he has from time to time made Returns to the board of War & to the Financier of the Specific Supplies he & his Assistants have delivered to the army which are filed in their Offices & which he can qualify to that they are just & true. He farther says that in the last return he made he fell short about Twelve thousand pounds of the whole quantity demanded of this State, & that he supposed the whole quantity had been delivered. But he had not when the last return was sent been able to collect in from his assistants the Vouchers of delivery for the amount of this last sum.

The following is the account as finally rendered by the State Agent. The Investigating Committees agreed that the conduct of Gen. Hay had been most honorable.

The United States on a/c of Specific Supplies furnished through Udney Hay as State Agent To the State of New York . . . . . Dr.

To the amount of all the Supplies as per Voucher No. 1 made to the Financier . . . £161795. 5.11  
 Deduct the Supplies said to be furnished between the first of December 1779, and the 1st of August 1780, which were not paid for by me, though they may be charged for in another way, agreeably to the Resolution of Congress of 25th February, 1780, and will probably amount to much more than my estimates which was . . . . . £48644.18.7

Deduct likewise that part of the irregular returns, allowed for the disputed forage in Westchester County, as it has since then been paid for to the State where it was taken from confiscated Estates, and to the individual Proprietors where taken otherwise, by the Commissioners of public accounts, and was estimated by me at . . . . . £18000. 0.0 £66644.18.7

Remains to be charged to the United States for Supplies furnished and paid for under my direction . . . . . £95150. 7.4

Observations —

1st The above sum is exclusive of transportation, expence of purchasing, and every other incidental charge.

2d The whole amount of the irregular return as charged in the general Return No. 1 is £24566.10.0 from which it was deducted — £18000.0.0 for the disputed forage in Westchester County (that being the amount at which it was estimated in the return referred to) the remaining sum of £6566.10.0 I am clear ought to continue a charge against the United States, as the most thereof I have no doubt has been paid for by my assistants since the time the Return was made to the Financier, and they have I am certain been paid for articles not included in that Return, though delivered as a part of the specific supplies to a greater amount than what is unpaid by them of that sum. Under the term "irregular Return" is included all articles of the delivery whereof I was fully convinced in my own mind by Letters from my Assistants, verbal information from them and other Persons, or by other strong circumstantial proofs, but of which I possessed no positively conclusive legal evidence, and in my Information to the Financier I esteemed it my duty to exhibit every Fact which tended to shew that the State I had the Honour to serve was amongst the foremost in her compliance with the Requisitions of Congress in the subject of Specific Supplies.

3d From the Delinquency of some other States in not furnishing their proportion of the specific supplies, officers of the Army on detached commands within this State were frequently obliged to issue their impress warrants at their own risque for beef, flour &c. Most of these impresses were made without my Knowledge or that of any of my Assistants, and some of the vouchers for the Provisions taken under these impresses were so loose and irregular that my assistants, though convinced of the justice of the claims, did not think themselves justfyd in liquidating them. Some of them have since been examined, settled and paid for by the Auditor of this State or by the Commissioner of public accounts, and sundry of them I am well convinced have not been paid for at all. From thence it appears that to the sum of £95150.7.4, as exhibited in the foregoing a/c there ought to be added, as a charge against the United States for specific supplies furnished under my Direction, the amount of such accounts admitted and paid for by the Auditor of this State for articles furnished as part of these supplies for which there was no voucher from me or any of my assistants.

4th It will perhaps be said that the United States ought not to consent to a charge in support whereof, instead of regular vouchers, there is only the bare assertion or affidavit of the

officer by whom the charge is made, and it therefore behooves me to prove, as satisfactorily as the loss of most of my papers will admit, that every possible pains was taken on my part to have all the amounts for specific supplies adjusted with the proper Continental officers a long time previous to the Destruction of my papers by the fire, which consumed my house on the 30th of March, 1783.

It will be proper in the first place to take notice that, from the very nature of the requisition for specific supplies, it must appear intended that they should be delivered in large quantities by the State officer to the Proper Continental officers. The 7th section of the Law passed 24th June 1780 by the Legislature of this State will demonstrate likewise that this was their intention. From the scantiness of the supplies forwarded on by other neighboring States, I, soon after entering upon the duties of my Office, found that by pursuing this plan the Army within this State must positively disband, and having myself as a Continental Officer, for several years immediately preceeding, experienced from the Legislature, in a degree far beyond my warmest expectations, an unlimited zeal for the Honour of the Union and an enthusiastic fervour for the support of the Army; advised likewise to the measure by his Excellency the Governor, and from these and other combining circumstances relying fully on that spirit of accommodation to the necessities of the Union which appeared so conspicuous in all the acts and deliberations of the Legislative and Executive authority of the State, I ventured to deviate from the mode of deposit originally intended and deliver'd the supplies in small quantities as fast as they could be collected, by which mode, instead of one hundred regular and compleat vouchers from the principal public officers, whose receipts must have been esteemed incontestible proofs, I subjected the State to the risque and expence, and myself to the inconvenience of receiving many thousand vouchers from officers in inferior stations, from Boatmen, and some from non commissioned officers of the Army.

Thus circumstanced, determined to prove my attention to the Duties of my station, and anxious and uneasy from an apprehension that the State might be a sufferer if the accounts were not properly speedily settled, I repeatedly apply'd to the Quarter Master and Commissary General, and to their respective deputies within the State, requesting that they would take up the numerous small vouchers of their inferior officers and give me in lieu of them such general vouchers signed by themselves as should upon examination appear equitable and proper.

Nor did my attempt to procure a settlement rest there. I carryd up my request on the same subject to the Legislature of the State, and to the Financier of the United States. In part proof of this I beg leave to refer to the following papers, viz No. 2, Copy of Resolution of the Legislature passed 21st Nov. 1781; No. 3, Copy recd from the Treasury Board of my Letter to the Financier dated 5th April, 1782; and No. 4, Mr Stevens Certificate as Deputy Commissary General of issues dated 4th February 1784. The other Letters of mine to the Financier, with his answers (if they can be found in the Treasury office), and the further testimony which I have not a doubt may be obtained upon this subject from the Quarter Master General and Colonel Hughes the then Quarter Master for this State, will fully justify the assertion that the non-settlement of all the accounts relative to the specific supplies furnished by this State has in no degree been owing to any neglect or other Default of the State, as their officer under whose direction those supplies were immediately placed.

Not being at home when my house was burnt, and all the papers referred to Destroyd therein, for full information respecting that misfortune I beg leave to refer to his Excellency Governor Clinton, and the Honourable Melancton Smith Esqr late a member of Congress, both of whom were present at the time the house was in Flames.

5th From the statement of the foregoing a/c made to the Financier, and from sundry other circumstances, a considerable loss will arise unless an allowance is made by the Commissioners appointed to liquidate the a/cs between this State and the United States —

1st All the beef is charged only at 44/— per 100 Pounds, but the Requisitions of Congress allow 52/— for all furnished in December, and 64/— for all furnished between the 1st of January and 1st of July. Not having rec'd all the vouchers of delivery from my assistants at the time the last return was made to the Financier, and of consequence not being able to Determine with precision the exact periods at which all the beef had been delivered, I stated the

whole at the lowest price, determined to make a statement agreeably to the various prices allowed by Congress when I was possessed of all the necessary vouchers for that purpose. This is not possible to be done now with any tolerable exactness, but I am of opinion that not less than ten thousand Pounds of beef was delivered in the month of December, and not less than thirty thousand Pounds between the 1st of January and 1st of July.

2d The Dispute about the Forage used in Westchester County in 1781 confirms an opinion which the Quarter Master General then entertained that it ought not to be paid for, the Lands from whence it was taken having previous to the march of the Army into that quarter of the State been occasionally in possession of the enemy. By a Resolution of Congress of the 7th of September 1781 that business was settled by arbitration, the minutes whereof is now in possession of the Quarter Master General or some of his Deputies, and from which it will appear that they awarded, as equal to the whole Forage which had been consumed, 1864 tons of Hay and 8233  $1/2$  Bushells of Oats, the whole of which has been paid for by the Commissioner of public accounts at the current specie price of, I believe, £3 per ton for Hay, and  $2/6$  per Bushell for Oats. This most undoubtedly ought to have been esteemed as part of the specific supplies and paid for at the stipulated prices allowed for them, for from the time that Forage was used I never included it as part of the Specific supplies in all my Returns. It is true that the aggregate supplies of Forage required was overpaid by the State previous to this, but as Provisions were still due, the Quarter Master General had agreed that upon the delivery of a further quantity of Forage to him, He would give receipts which should answer for an equal value of provisions at the stipulated Prices. Colonel Pickering's Letter to me, No 5, will greatly strengthen this assertion, and if that Gentleman had the whole of my Letters to him, and the Copies of his answers, it would be fully proved. It is clear then that the State lose all the difference, on the amount of the above Hay and Oats, between the specie price allowed by the Commissioners and the Price agreed to be paid for specific supplies. Besides this loss positively proved, it appears by the minutes of the Arbitration above alluded to that the arbitrators were of opinion " that a considerable quantity of Forage had been taken from a number of Farms of which they had not been able to obtain any voucher Evidence ". As no part of this Forage has been paid for at the stipulated price of specific supplies, the loss to the State must have been considerable. If any reasoning upon the proofs exhibited to the arbitrators, as entered on their minutes, was just, and it was not attempted to be contradicted by the adverse Party, nor objected to by the arbitrators themselves as far as I know, instead of 1864 tons of Hay, it was thereby proved that the award should have been for 2994  $3/4$  tons. I have not a doubt however that those Gentlemen Determined upon the principles of Equity and good Conscience agreeably to their own conceptions thereof.

3d The Requisition of Congress was only for 500 tons of Hay, but the necessaries of the Army calling aloud for more, 1540  $1/2$  tons were delivered. The cost of transporting this Hay, which was done at the expence of the State, in proportion to the price allowed for the Hay itself, far exceeded the proportion of the expence which would have attended the delivery of any of the other articles of the Requisition, and that Difference was an absolute loss to the State. Besides, the scarcity of that article was so great the season this Hay was furnished, that I have known ten Pounds in real Specie paid pr Ton as it stood in the Farmer's yard; and the price necessarily allowed for purchasing Hay was at least three times as much as was allowed for the purchase of any of the other articles proportioned to their value. This was a further loss to the State.

4th The Delivery of the supplies in small quantities, exclusive of the loss arising from waste, more than would have accrued had they been deposited and delivered in the way which I am certain most, and perhaps all, of the other States did, occasioned a great extra expence to this State; for, to accommodate the pressing wants of the Army, I found myself under the necessity of keeping one Express Rider on constant pay, and having sundry occasional ones, to carry Letters to and from the various commanding officers, to obtain warrants from the Magistrates for the impress of Teams to transport the supplies, and to keep up the necessary Correspondence with my assistants. My own travelling expences bore by the State was likewise greatly increased.

The Losses reached above, agreeably to my own opinion thereof, are as follows:—

1st Loss on Beef		
10,000 lbs of beef Delivered in December at 8/— on each 100 Pounds is . . . . .	£ 40. 0.0	
30,000 Do Delivered between 1st of Jan'y & 1st of July at 20/— on each 100 lbs is . . . . .	300. 0.0	£ 340. 0.0
2d Loss on Westchester Forage		
1,864 Tons of Hay paid for at £3 ought to be at £6 Difference . . . . .	£5592. 0.0	
8,233 1/2 Bush. of Oats paid for at 2/5, ought to be at 4/— Do . . . . .	617.10.3	6209.10.3

what further loss arose from payments made by the Commissioner for the Forage mentioned in the minutes of the Arbitration of which the Arbitrators had no evidence, I can have no just idea of because I am entirely ignorant of the quantity.

3d Loss on the Extra quantity of Hay

Considering the great scarcity of Hay that year, it is certainly a moderate compensation (taking into view the extra expence of transporting that article) to allow that it was offered at 40/— less per Ton than what was its real value, proportioned to the price allowed for the other articles of the Requisition. The extra quantity was 1040 1/2 Tons at 40/— . . . . . £2081. 0.0

4th Loss on the Delivery in small quantities

It is difficult to determine this with any degree of precision, but I am fully convinced in my own mind that, had we adopted the regular, deliberate mode pursued by most of the other States, there would have been a saving in expences and waste on the amount in value of at least, 4, perhaps, 5, per Cent, say however . . . . . £ 3369. 9.9

Sum of the Losses on the above 4 Transactions . . . . . £ 12000. 0.0

Personally appeared Udney Hay and made Oath that the foregoing statement of facts, Circumstances and Computation are made agreeably to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, upon the Principles of Equity and good Conscience, and without any intention of defrauding the United States, this State or any Individual.

Sworn this 16th Day of June 1788 before me  
Jeremi'h Wool Ald'm.

Udny Hay  
late State Agent

### The Assistant State Agents

The following were Assistant State Agents, without being assigned, apparently, to any particular part of the State:—Francis Chandonet, Henry Clapp, Egbert Dumond, Jellis Fonda, William Keese, John Sickles, George Taylor, Jonathan G. Tompkins. George Trimble and Jellis Winne.

The following were the Assistant State Agents by Counties:—Albany, John James Bleecker, Leonard Bronck, John W. Groesbeck, Philip Lansing, Richard Lush, Harmanus Schuyler, Joseph Shurtliff, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Dirck Swart, Peter Van Ness, Benjamin Van Orden and Henry I. Van Rensselaer; Dutchess, Sampson Benson, Cornelius Bradford, Judah Burton, Benjamin Lightborn, Melancton Smith, David Van Ness and Hendrick Wyckoff; Orange, John Stagg, Daniel Tier, Joseph Wood and Ebenezer Woodhull; Tryon, Anthony Van Veghten and Christopher P. Yates; Ulster, Matthew DuBois, James Monell and Dirck Wynkoop; Westchester, William Brown, John Fish, John Haynes and Samuel Townsend.

The Assistant State Agents received from 12/— to 20/— per day. They attended to the details of the work, their Accounts including Cattle, Wheat, Flour, Potatoes, Turnips, Spirits, Hay, Buckwheat, Corn, Rye, Oats &c.

Sir ;

Poughkeepsie 4th July 1781

In consequence of your appointment as my assistant in Westchester County for the particular purpose of disposing to the French Army of any supplies they may want within that County, which come under my Direction by the Enclosed Act of the Legislature ;  
You will please pay particular Attention to the following Directions :—

You will, as soon as you can, after the receipt of this, proceed to Westchester County, produce the law and Appointment to the Commissioners of Sequestration for that County and request of them to give you lists of all the Sequestered or Confiscated Farms, making such farther enquiries as will best Tend to give you a thorough Knowledge of them. You will then apply to the Commander-in-chief of the French Army, delivering him the Letter you receive herewith, and Know from him whose Certificates you may with Safety receive, or what Officer you should apply to for obtaining the necessary information on that Subject.

The Value of the Pasture on these Farms must be appraised by two Persons indifferently chosen by you and the French Officers authorized to obtain them, letting them two when chosen appoint a third Person, if necessary, all of whom Should be upon Oath, when it can conveniently be done. As it will happen in Some Cases that Fields will be made use of for Pasture before they can be appraised, let the best possible proof of the Value be obtained and the appraisement made afterwards.

As I suppose, in some places, large Quantities of Hay may be cut, endeavor to employ Persons for that purpose, and dispose of the Hay, if wanted, at the Current Price, agreeable to its Quantity in that part of the County. Upon application to his Excellency General Washington, some men may probably be furnished for that purpose.

Agree always for cutting by the Ton, rather than by the Day, and if any men are obtained from the Army, endeavor to get volunteers. You well know Men draughted for such a purpose, contrary to their own inclination, are very unserviceable.

If, as I suppose will be the Case, large Quantities of Standing Grain should fall under your Direction, endeavor to get the same cut, when ripe, and have Floors on the Field for Threshing it immediately, which done, dispose of both the Grain and the Straw at Current Prices.

If any Cattle fall into your Hands not sufficiently Fat for the Knife, have them Branded N. Y. S. A. and send them to places of Safety where they can be pastured. Those fit for being immediately Killed, dispose of agreeable to the Instructions already given respecting the other property that may fall under your Direction.

You will be particularly careful, when it can be done, to Keep a regular Account of the Quantity & Value of each Article sold from each Farm, separately, mentioning the last Possessors name, and if Tenanted Land the Proprietors Name likewise.

Where you do not receive Cash in Payment of what you sell let the Certificates you receive in lieu thereof recite; I acknowledge to be Indebted to the State Agent of New York, or his Order, . . . Pounds . . . Shillings Pence, being for . . . Acres of Meadow Land used for Pasture, Tons of Hay Bushels of Corn Bushels of Oats &c &c, as the Case may be, received for the use of the Army of his Most Christian Majesty, from the Lands in Westchester County, placed by Law under the said Agents Direction, which I am to pay at Days.  
Date July 1781. meadow for Pasture, £ ; Tons of Hay ; Bushels of Corn ; Do of Oats; Total

In a Business of this Nature so many Circumstances will arise which cannot possibly be foreseen, that in all Cases, where you have not particular Directions I must request you to be guided entirely by your own judgment, taking the advice, where it can be conveniently done, of such Gentlemen, living in that County, whose Characters as Whigs & Men of Honor are indisputable.

I wish you to write me by every opportunity, acquainting me particularly with your procedure and any difficulties that may arise. I shall probably be with you in that Country in Ten Days at Farthest.

It will be necessary for you immediately to employ a good Clerk, if one acquainted with that Country can be got so much the better. It is not possible for me to form an Idea at present what farther Assistants you may want, as it depends upon contingencies impossible to be foreseen. Your own Knowledge of the Nature of the Business you are now going to enter on will enable you to make Choice of proper Persons, and let me beg they may be as few as possible as it has ever been my opinion that few Officers and them well paid are always the cheapest & most serviceable. I cannot with propriety at present fix either your or their pay; but you may depend upon its being reasonable, agreeable to the Services you & they perform. Capt William Brown and Mr. Haynes are employed in the same way for the American Army as you are for the French Army. Let me beg you will Keep up a thorough good understanding with them, as you may be mutually serviceable to each other.

I must request too you will in a particular manner endeavor to render every Service in your Power to the Refugees who have been obliged to quit their Farms by assisting them to obtain a Settlement of their Accounts for any [word missing] the Army may have used belonging to them. They [word missing] deserve every attention in our power to pay.

Major Chandonet.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servt  
Udny Hay.

## THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSPIRACIES

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The full title of this body was "The Committee of the Convention of the State of New York for Enquiring into, Defeating and Detecting all Conspiracies that may be formed in said State". It was appointed early in 1776. Those who served upon it, whether by original or later appointment, were the following:— Chairmen, Egbert Benson, William Duer and Leonard Gansevoort; Secretaries, John D. Crimsher, Abraham W. DePeyster, Richard Hatfield, Richard King, Henry Rockwell and Teunis Tappen; Auditor and Treasurer, Nathaniel Sackett; Clerk, Teunis Tappen; Doorkeepers, Jacob Kidney and Richard Warner; Members, (other than the above) John Berrien, Peter Cantine, jr., Charles DeWitt, Lewis Graham, John Jay, Lewis Morris, Zephaniah Platt, Melancton Smith, Joseph Strang, Jacobus Swartwout and Van Cortlandt.

On Mar. 10, June 14 and July 6, the Committee took many Arms from Tories, Disaffected and Non-Associates, in New York City. From September to December, 1776, the Committee ordered "Victuals" and handcuffs for the Tories, the bills showing that it cost two shillings either to put hand-cuffs on or to take them off. Capt. Joshua Myrick, Sept. 16, was paid \$148 for the Pay and Subsistence of his Company. A bill was paid, Oct. 30, for apprehending Suspects. The Committee, Oct. 31, appointed Samuel Smith Commissary to a Detachment of Col. Robert Van Rensselaer's Regiment, ordered to guard the Prisoners to New Hampshire; and Matthew DuBois was appointed Commissary in place of Smith for that part of the Regiment that was left in Charlotte County. On Nov. 9, Lieut. Bezaleel Rudd was ordered, with his Detachment, to join the Command of Capt. Robinson for escorting the Prisoners from Fishkill to New Hampshire; and he was required to report to the Committee on his return.

The Committee, Feb. 28, 1777, resolved to do justice to the owners of 15 horses, wrongfully seized; and Mar. 2, resolved to restore to Hanson Palmer money wrongfully taken. The Accounts of the Committee, down to March, 1777, footed £3066.5.0 for sales of effects taken from the Disaffected. William Clark sent in a bill of £9.9.3 for secret services, which was paid the next year.

Hugh Conner presented to the Committee a bill dated Sept. 22, 1776, for £48.11.0 for entertaining the Committee. This was paid March 17, 1777; but not without a protest on the part of Nathaniel Sackett, the Auditor of the Committee, in which he was of opinion that the £4.17.6 charged for wine "ought to be paid for by the individual Gentlemen who from time to time have composed this Committee, vizt. Messrs Duer, DeWitt, Gansevoort, Jay, Platt, Sackett, Cortlandt, L. Morris & Graham, each their proportion; yet, as the wine was called for upon the Credit of the Committee, and as at the Time of settling this Accot all the Members had left the place, except Messrs. Jay, Sackett & Platt (who offered to pay their proportions) and the said sum being inconsiderable in itself, I have therefore taken no notice of it, or deducted it from this acct."

## THE COMMISSIONERS OF CONSPIRACIES

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There is much confusion, in the documents, as to the time when the Committee for Conspiracies ended its duties and the Commissioners of Conspiracies began their work. This arose from the Committeemen sometimes calling themselves Commissioners; and vice versa. An Account of the Committee, commencing Sept. 28, 1776, and ending Jan. 11, 1777, is certified as a true copy from the Minutes of the Commissioners, and signed by Teunis Tappen as Clerk to the Commissioners. Another Account "of Sales of Effects taken from Persons who have fled to or joined the Enemy" runs from February to March 1777, and is made out by the Committee. Other Accounts, dated Apr. 12, Apr. 29 and May 16, recite "The late Committee of the Convention and the present Board of Commissioners." The Convention, Apr. 5, 1777, voted £1000 to the Commissioners; and, on Nov. 4, 1777, the Council of Safety ordered £400 refunded to them.

The Commissioners included, among their number, some of the members of the Committee; and the following who were not on the Committee:— Robert Harpur, Abraham Hasbrouck, Gilbert Livingston, Cornelius Schoonmaker, Jonathan G. Tompkins and Henry Williams. It is probable that even the Commissioners should still have been called the Committee, as late as Feb. 5, 1778, when the Governor was authorized to appoint not to exceed ten Commissioners; the number being increased to 20, Apr. 4, 1778.

Other laws, relating to the Commissioners of Conspiracies, were passed as follows:— June 30, 1778, the Commissioners were authorized to require all Suspects to take the Oath of Allegiance; Oct. 29, 1778, the powers of the Commissioners were continued; Feb. 17, 1779, a similar law; Oct. 1, 1779, the powers of the Commissioners, which had lapsed, were revived, and the Council of Appointment was authorized to appoint the Commissioners; June 14, 1780, the law relating to the appointment was revived; July 1, 1780, "for the removal of the families of persons who have joined the Enemy", but the Commissioners were authorized to give permits to remain; Mar. 27, 1783, the acts relating to the Commissioners were repealed.

From the date of these laws, it is evident that a great part of the work of the Commissioners was done in their capacity as a Committee of the Convention, or under the Governor's Order of Apr. 4, 1777, and before any Legislative enactment. They carried on the work along the lines laid out by the original Committee. They bought Muskets for the Soldiers; and apprehended Tories and Suspected Persons. They provided Food for the Guards and the Prisoners; also, Medicines for the latter. Together with the Commissioners for the several Counties (see below) they had general charge of all persons who were suspected or apprehended (see "Tories" &c., "British Prisoners of War" and "County Committees").

The Commissioners of Conspiracies for the several Counties consisted, in some cases, of

others beside those appointed by the Order of the Governor, Apr. 4, 1778. They attended to details which it was impossible for the State Commissioners to handle; and they were paid 20/— per day

In Albany County, the Commissioners were:— John M. Beekman, Stewart Dean, Isaac D. Fonda, Leonard Gansevoort, jr. (Secretary), Cornelius Humfrey, John McClung, Hugh Mitchel, Reynier Mynderse, Abraham Oothout, Samuel Stringer, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Matthew Visscher and Peter Wynkoop, jr. Their Accounts began in 1778, and ended in 1782. They took charge of the Tories who were arrested for making a disturbance in Livingston Manor; confined some of the Prisoners in the “Tory Goal” in the Fort, at Albany; and sent other Prisoners to Fort Edward and to Claverack.

In Dutchess County the Commissioners had charge of the several Goals for the confinement of Prisoners. They also paid several Accounts of the Committees of Pawling and Poughkeepsie Precincts for apprehending Tories, the Suspected and the Disaffected; and they transported several Tory families to New York City (see “Dutchess County Committee”). The Commissioners were:— Egbert Benson, Gilbert Livingston, Zephaniah Platt and Israel Thompson. On Aug. 2, 1779, they paid £76.8.0 to Lieut. Stephen Hendrickson “For the service of himself and 13 privates for Monies actually expended, and provisions by themselves furnished, in Apprehending and Conveying to Poughkeepsie Goal, 7 Prisoners on Suspicion of harbouring Concealing and aiding the Robbers and other persons who carried off to the Enemy Lieut. John Smith and three other persons.”

Gilbert Cooper, Thomas Moffat and Henry Wisner were the Commissioners in Orange County. Tryon County had these Commissioners:— Soverinas Cock, James McMaster and William Wills. The Commissioners for Ulster County were: Peter Cantine, Joseph Gasherie, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker and Cornelius E. Wynkoop. Richard Hatfield, Israel Honeywell, jr., Philip Leek, John J. Myers (Secretary), Philip Pell, jr., Ebenezer Purdy, Nathan Rockwell, Joseph Strang, and Jonathan G. Tompkins were the Commissioners for Westchester County.

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### The Disaffected, Suspected and Tories

The Committee of the Provincial Congress to Apprehend Tories consisted of Lewis Graham, John Sloss Hobart and Henry Remsen. A law was passed, early in the War, for the removal of the Families of Persons who had joined the Enemy. This provided that, because of the information given to the Enemy by the wives of those who had fled, the Justices of the Peace, or in their absence the Supervisors, or in the absence of both Justices and Supervisors, the Commissioners of Conspiracies, should give notice to the said wives to depart this State, or to go to the Enemy's Lines within this State, within 20 days, with their children not above 12 years of age. Failing to depart, they should be treated as Enemies of the State. Permission to remain might be given (by the above named Authorities) to parties of good character and not dangerous to the State of New York or to the United States.

The Committee of Westchester County, Jan. 4, 1776, seized 106 Guns from the Tories. On Mar. 10, the Committee for Conspiracies took many Arms from the Disaffected in New York City — among them four Swords from Samuel Bayard, and five Guns from William Bayard. The Committee made another collection, July 6. On the 18th of that month, Capt. Thomas Mitchell, with his men, apprehended a man and brought him before the Convention, by order of the Committee of three, named above.

Tories were transported Eastward from Red Hook, Dutchess County, Sept. 1, 1776. On Oct. 11, 1776, Capt. Jonathan Tuthill and his Guards escorted 30 Tories from New Windsor Ulster County, to Philadelphia, by Order of the Convention, at a cost of £80. Tories were confined in the Goshen Goal, Orange County, by order of the County Committee, and the expense was paid by the State. The Committee of Ulster County, in 1776, paid several bills for apprehending Tories, among the bills being those of Capt. Thomas Machin. In 1777, the Committee of Orange Sounty ordered Serjt. Nehemiah Clark to do similar work, and he was paid £17.12.0 for his services, Apr. 8, 1778. On June 17, 1778, the State paid £95.3.6 to refund the Committee of Marbletown, Ulster County, for removing Tory families from New Windsor on Dec. 16, 1777.

The Committee of Safety, Feb. 22, 1777, appointed John Thomas, jr., Col. Samuel Drake, Stephen Ward, William Miller, Nathaniel Hyatt, jr. and Israel Honeywell Commissioners to seize and sell the property of persons, in Westchester County, who had gone over to the Enemy; and on May 13, the Provincial Congress appointed Jonathan G. Tompkins, Richard Hatfield and Philip Pell, jr., Commissioners to settle the Accounts of the first named Commissioners. The Convention, Apr. 3, 1777, order the apprehension of certain Disaffected Persons, and Brig. Gen. George Clinton issued several Orders to Officers to carry out the Resolution of the Convention.

Numerous debts owing to parties who had been imprisoned, or who had gone over to the Enemy, were paid to the State Treasurer. In 1781 and 1782, Col. Marinus Willett sold, or converted to the use of the State, considerable property on the frontiers belonging to inhabitants who had been removed "on account of their Attachments to the Enemy". Col. Willett also took Provisions from such inhabitants, and delivered them to James Pratt. A strict accounting was made by Col. Willett, under the law of Apr. 22, 1785.

These names appear in the documents:—

TORIES			
Brown Abiel	Mallows David H.	Richardson John	Towers Joseph
Mabbett Samuel			
SUSPECTED PERSONS			
Ackerly Obadiah	Barr Jacob	Bondt Matthyse	Bush Hendrick
Ackerly William	Bartley Josiah	Brewer Abraham	Bush Jacob
Allen John	Barton Roger	Brinckerhoff Abraham	Bush Jacobus
Anderson John	Bartow William	Brown Enos	Bush Jacobus, jr.
Anderson Thomas	Baxter Stephen	Brown Park	Bush Wilhelmus
Anghron Neal	Bay John	Brown William	Butler William
Attwood Nathaniel	Beardsley John, Rev.	Brush Joshua	Campbell Alexander
Banker Bethuel	Beeker Peter	Bullis Thomas	Canniff Joseph
Banker Jacobus	Bender Frederick	Bullus Robert, jr.	Carbey
Banker John	Besemer Jacobus	Burnet Matthew	Carman Thomas
Barker (Squire)	Blancher Job	Burnhart George	Cheeseman Samuel

Citnam John	Harris	Mills Nathaniel	Slouter Wouter
Citternon John	Harris William	Minthorn Mangel	Smith Benjamin
Clark William	Hawley	Morehouse Elijah	Smith Claudius
Coe Daniel	Hawley John	Mott Joseph	Smith Edward
Colden Cadwallader, jr.	Hire Walter	Munro John	Smith James
Combs Thomas	Hodges Timothy	Myer Hans	Smith Matthias
Commens John	Hogel Francis	Mysenas Conradt	Smith Peter
Cook Matthew	Hooghtaling William	Needham Mary	Snedeker Richard
Cooke John	Huff William	Neilson Bloomer	Snoeck Hans
Covill Simon	Hughs George	Noe Lemountis	Snyder John
Craft John	Hughson Nathaniel	O'Bryan James	Speaight, Dr.
Crawford Daniel	Hughson Silvanus	Ogden Benjamin	Stanton George
Crispell Hendrick	Jero Benjamin	Ogden William	Staples John
Cronk John	Johnson (Lady)	Ore William	Steikle Nicholas
Cronkheyd Frederick	Johnson Abraham	Orr William	Storm
Cummins Thomas	Jonson Rulf	Osborn John	Story Zachariah
Curson	Keese John	Ostrom Jacob	Sybolt John
Dairs Hezekiah	Kelly James	Palmer Harrison	Taylor Neal
Dan Ezra	Kent John	Palmetier, Capt.	Teed William
Davis John	Keyser Andrew	Penman Alexander	Templer Christopher
Dean Nicholas	Kip Benjamin	Philip Nicholas	Ten Eyck Thomas
Derby James	Kise Jediah	Pict William	Thompson Edward
Des Brosses Elias	Kisselbrack Jacob	Platt Benoni, Capt.	Thurman John
Des Brosses Elizabeth	Knapp (Mrs.)	Poor William	Tidd William
Des Brosses Magdalen	Knowles James	Powell Caleb	Tidd William, jr.
De Witt Petrus	Kuk Johannes	Powell Elisha	Titus William
Dinnist Hugh	Lamson John	Prosser, Dr.	Tousend James
Dods John	Lazell Joshua	Quickley James	Tremper John
Doty Abraham	Lester Cornelius	Quimby Levy	Trip Robert
Doughty Charles	Leveson Andrew	Randol John	Turner John
Down Thomas	Lewis Benjamin	Rapalje John	Turner Joseph
Ducalon Stephen	Livingston, Maj.	Redmond Michael	Underhill Abraham
Dumond Petrus	Lobdell John	Reed William	Utley Any
Dyer Henry	Lockwood Jesse	Rhinelander Fredrick	Utter Isaac
Ealigh William	Lodowick Gasprus	Rosa Gysbert	Vail Isaac
Eliot David	Lonyon Jacobus	Rosa Jacobus	Valentine
Ferris William	Losey John	Rose John	Van Buren Marte
Finch Reuben	Lott Abraham	Rose Lodowick	Van Cortlandt Augustus
Flint Asa	Lounsberry Epenetus	Ruyter John	Van den Bergh Henry
Fowler Michael	Lounsberry Phinehas	Rypenbergh Johannis	Van der Mark Sylvester
Fowler Stephen	Low Simon	Sax John	Van Dyke Henry
French Benjamin	Lowlee Abraham	Scofield Seth	Van Dyke Stephen
Frompair John, jr.	McDonald Lewis	Seaman Richard	Van Hoesen Jacob
Furler Cornelius	McFarling John	Seamans	Van Hoesen John Lenderts
Gardner Silas	McGinnis William	Secord Isaac	Van Hoesen Justice
Gee John	McHenry Arthur	Seimonds	Van Horne Augustus
Germond Peter	McMurry Jeremiah	Selverman Jacob	Van Horne David
Gibson Andrew	Maddagh Jacob	Sharps William	Van Husen Dirck
Gillet Richard	Matthews Fletcher	Shaw Albertson	Van Kleek Barent A.
Gold Walter	Medeagh Jacob	Shaw William	Van Oart Abraham
Gordon James	Merkle Henry	Shear Johannis	Van Schaick Henry
Hagaman Isaac, Capt.	Merrickle Wilhelmus	Sherer Lewis	Van Vleet Daniel
Hains Joseph	Merrickle Wilhelmus, jr.	Shower William	Van Vleet John
Hains Samuel	Mesick Peter	Showerman Johannes	Van Zilen Johannis
Halenbeck Jacob	Mesier Hezekiah	Showerman Peter	Verplanck Guilliam
Hallenbush Robert	Mesier Peter	Sillick Frederick	Vosburgh Dirck
Halstead John	Middagh Abraham	Simmons Charles	Vosburgh Peter
Handerson James	Middagh George	Sisson Peleg	Walker John
Haring Samuel	Miller John	Slack William	Wanamaker Dirick

Warren Francis	Westbrook Young	Wilkinson Thomas	Worden Shubal
Watson Jacob	White Charles	Wood John	Wright Jonathan
West Benjamin	White David	Wood William	Yager Hendrick
Westbrook	Capt.		Zee John

In the above lists, it will be noted that many of the names appear, also, among the "British Prisoners of War". In several cases, a more full investigation proved the innocence of the alleged offender; so that the appearance of a name in the above lists, or among the Prisoners, is not always a badge of dishonor, as viewed from the American standpoint.

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### Disturbances in the Counties of Albany and Dutchess

The largest of the "Disturbances by the Enemies of America" was in Dutchess County and in the Manor of Livingston, Albany County. It began in July, 1776. Matthew Cantine and Zephaniah Platt were appointed, by the Convention, a "Committee to Quell the Tories" in those parts; and, on Dec. 26, 1777, the Treasurer of the Provincial Congress received a balance of £53.2.4 from them. The Disturbers of the Peace were brought to Albany. The Committees of the Precincts of Pawling and Poughkeepsie paid several Claims for apprehending Disaffected Persons, and they were afterward reimbursed by the Commissioners of Conspiracies. The Committee of Dutchess County, July 8, 1776, paid £8.1.4. to Capt. Brinton Paine for disarming Tories on Feb. 4, 1776; and, also, £7.13.6 for "going after Tories in the Last Insurrection". (See "Dutchess County Committee").

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### British Prisoners of War

Abraham B. Bancker, Abraham De Peyster, Henry Dodge, Harmanus J. Knickerbacker, Philip Pell, jr. and Ezekiel Williams were Commissaries of Prisoners. Abraham Brasher, John Broome and Robert Van Rensselaer were a Committee to Superintend Prisoners. Peter Cantine, Melancton Smith and Jeremiah Van Rensselaer were Commissioners to Superintend the return of Prisoners from Connecticut; and Abraham De Peyster was Commissary for Prisoners out of that State. Thomas Odiorne was Agent for New York Prisoners in New Hampshire. Cornelius C. Elmendorph was Commissary of the Fleet Prison. Zephaniah Platt, James Tallmadge, Jonathan G. Tompkins and Robert Wood were the Committee for the Goal at Amenia. Philip Cooper, Ephraim Curtis, Eliphalet Daniels, Charles Gyles, Barzilla Hudson, Daniel Mapes, Joseph Stacey, Benjamin Tusten and Robert Wood were Goal Keepers.

The Prisoners in the list at the end of this Chapter were, for the most part, the Disaffected or Suspected Persons and Tories. Very few of them belonged to the British Army. Early in the War, the Committee of Safety and the County Committees had charge of them; but, later, the Commissioners of Conspiracies took full charge, with the aid of the County Committees.

The first Prisoners were taken at Ticonderoga. The Albany County Committee, June 23, 1775, paid 6/— to Bastian Visscher for Beer for Prisoners brought from that place. There are no other records of Prisoners brought to that County. The Committee for Conspiracies (the predeces-

sor of the Commissioners), Oct. 6, 1776, paid a bill of James Cooper for the board of five Prisoners from Quebec; and Joseph Wood was paid £20 for supporting Canadian Prisoners, who were probably taken at Montreal. The Council of Safety, Aug. 14, 1777, paid \$300 to Abraham B. Bancker, Commissary of Prisoners; and Henry Dodge, also Commissary, was paid \$30 per month, in 1781.

The Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Ulster and Westchester had the care of nearly all of the British Prisoners. In Dutchess County, a Goal was built at Amenia by Zephaniah Platt and Jonathan G. Tompkins, for about £560. The Commissioners of Conspiracies had charge of it, and bills were made out to them. They also paid bills to the Committee of Westchester County for bringing Prisoners to the Poughkeepsie Goal, when Westchester County became unsafe for their confinement. Thirty-two Prisoners were thus transferred by Capt. Micah Townsend, Oct. 22, 1776, on account of the British being in possession of New York City. There is a bill of £7. 12. 6 by Capt. Henry Tourneur, Apr. 20, 1777, "for Serching for Apprehending Committing to prison and from thence Conveying to Peekskill Under Guard a Certain Jacob Barr, Peter Beeker and John Bay who appeared to be Spies from the British Army"

The evidence of the documents is that very few Prisoners were confined in Westchester County, except during the first year of the War. After that, the locality was too near the Enemy; but the Goals at Bedford and White Plains were used as long as they were safe places of confinement. On Sept. 18, 1778, the Committee of the County paid £10. 8. 0. to Lodowick Light for taking Prisoners from White Plains to the Goal at Kingston.

The Western bank of the Hudson River afforded better security. In Orange County, the chief Goal was the one at Goshen. This was in charge of the Committee of that Precinct; and bills were made out directly to the State, by order of the Committee of Orange County; although the Commissioners of Conspiracies had the full responsibility. Prisoners were sent from New York to the Goshen Goal until the very moment of the occupation of that City by the Enemy, in 1776. The County Committee, Sept. 20, 1777, paid a bill of Lieut. Resolvent Van Houten, £1. 16. 0, for bringing Prisoners to Gen. Putnam; also, Mar. 6, 1778, a bill of £18. 2. 6 to Ebenezer Wood Goal-Keeper, for Provisions for the Prisoners.

Prisoners were also taken at sea:—

New York 29th June 1776

Sir, The Provincial Congress having appointed us a Committee to superintend the Prisoners, we beg leave to inform you that by this conveyance we send to your care the following Prisoners taken on Board a Transport from Scotland bound to Boston, vizt (See list below).

We desire that you will appoint some discreet Person or Persons to superintend those Prisoners and that they be furnished with provisions, not exceeding the rations allowed to privates in the armies of the Continent. By the resolutions of Continental Congress, Women and Children belonging to Prisoners are to be furnished with subsistence, and supplied with firing and other things absolutely necessary for their support. Prisoners are likewise permitted to exercise their Trades and labour in order to support themselves and Families. We doubt not you will be able to get these Persons so distributed in Goshen, and its vicinage, as to make their situation easy for them, and the expence as moderate as possible to the Public, and as they are Prisoners you will cause a strict attention to be paid to their Conduct. It is possible individuals will be disposed to take the young lads, during the time they are prisoners, & support them for their service. You will be pleased to transmit your acct

to the Congress of this Colony, charging the Continental Congress for their support, and inform us in what manner the Prisoners are disposed of. We doubt not they will be treated with humanity.

To the Chairman of  
the Committee of Goshen,  
Orange County.

We are, Sir, your most Hbl servts

Jno Broome  
Ab. Brasher  
Robt Van Rensselaer

A List of the Names of the Prisoners of War Delivered to the Care of the Chairman of the Committee of the Precinct of Goshen with the account of the Charges from their arrival the Eighth of July to the 26th Novr 1776 —

Persons Names	Rank	When became chargeable	The amount at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ per Day
John McMallin's wife		July the 8	£ 6. 2. 6
John McMallin	Private	September ye 30	2. 10. 8 1/2
Donel McDonel	Ditto	Sepr the 30	2. 10. 8 1/2
John Gillis	Ditto	Sepr the 30	2. 10. 8 1/2
Gillis McGillis	Ditto	Sepr the 30	2. 10. 8 1/2
John McClean ) Donel McEntire ) Neal McCloud )	(Boys between 8 and 12 yr old.)	October the 9	2. 0. 6
x James West	Saler	Received 21 Rations	0. 18. 4 1/2
x Peter	Ditto		
x Doctr Speaght his wife and one child	Disaffected person.	Received 10 Days provision	1. 6. 3
		My commissions	1. 0. 0

Sir — Be pleased to Send the money by Colo. Allison and you will oblige —

Your Hum Servant

Benj Tusten

x West, Peter and Speaght not in the part from New York.

Benjamin Tusten also sent in this bill:—

1776	The American States.....	Dr —	
October 20	A Vomit for John McClean a 16 Febrifuge Powders .....	Scotch prisoner ..... ditto .....	£ 0. 1. 3 0. 8. 0
Novr 21	A Vomit . . . . . 16 Febrifuge powders repd .....	ditto ..... ditto .....	0. 1. 3 0. 8. 0
			£ 0. 18. 6

William Holly also sent in a bill of £35.19.4 for boarding the Scotch prisoners from Mar. 26 to Aug. 7, 1777; £1 for paying Dr. Thomas Wickham; and £1.5. for Dr. John Gale, for medicines and attendance. The Auditor-General made this comment upon Mr. Holly's bill:—

Wm Hollys Claim for furnishing Prisoners with provisions & the men who guarded the prisoners, not supported by any Vouchers, therefore cannot be admitted as it now stands. He has also a claim for the rent of a House occupied for the use of the U. S., as appears by Corns Cregier's Certificate who was an offr of the Cloathing department under the United States. The last a claim agt the U. S.

Ulster, more than any other County, took charge of the British Prisoners of War. In 1776, the County Committee paid several items for keeping and guarding the Prisoners in the County Goal; also, a bill for £12. 1. 7 1/2 by Egbert Roosa, and one for £9.11.6 by William Eltinge — both for repairing the Goal. The Committee of Safety, Feb. 1, 1777, gave the control of the

Prisoners in Kingston Goal to the Committee of Kingston, the bills to be paid by the State. After the dissolution of the Committee of Safety, the Council of Safety took charge of the Goal. On May 27, 1777, the Council ordered a bill of £8. 4. 4. to be paid to Cornelius Hogeboom for bringing four Prisoners from Claverack to Kingston. Prisoners were also brought from Westchester County.

#### THE FLEET PRISON

The Council of Safety also took charge of the most interesting of the Prisons, that on board of Ships anchored off Esopus (Kingston) known as "The Fleet Prison". On May 27, 1777, the Council appropriated £120 to the use of Gilbert Livingston and Maj. Jacobus Van Zandt or either of them, "a Committee appointed by the recent Convention to provide Vessels for the Disaffected Apprehended in Rhinebeck and Livingston Manor". One of the Ships was the "Camden", afterward destroyed by the Enemy (See "Privateers"). Several Ships were built, in May and June, 1777; and Mr. Livingston's Accounts mention "32 trees cut on Mr. Gasbeck's Land a 2/— £3.12.0". Others of the Ships were seized. The comments on the two following Claims are by the Auditor-General:—

Claim of Joseph Towers & David H. Mallows Two Inveterate Enemies of their Country claim payment for a Brigantine taken by order of the Convention for a Prison Ship & burnt by the British in the year 1777. If the Attor'y Gen'l is of Opinion that they recover from Gilbert Livingston I think it is best that the state should pay them, but not their whole demand. The Sails, anchor & cable which were taken by the Quarter Master Gen'l & Mr Bedlow & the Money paid to the Captain for his wages ought to be deducted.

Wages pd by the Treasurer amo'tg to, as per Spranger's acct & Rect . . . .	£ 94.18. 9
Anchor & Cable he recd pay for from the U. S. . . . .	53. 7. 3
Sails &c D.D. the Q. M. Gen'l . . . . .	193. 2 4
	£341. 8. 4

N.B. It appears by a Resolution of the 18th April, 1777, that Spranger's Vessel was seized by the Convention as Tory Property.

John Dole's claim £310 for one half of a Sloop taken by Gilbert Livingston for the use of Tory Prisoners. Gilbert Livingston acted under the authority of the Council of Safety. It appears by the 5th & 6th sections of the Act of 22d Novemr 1781, to provide for the payment of contingent expences, that Philip Jacobs sued G. Livingston & recovered £310. 0. 0 Damages for one half of said Sloop & that he received a Certificate from the Treasr for £317. 7. 4 for Damages & Costs. I believe it is best that the State pays it without cost, after deducting for part of her sails & the anchor & Cable which must be paid by the United States.

The Ships being ready for use, the Council passed these Directions:—

In Council of Safety for the State of New York, Kingston June 17th 1777.

Resolved that Mr. Hobart, Mr. Jay and Mr. Cuyler be and hereby are appointed a Committee to regulate the fleet Prison & to appoint proper officers for the same

John McKesson, Secry.

In Pursuance of the above Resolution the Committee therein named have established the Regulations for the Fleet Prison and appointed the following Officers for the same:—

I. That all the Sloops or Vessels which may from Time to Time compose the Fleet Prison, together with all the Prisoners on Board the same, be under the Care and Custody of

- the Warden thereof and that Capt. Henry Benson be Warden of the Said Prison, That it shall be the duty of the Warden —
- I. To enter in a Book the Names of all the Prisoners, the times when committed & when discharged, the Cause of Committment & by whom committed.
  - II. To provide for their secure Custody, and that the said Vessels be at all times clean & neat.
  - III. To deliver three Times a week in Spring, Summer and Autumn and twice a week in Winter, to the victualler the Names of all such of the Prisoners as may not be able or not chuse to provide themselves with Provisions & that he enter the same in a Book. That he condemn all such Provisions sent to the Prison by the Victualler as may not be sound & wholesome & keep an Account thereof.
  - IV. That he permit the Friends of the Prisoners to send them Necessaries, but that the same be delivered to the Officer on Guard & be by him carefully inspected and examined before they be given to the Prisoners.
  - V. That no Person be at any time permitted to visit the said Prison without the Leave or Order in writing of the Council of Safety or of a Member of this Committee, other than Members of the said Council, and the Commissary, Clerk & Victualler of the said Prison.
  - VI. That he suffer no Letters or Papers to pass to or from any of the Prisoners without Licence in writing from a Member of this Committee, except that he receive and transmit all Petitions and letters which they may think proper to send to the Council of Safety, or Committees or Members thereof.
  - VII. That whenever he shall receive Orders to discharge any of the said Prisoners, he shall immediately make known the same to the Clerk of the Prison in order that he may proceed to make out the Account of the State against the said Prisoner and receive the money which may be due thereon. That in Case any of the said Prisoners so ordered to be discharged should refuse to pay their said accounts, that the Warden do suspend their Discharge, until he shall have informed the Council of Safety thereof (which he shall immediately do) & obtained their further Order.
- II. That a Victualler to the said Prison be appointed. That Capt. Charles Giles be the Victualler thereof. That it shall be the duty of the said Victualler to —
- I. To deliver regularly to the Commissary a Copy of the List of Prisoners to be victualled, which he shall from time to time receive from the Warden.
  - II. That he serve out to the Prisoners named in the said List three Quarters of a pound of Beef, Pork or Mutton & one pound of Bread per day, with a reasonable Allowance of Salt and Vinegar. And that the said rations be served out to the Prisoners at the least three times a Week in Spring, Summer & Autumn, & twice a week in Winter.
  - III That he receive from the Commissary, and Account for the expenditure of, all Provisions to be by him as aforesaid served out to the Prisoners.
  - IV That he take care that the Fuel furnished by the Commissary for the use of the Prisoners be Plentifully & regularly served out to them, & that he keep an Account of the same.
  - V. That the Victualler be paid for his Trouble Nine pounds per Month.
- III. That a Commissary to the Said Prison be appointed. That Cornelius Elmendorph be Commissary thereto. That it shall be the duty of the Commissary —
- I. To furnish the Victualler for the use of such of the Prisoners as may not be able or willing to provide themselves with three Quarters of a pound weight of Beef, Pork or Mutton, and a pound of Bread per Day, with a reasonable Allowance of Salt, Vinegar and Fuel.
  - II. That he Account Monthly for the Expenditure of all such sums of Money as shall be advanced to him by the Council of Safety for the purchase of the necessaries aforesaid.
  - III. That he cause the Hides, Tallow & Wool of all such Cattle or Sheep as he may pur-

chase & kill for the Use of the Prisoners aforesaid to be preserved, and that he render a monthly Account of the same.

IV. That he be paid Eighteen pounds per Month for his trouble.

IV. That a Clerk to the said Prison be appointed. That Capt. Henry Benson be Clerk thereto. That it shall be the Duty of the Clerk —

I. To open & state an Account against each of the Prisoners Provided as aforesaid, noting the Times of their Committment & Discharge.

II. In the said Account to charge them with the Expence Occasioned by their Maintenance respectively. Which Expence will consist of their several Proportions of the first Cost of the Provisions Salt Vinegar and Fuel supplied to them with the incidental Charges, and of the Wages of the Commissary and Victualler.

III. That whenever the Warden of the Prison shall inform the Clerk That he has received Orders to discharge any of the Prisoners, the Clerk shall forthwith make out the Accounts and demand & receive the money due thereon.

IV. That the Clerk have free Access to the Book & Vouchers of the Warden, Commissary and Victualler, in order to enable him to state and keep the Accounts above directed.

V. That the Clerk for his Trouble be allowed to demand and receive for his own Use from each Prisoner, when discharged, the sum of six Shillings & sixpence —

John Sloss Hobart  
John Jay  
Jacob Cuyler

In Council of Safety for the State of New York, Augt. 27th, 1777.

Resolved that the Prisoners on board the fleet Prison receive the daily Ration of one quarter of a pound of Beef, Pork or Mutton or one half of a pound of Fish and one pound & an half of flower; and once in every ten Days half a pint of Vinegar, one Ounce of Salt & two quarts of Peas & that they be supplied once in two Days.

Resolved that Major Tappen & Mr. Harpur be & they hereby are empowered & directed to form a Contract with some proper Person upon the best Terms they can to furnish such Supplies.  
Robt. Benson Secry.

In Council of Safety for the State of New York, September the 1st, 1777.

Resolved that the Commissary of the fleet Prison be served with a Copy of the Regulations of the 27th of Augt last for victualling the Prisoners on board the fleet Prison; and that he be directed to victual the said Prisoners agreeable thereto.

Resolved that the said Commissary be directed to supply the State Prisoners in Kingston Goal with one pound & an half of bread per day and that the Goaler supply them with Water  
Robt. Benson Secry.

The Accounts of Cornelius C. Elmendorph, Commissary, give the names of those who were confined in the Fleet Prison, and also many small bills for Provisions furnished. The Council, Aug. 18, 1777, ordered the State Treasurer to pay Mr. Elmendorph £150; and a like amount was ordered paid, Sept. 5, 1777. Early in that year, the Enemy made a raid upon Peekskill, and many who were expecting to go to their Lines were apprehended and placed in the Fleet Prison. On July 10, 1777, Capt. Jacob Hasbrouck, jr., was paid £2. 18. 0 for guarding and conveying Prisoners, by order of the Committee of Ulster County, "to the Ships ordered by the Convention of this State for the Reception of Prisoners in Hudson's River". The Prisoners were taken to New Paltz; and thence, by a journey of two days, to the Ships. There is a Pay-Roll (paid by the Commissioners of Conspiracies Sept. 23, 1777) "of Captain David Van Ness' Company of Militia in Rhinebeck for Guarding Tories from Claverack to ye Fleet Prison at Esopus, Commencing 24th Augt End'g 27th Augt. 1777". The total is £21.3.0.

## PRISONERS SENT TO OTHER STATES

Not all of the Prisoners were confined in this State. In October, 1776, many were sent by the Committee of Conspiracies, under guard, to Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. Bills for their keeping were made out by the Chairmen of the several Town Committees in those States. In Connecticut, the Prisoners were confined at Hartford, Litchfield and Sharon.

The Council of Safety, Aug. 13, 1777, ordered the auditing of the Accounts for the removal of the Prisoners from Connecticut to this State and to New Hampshire. Prisoners had been conveyed to New Hampshire before that date. The Committee of Conspiracies, Oct. 31, 1776, ordered a Detachment from Col. Robert Van Rensselaer's Regiment to guard the Prisoners to New Hampshire. Samuel Smith was appointed Commissary. The journey took 21 days from Charlotte Precinct (Dutchess County) to Exeter, where nearly all of the Prisoners were kept; and the cost was £23. 4. 0. The same Committee, Nov. 9, 1776, ordered Lieut. Bezaleel Rudd, with his Detachment, to join Capt. Robinson in escorting Prisoners from Fishkill to New Hampshire.

On Jan. 9, 1777, the House of Representatives of New Hampshire, on petition of Lt. Col. Joseph Welch, ordered that the Sheriff of Rockingham County keep certain Prisoners at the Expense of the State of New York. The Rev. Dr. Chauncey Graham presented a bill of £38.17.0 for medical attendance upon these Prisoners.

On Mar. 13, 1777, the Committee of Conspiracies sent Lieut. Theodorus Brett after certain Prisoners in New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The Legislature, Nov. 4, 1778, paid the Governor £1192. 11. 0 to reimburse him for the expense of Prisoners moved to New Hampshire; and, in the same year, this State paid £1174.8.9 3/4 to New Hampshire for keeping the Prisoners.

In Massachusetts, the Prisoners were confined at Springfield and Worcester; but the records contain very little about them.

The names of the following British Prisoners of War appear in the documents:—

Aims George	Batts Frederick	Blewer Thomas	Brundige Joshua
Akerly Isaac	Bayard William	Bloomer Robert	Brush Joshua
Akerly Nathaniel	Bebe Asa	Bogardus Ephraim	Brusie Andries
Akins Morris	Bedell William	Bolton George	Brusie Johannes J.
Amar John	Beemer John	Bougher Benjamin	Brusie Nicholas C.
Anderson Thomas	Beemus Coenradt	Bowne Gershom	Bryan William
Anderson William	Beemus Jothem	Bowne James	Bryant Lewis
Andre John, Maj.	Bell George	Bradshaw James	Bryce Abraham
Armstrong Edward	Bennet Asel	Breamer Anthony	Bulles Jesse
Ashton John	Benson Cust	Brewer Richard	Bulles John
Astin Abraham	Besemer Jacobus	Bridget Robert	Burdock Peter
Auchmuty James	Bevan Anthony	Brisbow Barnett	Burdock Robert
Bailey William	Beving Casper	Britt Maritje	Burgett Abraham
Bain Peter	Beyala John	Brooks Philip	Burns John
Baizley Francis	Biggs James	Brown James	Burrows John
Ball George	Biggs Nathaniel	Brown John	Burrows Nicholas
Banyar Gouldsbury	Bishop Ezekiel	Brown Mordecai	Burrows William
Bark James	Blake James	Brown William	Burtch Charles
Barnot	Blakely James	Browne John Thomas	Burtch William
Bartle Andries B.	Blauvelt Cornelius I.	Brownson Samuel	Bush Jacob

Buttelor Thomas	Craft Thomas	Eastmond James	Hadden Thomas
Buyce Abraham	Crafts William	Eastmore Benjamin	Hains Samuel
Buyce Peter	Crispell Hendrick	Ebbets Daniel	Halenbeek Kelean
Callalen Patrick	Croat Christian	Eltinge Roelof I.	Hallaway Joseph
Calwell Robert	Crookshank Alexander	Eltinge Roeloff	Halstead John
Campbell Alexander	Cropsey Henry	Evans Jacob	Ham Coonrat
Campbell Archibald, Col.	Cropsey Alexander	Everts Thomas	Hamilton William
Canwell John	Crosfield Stephen	Eyrs Ephraim	Handling Bryant
Carleton Dennis	Cruselar Baltus	Farrington Benjamin	Hanedorn Christopher
Carney Michael	Culm Henry	Faulkner John	Hannah Samuel
Carniff Jonas	Cummins John	Fennell William	Harder Peter
Carpenter Walter	Cure Samuel	Ferman John	Hare Alexander
Care Jonah	Curry William	Ferris Peter	Harris Joseph
Case Jonah	Cuyler Abraham C.	Fink Alexander	Harris Thomas
Caswell John	Dash Baltus	Fink Frederick	Hart John
Charters George	Dates Daniel	Finkle Frederick	Hartle George
Chilson Beriah	Davis John	Finkle Johan Jost	Hasbrook Francis
Chism John	Davis Samuel	Fisher Christian	Hatt Bern't
Clapp Joseph	Dean Daniel	Fisher George	Haver Johannes
Clark Nathan	Dean John	Flewelling James	Haver Peter, jr.
Clarke John	Dean Josiah	Flewelling John	Haviland Isaac
Claus Johan George	Deces James	Forbes Gilbert	Haviland John
Clint John	Dederick Jacob	Forbes William	Hawley Agur
Clum Hendrick	Deeker Arens	Forgason Peter	Hawley John
Coans Nicholas	Deeker Broer J.	Fowland Jacob	Hay John
Coens Andries	Deeker Coenradt	Fowler Jacob	Haynes Samuel
Coens Philip H.	Deeker Enrigh	Frair Abraham	Heard Ebenezer
Colden Cadwallader	Deeker Hendrick	Franklin Christian	Hearing Samuel
Colden Thomas	Deeker Jacobus	Fraser Daniel	Heggen John
Cole Aaron, sr.	Deeker John L.	Frazier Simeon	Helmer John
Cole Aaron, jr.	Denton Robert	Frazier William	Henderson Ward
Cole Benjamin	Depew Peter	Freisley Samuel	Henderson William
Cole David	Derby William	Freligh Isaac	Herring James
Cole Nicholas	Devine James	Freligh Samuel	Hetfield Col.
Colgin Thomas	Devine Samuel	Frenne Samuel	Heustis Caleb
Colis Jarvis	De Voe Frederick	Frere Hendrick	Hoffman Coenradt
Collins John	Dickinson Tertullus	Frier John	Hogel Isaac
Combs Solomon	Didslow Josiah	Frisbee Coroth	Holamback Nicholas
Commarral William	Dillenburg Peter	Fulmon Jasper	Holamback Samuel
Conckling David	Dings George Peter	Furler Jacob	Holden James
Conklin Isaac	Dings John	Ganston David	Holloway Joseph
Conklin John	Disbrow Josiah	Gardner Paul	Horon Isaac
Conklyn Nathaniel	Diver Andrew	Gardner Silas	Horton Gilbert
Conner Brian	Dodd John	Garrison Jonas	Horton Jonathan
Connoly Daniel	Doughty Edward	Gidney Joseph	Houten Jonathan
Conwell Joh	Doughty William	Gillis John	Howard Edward
Conwell Reuben	Downs James	Goes Matthew, jr.	Hubble Stephen
Cook John	Drinkwater Samuel	Gordon James	Hueson George
Coons Abraham	Ducker Daniel	Gosline James	Hughson George
Cooper Martin	Duell Silas	Grant James	Hughston George
Corbin Nathaniel	Dumond John B.	Grant John	Hugyet Benjamin
Corey Griffin	Dunbar Robert	Grant William	Hull Robert
Cornwall Daniel	Dunner Walter	Grawbarak	Huston George
Coune John	Dups Yerry Peter	Green John	Huton Isaac
Coventry Edward	Dusenbury John	Griffin Obadiah	Hysdrat Adam
Coventry Robert	Duzenbery Henry	Groome Francis	Inglis George
Cox Samuel	Ealigh William	Gusherack Frederick	Ingraham Benjamin
Crab John	Earl Joseph	Guyer Nathan	Ives David
Craft Abraham	Eastman Benjamin	Haaver Christian	Jarrolman Henry

Jarvis Samuel	Losee John	Migkle Johannes, jr.	Purdy Daniel
Jeecocks Benjamin	Lott Abraham	Miller Jacob	Purdy Joseph
Jenkins John	Loun Bastian	Miller Jonathan	Pye Thomas
Jewell Richard	Low Isaac	Miller Philip	Ragg Richard
Jones James	Low Simon	Miller Thomas	Rapalje John
Jones Stephen	Lown Johannes	Miller Tite	Rapalje Rem
Josephson Manuel	Lucas Sebastian	Minkler Adam	Read William
Keating Gerrit	Lycks Johannes	Mirey Griffen	Redding David
Kelder William	Lycks Martin	Mitchel Robert	Redding Edward
Keller William	Lyng John B.	Mitchel William	Redmond Michael
Kelley Patrick	Mabbett Joseph	Moffatt William	Reed Jacob
Kelly Thomas	Mabbett Samuel	More John	Reed William
Kennedy Samuel	McAdo Robert	Morgan Daniel	Reenuit David
Ketcham Isaac	McAlpin John	Morrel John	Reynolds James
Killman Johannes	McAndo Robert	Morrill Benjamin	Richardson John
Kisselbrack Jacob	McAuley William	Morrison John	Rickhart John
Kister Henning Nich.	McCarty Haynes	Mosher John	Ripenbergh David
Kitchner Isaac	McDinment William	Mosier Jehiel	Ripenbergh Hendrick
Klons Johan George	McDonald Angus	Mott Jacob	Ritchie George
Knox James	McDonald Daniel	Muckle John	Robinson Alexander
Knox Simeon	McDonald Donald	Muckleler John	Robinson Duncan
Koats Christopher	McDonald Patrick	Munro John	Robinson James
Kool Aaron	McEdew Robert	Muntford Dominickus	Robinson John
Kool Aaron, jr.	McEntire Daniel	Murphy Thomas	Rodgers John
Kool Benjamin	McEvers James	Mynard Henry	Rogers James
Kool David	McGillis Gillis	Neefus Peter	Roome John L. C.
Korts John	McGinnis Stephen	Neilson Bloomer	Rosse Ephraim
Korts John, jr.	McGray Thomas	Newkerk Jacobus	Rumsay Pheneus
Krank	McGuire Hugh	Newkirk Cornelius	Runnen Hendrick
Ladow Abraham	McIntire Daniel	Newman Joseph	Ryley Michael
Laight Edward	McIntire John	Nicolls Charles	Rypenbergh George
Lamanse James	McIntire Murphy	Nicolson Robert	Rypenbergh Johannes
Lancaster William	McKay William	Noble Jesse	Rysdorp Lawrence
Landsman Casper	McKinney Arthur	Olmstead James	St. John Philip
Lantman Hendrick	McLachlin Alexander	Ore William	Sand John
Laroy Francis	McLachlin John	Orr William	Savage John
Laroy Johannes	McLean Daniel	Ortman Christopher	Saxton John
Larys John	McLean John	Osburn Alexander	Saxton William
Lasher Marks	McLean Peter	Osburn Israel, sr.	Sayre John
Lasher Samuel	McLeod Neal	Osburn Israel, jr.	Schearer Joseph
Laughlin Alexander	McLetray John	Palmeteer Hendrick	Schurman Jacob
Law Henry	McMallin John	Palmetier Capt.	Scott William
Lawrence Thomas	McMullan Donald	Panton Francis	Scoutenar Jacob
Lawrence William, Dr.	McMullen Archibald	Patree Christopher	Scoutin Jacob
Lawson John	McNeil Archibald	Patterson Alexander	Seaman Coenradt
Leonard Thomas	McReay William	Penbrook David	Seaman David
Leslie Alexander	Maloney John	Pettit James	Seamen Jacob
Lester Cornelius	Mann William	Phillips Frederick	Seamen Jacob, jr.
Lester Enoch	Margeson Peter	Phillips John	Seamen Jeremiah
Lighthart Daniel	Martin John	Phillips Roelif	Second Samuel
Livingston Samuel	Matthews Fletcher	Phillips Samuel	Seely Ephraim
Loan Andries	Maybee Myndert	Pine Jonathan	Service Christopher
Loan Philip	Mead William	Place James	Sexton John
Lobdell John	Medlar John	Potts Frederick	Shannon Joseph
Lockwood Isaac	Megkle Johannes, jr.	Powell Elisha	Shaver Hendrick Jacobus
Lockwood Jesse	Merritt Hackaliah	Proper Samuel	Shaw Gilbert
Long James	Merryfield William	Prosser Elias	Shaw Lewis
Lonnart Peter	Mickle John	Pulver Nicholas	Shearer Joseph
Loop Martin	Middagh Alexander	Pulver Peter	Shenley

Shepler William	Stanmore Seabody	Turner Joseph	West Joseph
Sherer Lewis	States Thomas	Tyler Joseph	West William
Shever Hendrick, jr.	Steenbrander Benjamin	Underhill Daniel	Wheeler Jerry
Short Edward	Steenbrander Isaac	Underhill Nathaniel	Wheeler Nicholas
Sibley Richard	Stevens John	Ustick Henry	White Charles
Simmons Charles	Steward Alexander	Van Alen John L.	White David
Simmons Coonrat	Stickell Nicholas	Van Alstine Harmon	White John
Simmons David	Stokes John	Van Alstine John S.	Whitman Abraham
Simmons Edward	Stokum Jonathan	'an Alstine Martinus	Whitmore Philip
Simmons Jacob	Storm David	Van Alstynne Bartholomew	Wickham William
Simmons Jeremiah	Stout Benjamin	Van Camp Jacob	Wigant William
Simmons Nicholas	Straats Jacob, jr.	Van Camp Jacob, jr.	Wilkinson Hannah
Sipperly Barnt	Strain James	Van Denbergh Henry	Wilkinson Thomas
Sisson Peleg	Straver Nicholas	Van derburgh John	Williams Arent
Skinner Samuel Spencer	Strevell Aldrecks	Van der Kar John	Williams Benjamin
Slack William	Stuart Alexander	Van dermark Sylvester	Williams Peter
Sleght Frederick	Summerville John	Van Duser Johannes	Williams Richard
Sloss John	Swinney John	Van Duser Robert	Williams William
Sloss Robert	Switzer Phillip	Van Dyck Dirck	Williamson Thomas
Smedes Abraham	Sword Samuel	Van Kleeck Barent	Wilson Alexander
Smedes Joel	Taylor Cornelius	Van Kleeck William	Wilson Thomas
Smedes Moses	Taylor Elijah	Van Kleeck Baltus	Winderwoer Abraham
Smith	Taylor Joseph	Van Schaick Henry	Winterton William
Smith Abraham	Tederick Christian	Van Vlarken Alexander	Wiver Andrew
Smith Austin	Teed William	Van Vleet John	Wood James
Smith Benjamin	Ten Eyck Andrew	Van Waggenen Johannis	Wood John
Smith Claudius	Thitshung Isaac	Vary Samuel	Wood Samuel
Smith Coonradt	Thomas James	Vaughan Wright	Wood Stephen
Smith Daniel	Thompson James	Verlie Jercke	Wood William
Smith David	Thorne Jabez	Verte Thomas	Woodside John
Smith Hendrick, jr.	Thorne Jonathan	Verty Samuel	Woolcomb Joseph
Smith John	Thorne Robert	Vonk Jacob	Woolsey William
Smith Joseph	Thurman Richardson	Vosburgh Jacob	Wooster Moses
Smith Killyan, jr.	Tibbets George	Vredenbergh John W.	Wormer Isaac
Smith Zebulon	Timmerman Jacob	Vrooman Meynard	Wright Joseph
Snider John	Tippet James	Wagner John Crist	Wyatt David
Sniffin Isaac	Totten Joseph	Wallace William	Wykoff John
Snowdry	Tracy James	Wallbridge Elias	Yager Nicholas
Snyder Dederick	Trane Joseph	Wallegrove Thomas	Yates William
Snyder Jacob	Travers Johannes	Walter George	Young Adam
Snyder John	Travers Charles	Ward John	Young Andrew
Snyder Martin	Trecarton Martin	Warden Nathaniel	Youngs Isaac
Snyder Teunis	Tremper John	Warner Thomas	Youngs Israel
Snyder William	Triver John	Weigger	Youngs Philip
Southard Zebulon	Turner	West Elisha	Youngs Robert
Spencer Jabez	Turner James	West James	Younkhane Hendrick
Spicer Frederick			Zise Michael

## COMMISSIONERS OF SEQUESTRATION

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Before the law relative to Sequestration had been enacted it became necessary to make Sales of certain property belonging to the Enemies of the American Cause. For instance, on Nov. 27, 1776, the Committee of Safety authorized William Duer to send proper persons to take, for the use of the American Army, all the Hay, Forage and Grain on the farm of Thomas Barclay, of Ulster county, "having some months since gone over to the Enemy on Nassau Island," leaving enough for the support of the family and stock remaining on the farm. The Committee also appointed Commissioners to sell the property so taken.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York March 6, 1777—

Whereas divers Ill disposed persons Inhabitants of this State being unmindful of the great duties they owe to the same have joined our cruel & inveterate foes & the Effects of such persons & of divers others now with the enemy are liable to waste or maybe employed for wicked purposes within these States or consist of goods & merchandise usefull to the well affected Inhabitants of the same, In consideration thereof & for divers other good Causes and Considerations.

Resolved that the Commissioners herein after named do take into their custody & possession all the personal property of the persons aforesaid, and do cause the same to be sold at public vendue upon notice thereof given at least 10 days before the day of sale, and to file with the treasurer of this State Accts. of the sale of such property and to deposit the neat amount thereof together with such monies as they shall find belonging to the persons aforesaid into the Treasury to be hereafter paid to the respective owners thereof or otherwise disposed of at the Discretion of the Legislature of this State. Leaving nevertheless to each of the families of the persons aforesaid their apparel necessary household furniture & as much provisions as will be sufficient for their subsistence for three months.

Resolved that for the due execution of the foregoing Resolutions within the several counties of this State, the following persons be and they hereby are appointed Commissioners with the powers and Authorities aforesaid and also with power of sending for papers & examining witnesses on Oath in the said Counties respectively Vizt for the City & County of Albany Cornelius Cuyler of Schenectady. Harmanus Wendell of the City of Albany & Peter Van Ness of Claverack Esqrs. for the County of Dutchess Anthony Hoffman, Ephraim Payne & Theodoros VanWyck Esqrs for the County of Westchester Stephen Ward, Samuel Drake & Israel Honeywell Junr Esqrs. for the County of Ulster Patrick Barber, Ben Smedes Junr & Johannis Slegt Esqrs, for the County of Orange Jesse Woodhull, John Coe & Gysbert Kuyper Esqrs, for the County of Tryon Frederick Fisher, John Eisenlord & John Harper Esqrs, for the County of Cumberland James Clay, Amos Robertson & Israel Smith Esqrs. And whereas this House for want of Information cannot at present fix upon suitable Commissioners for the Counties of Charlotte & Gloucester, Resolved therefore that the appointment of Commissioners for the said Counties be deferred. Resolved that each of the said Commissioners be allowed besides the Incidental Charges in executing this Trust the sum of Sixteen Shillings per day for their Expences and trouble whle actually employed therein & that they do before they enter upon the Said Business take & Subscribe before the Chairman of the Committee of their respective Counties the following Oath—I, A. B., do solemnly swear and declare that I will to the best of my knowledge and Ability execute the trust reposed in

me by the foregoing Resolutions without Fear Favor Affection Partiality or Hope of Reward. So help me God.

Resolved that all & singular the powers & Authorities by the foregoing Resolutions given to the said Commissioners be rested & exercised in & by any two of those named for the several Counties respectively.

Ordered that A Copy of the said Resolutions be sent to one of the Commissioners in each County & that he be requested to Communicate the same to the other Commissioners in his County & to the Chairman of the County Committee thereof.

March 21, 1777. Whereas this Convention did in and by certain Resolutions passed on the Sixth day of March Instant appoint sundry persons therein named Commissioners to take into their Custody & dispose of the personal property of ill disposed persons who are gone over to or are with the Enemy.

And Whereas the Powers given the said Commissioners by the said Resolutions may in some Instances be found Incompetent for the purposes therein Mentioned—

Therefore Resolved that the Respective Commissioners therein named be & they are hereby Authorized in Cases where upon demand such personal property is refused to be given up to apply to the respective County or District Committee or the Militia Officers in the Respective Counties for such aid as may be judged necessary to carry the foregoing Resolutions in Execution.

April 16, 1777, a Resolution was passed giving the Commissioners power "to rent out on moderate terms the Farms Stock & Utensils of the farms for one year & take Security for the rent which is to be paid into the Treasury Making reservations for the families who shall be left in necessity by the persons who have gone off". January 13, 1778, a Resolution was passed ordering "that the Commissioners pay no money but by special order from the Convention or Legislature".

The Commissioners took property, mostly personal, and administered it in the name of the State. Therefore, Debts due to that property became Debts due to the State; and Claims against that property became Claims against the State. Many of the Commissioners were sued by parties whose property had been taken wrongfully; but the Legislature usually granted relief in such cases. July 9, 1776 was the date at which the Confiscation became operative. The Commissioners usually sent the proceeds of the Sales and of the renting of farms to the State Treasurer.

The Commissioners of Sequestration, however, were first required to use some of the proceeds for Clothing for the Troops of the State; and some, for furnishing Distressed families with Flour, Meal and other necessaries.

The duties of the Commissioners of Sequestration varied in the several Counties. In the outline given below, the Commissioners who are named are those who did the work, according to the original documents.

In Albany County, there are a few unimportant Accounts of Cornelius Cuyler, Peter Van Ness and Harmanus Wendell, who served in a general way. The County was sub-divided into the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts. George Palmer and John Younglove had charge of the Northern District. The latter came before the Convention, Jan. 14, 1778, and "informed" that, in the course of his business as a Commissioner, he had received three counterfeit bills, \$42 in all. The Convention ordered that if Mr. Younglove take Oath that

he did not know who paid them in, he be credited that amount on his Account. He took the Oath, before the State Treasurer, on the same day.

Flores Bancker, Col. Myndert Roseboom and George White were the Commissioners in the Middle District. Nearly all of the Accounts are in the name of Col. Roseboom, and they refer to the relief of the Distressed inhabitants of his locality. This remarkable man, was the son of Hendrick Roseboom. More information in regard to him may be found in "Ancestors and Descendants of John Roseboom, of Schenectady," published in 1898.

The Commissioners of Sequestration, in the Southern District of Albany County, were Matthew Adgate, Gabriel Esseltine, Isaac Goes and Hezekiah Van Orden. In this District, the Commissioners seemed to make special efforts to secure the family plate, which was turned over to the State Treasurer.

The Commissioners for Albany County paid for Provisions, Salt, Clothing and Horses; also for keeping Cattle and for driving to Albany the Cattle of the Disaffected. They transported Tory Prisoners; and the collection of Taxes was among their duties. The record of their Sales of Sequestered Property are not complete, although it is known that some of their Sales commenced in September, 1777. The Sales in the Middle District were about £13000, in 1778 and 1779.

In Charlotte County, the Commissioners were Aaron Fuller, James McNish, John Moorhouse, John Nesbitt and John Rowan. They sold personal Estates to the amount of £370.19.4.

The Commissioners of Cumberland County left no Accounts of importance. They were James Clay, Amos Robertson and Israel Smith.

In Dutchess County, the Commissioners were: Anthony Hoffman, Ephraim Paine, Henry Livingston, jr., Isaac Sheldon and Theodorus Van Wyck. They transported the families of the Disaffected, and gave leases of their houses and farms to others who were loyal to the Cause of the Colonies. Their Accounts are especially full of promissory notes payable to parties whose property was afterward confiscated. Among the notes are many belonging to the Estate of James Dickinson "who went off to the enemy". The amount of the Sales of Confiscated Estates by the Commissioners of this County was £59942.18.3. William and Thomas Henderson were acting as Agents of Beverly Robinson before the war broke out; and there are numerous notes and mortgages payable to their order. They were also Agents for the firm of Beverly Robinson and Roger Morris, afterward described as "Attainted Characters."

The Commissioners of Sequestration in Orange County were: John Coe, Gilbert Cooper, Gysbert Kuyper, Elihu Marvin, Isaac Nicoll, John Terneur and Jesse Woodhull. They made lists of the personal Estates sold, and lists of those who hired farms; paid for inventories of Estates, and for bringing Horses, Grain &c to them; and gathered Forage for the Public Magazine at King's Ferry. The Claimants against Confiscated Estates were paid in Certificates which, as late as 1791, were received by the County Treasurer in payment of "Specie Arrears of Taxes". The Sales of the Commissioners reached a total of £6083.8.8., from January, 1778 to March, 1778. The Auditor-General made these comments on two of the Claims for unjust Sales of personal property:—

“ Claims of Mangel Minhorne & John Staples — £217.14.6 for Rent Received of their Farms by the Commiss’rs of Sequestration of Orange County. Both of them were out of the Lines first, & afterwards when they thought it a gone case went into N. York & joined the Enemy. It is true that they have procured a Certificate that they contributed to the relief of the Prisoners, but this is no proof to me that they were friends. It might have proceeded from fear when they found we would succeed in the end. Therefore their claim is inadmissible”.

Peter S. Deygart, John Eisenlord, Frederick Fisher, Christopher Fox, John Harper and William Harper were the Commissioners of Sequestration for Tryon County. The Commissioners delivered Provisions for the use of the Continental Army; collected rents from Confiscated Farms; and, in numerous cases, gave assistance to the Distressed.

The following, from Tryon County, is one of the most valuable documents in the collection:—

A Rent Roll of the Farms left by Persons gone to the Enemy and

To whom belong'd	By Whom Rented	Month	Year	£.	Annual Rent D.	s.
Sir John Johnson, mill						
Johnstown	Willm. Phillips	May 15	1777	75.	0.	0
Thomson	Jno. Seber	June 7	Do.	14.	0.	0
Do. G. Flats	Nellis	7	Do.	5.	0.	0
Adm. Helmer Do.	Jno. Kasselman	7	Do.	—	—	—
Jno. Herkimer	J. R. Herkimer	7	Do.	50.	0.	0
Tenbrook	— — — — —	7	Do.	—	—	—
Jno. Weaver	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Jno. Campbell C/ Valley	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Sir John Johnson's Old Fort	Abm. Barclay	7	Do.	100.	0.	0
Col. Claus	Edwd. Roach	7	Do.	30.	0.	0
Col Johnson	Pat. Downs	7	Do.	30.	0.	0
Sir John Johnson's (Hall)	J. Sammons	Sepr 15	Do.	100.	0.	0
Do. Farm at Caughnawaga	Jno. Fonda	June 7	Do.	9.	0.	0
Do. Old Fort	Groot	7	Do.	20.	0.	0
Jno. Young	Jno. Seber	7	Do.	20.	0.	0
Michl Byrne	— — — — —	—	Do.	—	—	—
Petres (at Coxes')	Capt H. Staring	Feby 7	1778	4.	0.	0
Lewis Clement	Barns. Hanson	May 1	Do.	15.	0.	0
Guy Johnson	Fergus Kennedy	1	Do.	15.	0.	0
Walter Butler	H Young	1	Do.	8.	0.	0
Php. Shaver	Henk Vrooman	1	Do.	6.	0.	0
Mich. Bvrne	Richd. Collins	Decr 24	Do.	10.	0.	0
Col Claus (Kingsbro)	John Long	Sepr 15	Do.	10.	0.	0
Do. Mohawk River	Will Harper	May 6	Do.	15.	0.	0
Sir John Johnson's mill & Fort	Albt. Vedder	—	Do.	80.	0.	0
Do. Caughnawaga	John Fonda	June 7	Do.	40.	0.	0
John Weaver	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
McGuire	Wm. Palminter	Oct 1	Do.	12.	0.	0
Fredk Young	Wm. Wills	1	Do.	20.	0.	0
John Young	Jno. Seber	1	Do.	20.	0.	0
Hank Huff	Wm. Phillips	Apl 15	Do.	14.	0.	0
John Frail	Jno. Morgan	Sepr 15	Do.	9.	0.	0
Gilt. Tice	Jas. Dunn	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
	Jas. Davison	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
	Pet Yost	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
	Jno. Crowley	15	Do.	3.	0.	0
	Wm. Laird	15	Do.	3.	0.	0
	Wm. Emmons	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
	M. McMartin	15	Do.	10.	0.	0
	A. Stevens	15	Do.	11.	0.	0
	Ph. Phillips	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
	Jno. Anderson	15	Do.	15.	0.	0
	B. Dolyne	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
	Thos. Butler	—	—	—	—	—
Castleman (at the pose)—	Casp. Teller	July	Do.	2.	0.	0
	Wm. Phillips	—	—	100.	0.	0
Peter Summer	Lamb	May 1	Do.	2.	0.	0
Ph. Christler, Durloch	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Fred Fox Do.	Coffman	1	Do.	2.	0.	0
Adam Hoover Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—

forfeited to the United States, and in whose Possession they are now

Rent Paid			Rent in Arrear			
75.	0.	0.	14.	0.	0	Given to Indians by Genl Arnold .
—	—	—	—	—	—	destroyed by the Enemy
—	—	—	—	—	—	left for support of Family
—	—	—	50.	0.	0	Genl. Herkimer had it with the Utensils and since
—	—	—	—	—	—	Killed
—	—	—	—	—	—	Proved his Wifes Property
—	—	—	—	—	—	In Possession of his wife
—	—	—	—	—	—	Mortgagee has closed the Mortgage
—	—	—	100.	0.	0	Run away
—	—	—	30.	0.	0	Dead & his Widow Run away
7.	10.	0	23.	0.	0	Run away
100.	0.	0	—	—	—	
9.	0.	0	—	—	—	Out of repair
—	—	—	20.	0.	0	run away & since hanged
—	—	—	—	—	—	destroyed by the Enemy
—	—	—	—	—	—	In Possession of his Wife
—	—	—	4.	0.	0	destroyed by the Enemy
15.	0.	0	—	—	—	Out of repair
15.	0.	0	—	—	—	Out of repair
—	—	—	8.	0.	0	£5 Specie rec'd by J. Harper. See Creditted in acct
						B by said Harper.
6.	0.	0				
10.	0.	0				
10.	0.	0				
15.	0.	0				
80.	0.	0				
40.	0.	0				
—	—	—	—	—	—	Not Tenanted
12.	0.	0				
—	—	—	20.	0.	0	Insolvent
—	—	—	20.	0.	0	destroyed by the Enemy
14.	0.	0	—	—	—	
9.	0.	0	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	Insolvent
—	—	—	—	—	—	dead & Insolvent
—	—	—	—	—	—	Good
3.	0.	0				
3.	0.	0				
—	—	—	6.	0.	0	Insolvent
—	—	—	10.	0.	0	good
—	—	—	6.	0.	0	insolvent
—	—	—	—	—	—	do
15.	0.	0				
—	—	—	6.	0.	0	insolvent
—	—	—	—	—	—	(No Rent being fixt in Peaceable Possession and
						appearing friendly to the States never took posses-
						sion)
100.	0.	0				
—	—	—	—	—	—	In Possession of the Family
—	—	—	2.	0.	0	taken possession of by the proprietor
—	—	—	—	—	—	In Possession of his Wife

To whom belong'd	By Whom Rented	Month	Year	RENT ROLL —		
				Annual Rent	D.	S.
Jol. Miller, Durloch	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
H. Marsellas Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Jas. Markle Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
H. Shaver Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
G. Lowks Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Jno. Shell Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
John Crows Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
J. McDonald Cht River	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Allen Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Bory Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Alexr. Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
D. Miller	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Jno. Cameron, Cortwright	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
H. Clark Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
D. Nicholson Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
G. Chisholm Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Jno. Livingston Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Dond. McLeod Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
H. McMullen Do.	— — — — —	—	—	—	—	—
Sir John Johnson's Mill	William Tullip	May 15	1779	520.	0.	0
Sir John Johnson's Hall,						
Do	Jas. Sammons	15	1779	130.	0.	0
Johnstown	Jno. Van Vorst	—	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Php. Phillips	Sepr 15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Wm. Emmory	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Peter Yost	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Jno. Phillips	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Jo. Scott	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	G. D. Lyne	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Jas. Dunn	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	A. Van Dewarke	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Mr. Murry	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Shuttans	15	Do.	6.	0.	0
Do.	Rob. Adams	—	—	—	—	—
Michl Byrne	Richd. Collins	Decr 24	Do.	20.	0.	0
Claus, at Kingsborough	John Long	15	Do.	20.	0.	0
Do. Mohawk River	Wm. Harper	—	—	—	—	—
Walter Butler	Hen. Young	May 1	Do.	8.	0.	0
Farm & Mill at Fort	Albert Vedder	—	Do.	150.	0.	0
Sir John Johnson's						
Caughnawaga	John Fonda	June 7	Do.	—	—	—
Lewis Clement	B. Hanson	May 1	Do.	—	—	—
	Michl. Clyne	—	—	6.	0.	0
	Wm. Laird	Sepr 15	Do.	3.	0.	0
	Jno. Anderson	Do.	Do.	15.	0.	0
Simon Clarke	B. D.	Do.	—	6.	14.	0
(name missing)	(name missing)	Do.	—	45.	0.	0
John Bouzior	Nicl. McMartin	Do.	Do.	10.	0.	0
John Frazier	Ama Stevens	Do.	Do.	11.	0.	0
McGregor	Jerem. Crowly	Do.	Do.	3.	0.	0
Fredk. Young	Wm. Wells	Do.	Do.	20.	0.	0
Jno Frail	John Morgan	Do.	Do.	9.	0.	0
H. Huff	Gody. Shue	Do.	Do.	14.	0.	0
McGruir	— — — — —	—	—	50/	0.	0

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Rent Paid			Rent In Arrear			
—	—	—	—	—	—	In Possession of his Wife
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Untenanted
—	—	—	—	—	—	In Possession of his Wife
—	—	—	—	—	—	Untenanted
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Family residing on the Farm
—	—	—	—	—	—	Untenanted
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	insolvent
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	good
—	—	—	—	—	—	bad
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	good
—	—	—	—	—	—	(Left by Will during Life with the Potash works by
—	—	—	—	—	—	Sr. William Johnson)
—	—	—	—	—	—	dead, his estate not able to pay
—	—	—	—	—	—	bad, runaway
—	—	—	—	—	—	(Twenty Skippl of Wheat at the Price it may go at,
—	—	—	—	—	—	with Two Cows on the Place at £50, with some
—	—	—	—	—	—	Farming Utensils)
—	—	—	—	—	—	good
—	—	—	—	—	—	(Twenty Skipples of Wheat at the Price it may go at.
—	—	—	—	—	—	good)
—	—	—	—	—	—	(Twenty Skipples of Wheat at the Price it may go at.
—	—	—	—	—	—	Taken off & carr'd to Canada)
—	—	—	—	—	—	good
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	insolvent
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	do.
—	—	—	—	—	—	runaway
—	—	—	—	—	—	taken prisoner
—	—	—	—	—	—	Insolvent
—	—	—	—	—	—	not able to pay
—	—	—	—	—	—	had

The best preserved, and the most interesting of all the records of Sales by the Commissioners of Sequestration in the several Counties is one with the heading "Account Sales of Sundries Sold at Publick Vandue by the Commissioners of Sequestration for the County [Tryon] by order of the Convention of the State of New York, March 6th 1777, The Property Formerly belonging to the Persons hereafter mentioned, beginning at Johnson's Hall May 1st 1777". This book shows a total of £13205.2.3 received for the Sales, ending Dec. 23, 1777. The separate items of Sales number over 3000. The Sales of Sir John Johnson's effects, at Johnstown, Nov. 17, 1777, aggregated £3576.13.11. Among the items are: 2 Tackle Clocks; 1 Negro Wench & 2 Children, £81; 1 Negro Man, £59.19.0; Surveyors instruments; shoe-maker's tools; numerous brass fenders and andirons; 1 electrifying wheel; 1 large Bible; 2 spinning wheels; and (at Johnson's Hall) a harpsichord.

The Commissioners sold Sequestered Property to the amount of £1951.2.2, from July, 1780 to June, 1783. There is an apparent total of £28565.5.2 for property sold. This is exclusive of £2000, for Sales in 1777. The Auditor-General, in passing upon the Accounts of the Commissioners, objected because they had turned in a part in notes, instead of all in cash; and because the excuse for so doing was that some of the purchasers "had their property burnt or destroyed by the Enemy". Therefore, the Auditor-General refused to accept notes or bad debts; and referred the Commissioners to the Legislature for relief.

In Ulster County, Patrick Barber, James Hunter, Johannis Sleght and Benjamin Smedes, jr., were the Commissioners. There are four books of Sales of effects by the Commissioners, aggregating a larger amount of details than the Sales in Tryon County; and the items are nearly, if not quite, as interesting. The total amount realized was about £16500. Beside this, Barber's Sales netted £2094; Sleght's, £1466;

In Westchester County a Special Committee ante-dated, and ran parallel with, the work of the Commissioners of Sequestration. The Committee of Safety, Feb. 22, 1777, appointed Samuel Drake, Israel Honeywell, Nathaniel Hyatt, jr., William Miller, John Thomas, jr., and Stephen Ward, as a Special Committee, or Commission, "to protect the persons and property of the well-affected inhabitants of Westchester County; to secure the effects of those who have fled to or joined the Enemy; and to guard the effects taken from such Persons". Mr. Thomas was the Chairman; and Ezekiel Hawley, Nathan Rockwell and Joseph Strang occasionally served on the Committee. (See Forage, in the Chapter on "Provisions.") The Special Committee ordered the Committee of Salem to dispose of the effects of several persons who had "joined the Enemies of the United States of America". The Sales netted £587.16.8. In March, 1777, the Committee, in conjunction with the Committee of the Convention, resolved to raise 262 men for one month. They were divided into five Companies, under the command of Lieut. Col. Hammon and Major Fish. The Accounts of the Committee were settled by Richard Hatfield, Philip Pell, jr., and Jonathan G. Tompkins, who were appointed for that purpose by the Provincial Congress, May 13, 1777.

Samuel Drake, Israel Honeywell and Stephen Ward, members of the Special Committee, were also appointed Commissioners of Sequestration for Westchester County. James Hunt was the

fourth Commissioner. The Commissioners paid for bringing in the effects of the Disaffected; took firewood, timber &c from Sequestered Estates for the use of the Army; and assessed small amounts, generally not exceeding £3., on farms formerly owned by those who had gone to the Enemy. The Commissioners paid the proceeds for the support of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt. They were applied to by the Assistant State Agent for the French Army, and by twelve Assistant State Agents for the American Army, for lists of all the Sequestered Farms, so that Forage might be gathered for the two respective Armies.

The books of Sales in Westchester County were not as full and complete as the books in the Counties of Tryon and Ulster. One book of Sales footed up £13893; and an apparent total was £15650. On Sept. 1, 1782, Timothy Pickering, Quarter-Master-General of the Continental Army, appointed John Keese to examine all Accounts and Claims; and his report of Dec. 15, 1782, showed that the Claim of the State against the United States was £13765.3.2 3/4. The sum of £6758.8.3 was added to this by the appraisement of Officers chosen by the United States and by the State of New York.

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### Claims for Damages by the American Army

Nearly all the Claims for Damages done by the American Army came through the Commissioners of Sequestration; who either paid them first, or presented them directly to the State. This was especially true of timber cut, and fence rails taken, from Sequestered Estates, for the most part in Westchester County. In the same County, large quantities of rails and Forage were taken for the use of the American Army from both Sequestered and Private Estates. The Accounts relating to these Claims give, in detail, the names of the former proprietors, the names of the occupants and the value of the property taken. The total value was about £70,000. The property taken consisted of about 3000 cords of fire wood and 350,000 rails. Some of the Accounts were prepared by John Keese, under appointment from Timothy Pickering, Quarter-Master-General of the Continental Army.

The State Treasurer issued Certificates for Money due for Damages to farms. Claims of this nature were paid by the State, almost without exception; and the State afterward recovered the several amounts from the United States. While Damages of this sort usually came through the operations of the Army, yet the Convention sometimes ordered the taking, or damaging, of private property.

The State of New York to Nicholas Bayard Dr.

To damages done his Estate by order of the State Convention, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Destroying the Timber from Bunker Hill, taken Sod from his Best fields in Order to Erect a fort on the said hill, cutting down the Locust Trees in his lane, to the Amount of £1000.

The above damages were done by Order of the State Convention in the year 1776.

Personally appeared before me Daniel McCormick one of the Aldermen of the City of New York, Nicholas Bayard, who being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that the above damages of £1000 he belives to be done to his Estate.

Nicholas Bayard

Sworn before me this 31 Day of Decr. 1790

Daniel McCormick.

The following were the Claimants for Damages by the American Army:—

Acker Abraham	DeVoe (Widow)	Jewell John	Requaw James
Acker William	Dusenbery John	Kniffin Jonathan	Rich Elizabeth (Widow)
Ackles (Widow)	Dusenbury Woolsey	Lancaster William	Rich Thomas
Adams Nathaniel	Dutcher William	Lawnsbury William	Robinson Beverly (Religious Society)
Allaire Mary (Widow)	Ecker Stephen	Lawrence Isaac	Ryder Jacob
Andrews (Widow)	Ellis (Widow)	Le Forgee Adrian	Ryer Sarah
Angevine Lewis	Enters Mary	Leggett Joseph	See (Widow)
Applebe Joseph	Farchay John	Lipe John	See Isaac
Appleby Stephen	Field William	Ludington Comfort	See James
Arnold Richard	Fisher John	Lyon Samuel	Sherwood Job
Arundel Richard	Fisher Samuel	McChain Hendrick	Smith David
Atkins David	Fleuelling Thomas	McChain James	Smith John
Ausen Albert	Foshay John	McCord James	Snider Stephen
Ausen John	Fowler Anthony	McLean John	Snouk Peter
Auser John	Fowler Benjamin	Mandeville Jacob	Storm Abram
Bard Joseph	Fowler Christopher	Martine John	Storm Hendrick
Bates John	Fowler Jonathan	Martling Daniel	Storm John
Bayard Nicholas	Fowler Joseph	Mathews Ananias	Syffer John
Bayley William	Fowler Newbury	Meeks John	Taylor Gilbert
Belding Samuel	Frost Jedediah	Menzies Thomas	Taylor Shadreck
Bennett (Widow)	Gale Griffin	Merritt Thomas	Ten Eycke Isaac
Bever Abraham	Galpin Joseph	Miller Ann (Widow)	Tompkins Jonathan G.
Bishop Noah	Garrison Isaac	Miller Anthony	Travis Uriah
Bishop Thomas	Gidney Absalom	Mulhern Richard	Underhill (Widow)
Bonnet (Widow)	Gidney Isaac	Munson George	Underhill Abram
Boyce Aaron	Gidney James	Nelson Joshua	Underhill John
Boyce Abraham	Gidney John	Newbury John	Valentine Thomas
Boyce Jacob	Gidney Jonathan	Oakley Caleb	Van Amberough John
Boyce John	Gilliland James	Oakley David	Van Ambree John
Boyce Thomas	Golden Joseph	Oakley John	Van Tassell Cornelius
Brady Thomas	Hadley George	Oakly William	Van Tassell David
Brevoort Abraham	Haight John	Odell Henry	Van Tassell Jacob
Britt John	Haight Thomas	Ogden Benjamin	Van Tassell John
Brown Ebenezer	Haight William	Ogden William	Van Tassell Peter
Campbell John	Hammen James	Orsar Albert	Van Wart Jacob
Carpenter Archelaus	Hart Eleazer	Orsar John	Van Wart William
Champenois Thomas	Hatton Robert	Owens Moses	Veal William
Chatterton Michael	Hawkins John	Patterson Matthew	Ward Gilbert
Chatterton William	Hetfield Joshua	Pearce James	Ward Stephen
Clopper (Widow)	Heustis Caleb	Peirson Joseph	Waring & Townsend
Codwise Christopher	Heyfield Hannah (Widow)	Pelton Daniel	Warner William
Comb George	Hill James	Pelton Philip	Warren James
Crawford William	Hill Thomas	Philipse Frederick	Warren Peter
Cromwell Judea	Honeywell Israel, jr.	Post Abraham	Weeks Gilbert
Cypher John	Hopper Richard	Post Anthony	Weeks John
Davids David	Horton Gilbert	Pugsley David	Wiggons Stephen, jr.
Davids William	Horton Jonathan P.	Pugsley Gilbert	Wilde Judith (Widow)
Davis Peter	Horton Samuel	Pugsley William	Williams Isaac
Dean Isaac	Hunt Eden	Purdy (Widow)	Williams Mary (Widow)
Dean John	Hunt John	Purdy Gabriel	Willson Jotham
Dean Samuel	Hunt Joshua	Purdy Henry	Yerks (Widow)
Dean Willits	Hunt Solomon	Purdy Joseph	Yerks John
DeLancey James	Hunt Thomas	Purdy Samuel	Yongs Joseph
Delevan Samuel	Hunt William	Requaw Glode	

A law passed October 21, 1779 provided for a Joint-Committee of both Houses of the Legislature "to enquire into the conduct of the Commissioners of Sequestration". Proceeding under this law, James Duane, John Morin Scott and Egbert Benson made a report in July, 1781, showing that their own expenses had been £ 6369. between March 3, 1780 and July 10, 1781. With the report was filed an alphabetical list of the names of those whose property had been sold; and the statement was made that the list was complete. As the Joint-Committee evidently overlooked many papers that are accessible today, the list furnished by them in 1781 is merged in the following list which may be considered the most accurate and exhaustive that has ever been published. The Military and Civil Titles given in the list had been granted under the Colony before the War.

### Estates Confiscated

Abbot Joseph	Baker Jonathan	Best	Brown Casper
Acker Garret	Baker Samuel	Revens William	Brown Ebenezer
Acker Joseph	Baker William	Beya James	Brown Edward
Acker Jost	Ball George	Bird Henry	Brown Everit
Acker Tice	Ball Jacob	Birdsalls John	Brown Hendrick
Ackerman William	Banyar Gouldsbury	Black John	Brown James
Ackerley Joshua	Barclay (Mrs)	Black Nation	Brown Nathaniel
Ackerson John I.	Barclay Thomas	Blakely James	Brownson Samuel
Adams Nathaniel	Barclay Thomas H.	Blauvelt David	Brundige Joshua
Addams John	Barker John	Bloomendall John	Brush Hendrick
Adolphin	Barker Thomas	Bloomer Robert	Brush Joseph
Albertson John	Barnard Conrad	Bobbett Daniel	Brush Shubal
Albrant Henry	Barnet Ochabed	Boen Luykert	Brust M.
Alexander	Barnett Ichabod B.	Bogart Abraham	Buckhout
Algyer M.	Barnhart D.	Bogart Guysbert	Buckhout John
Allen	Barnhart Herman	Bogart Jacobus	Buckhout Peter
Alyea Isaac	Barnhart Joseph	Bogart James	Buckley Evert
Ames Jonas	Barns John	Bolt Moses	Buckley Jochim
Ames Nicholas	Barns Joshua	Bonett Peter	Buckstone
Amory John	Bartlefolk Johannis	Booth William	Buel Timothy
Anderson James	Bartley Esions	Bort Peter	Buise John
Anderson John	Basely John	Bortick	Bullock
Anderson Joseph	Basely Thomas	Bory	Burch
Anderson Joshua	Basler	Boslar Frederick	Burch John
Anjouvine John	Bates Gilbert	Bowen William	Burges
Anjouvine Peter	Bates John	Bower Capt.	Burnet Matthew
Anker Caleb	Banck Frederick	Bowser John	Burnet Thomas
X Anthony Joseph	Baxter Samuel	Bradshaw Stephen	Burnet William
Antis Peter	Baxter Thomas	Brady Thomas	Burnett Ichabeed B.
Apthorpe	Bayard Samuel	Brewer Jeremiah	Burns William
Archer Caleb	Bayard William, Col.	Brevort Elias	Burtis
Ardcock J.	Beardsley John	Briggs Elkanah	Burtis Barent
Arkenburgh William	Beaty Thomas	Briggs William	Bush Christian
Armstrong John	Bedford Jonathan	Brill Jacob	Bush Hendrick
Arskine John	Belding Samuel, Dr.	Brill Johannis	Bush Martin
Backer Abraham	Bell George	Brink Samuel	Butler John, Col.
Backes Peter, jr.	Bell John	Brinkley Thomas	Butler Walter, Ens.
Bailey	Bend Grove	Brisbe John	Butson George
Bailey Abraham	Bennet Thomas	Broadhower Nicholas	Buyce Peter, sr.
Bailey Levy	Benton	Brower Jeremiah	Buyce Peter, jr.
Bailey William	Bergh Christian, jr.	Brown Abraham	Buyck Christopher
Baisley John	Berkley E.	Brown Betle	Buyse William
Baizley Abraham	Berkley J.	Brown Caleb	Byrne Michael

Cadman William	Cock Jorden	Dan David	Elswrath
Calkins Capt.	Coevert Adolphus	Danford Richard	Emmons Eli
Cambron John	Cole Daniel	Danford Stephen	Emmons John
Cambron William	Cole Jacob	Danielson Thomas	Empie Christopher
Cameron Duncan	Cole John	Dann Abraham	Empie Philip
Cameron John	Cole John I.	Darrot James	Ennist John
Cameron William	Cole Simon	Davis Charles	Esselstyne Peter
Campbell	Coles Daniel	Day John	Everit Richard
Campbell Archibald	Concklin Joseph	Dayfoot Daniel	Every John
Campbell Duncan	Conckling	Dean Nicholas	Every Thomas
Campbell James	Conckling Abraham	Deas James	Fairchild
Campbell Jno	Cones John	DeBleas John	Falconham
Campbell Neal	Constable Abraham	DeFries Abraham	Faulk Isaac
Campbell William	Cook George	DeGraugh Abraham	Faulkner John
Carehart Daniel	Cook Ichabod	DeLancey James, Lt. Gov. & Council	Feather John
Carithers Thomas	Cooke Matthias	DeLancey Stephen	Fellinger (the Drummer)
Carle Thomas	Coone Jacob	Demarest Peter	Ferdon
Carle William	Coone John	Demilts John	Ferdon Jacob
Carleton Dennis	Cooper Jacob	Demott Isaac	Ferguson
Carpenter Archelaus	Cooper Thomas	Dennis	Ferguson A.
Carpenter Daniel	Corey Griffin	Derby William	Ferguson John
Carpenter Henry	Cormer Peter	DesBrosses Elias	Ferres Jacob
Carpenter Israel	Cormer Thomas	DeVoe Frederick	Festor Francis P.
Carpenter Jonathan	Corney Peter	DeWitt Jacob	Feterly Peter
Carpenter Latting	Cough Philip	Dick	Fetter Lucas
Carpenter William	Covel Simeon	Dickinson Gilbert	Fetter Philemon
Carpenter Zeno	Covert George	Dickinson James	Field Benjamin
Carrigan Patrick	Cowan M.	Dickinson Samuel	Fiks Peter
Carrigan Peter	Cox Samuel	Dickinson Tertullus	Finckle George
Casimer John	Craft David	Dingey Solomon	Fisher
Castleman	Craft John, jr.	Dingwill James	Fisher Alexander
Chace Daniel, jr.	Crafts William	Dixon John	Fisher Daniel
Champenois John	Crannell Bartholomew	Dobbs Michael	Fisher John
Chatterdon Michael	Craney Capt.	Dobbs Walter	Fisher Thomas
Cherry John	Crathers Thomas	Dockstader George A.	Flagler Simon
Cherrytree Jacob	Crawford David	Dodge Ithamer	Flandreau John
Chew Josiah	Crawford James	Dodge Stephen	Flewelling Abel
Chisholm George	Creighton John	Dop John	Flewelling John
Christian	Crieslar William	Doty Abraham	Flewelling Lemuel, jr.
Christler Philip	Crissy Simon	Doty Philip	Flewelling Morris
Clapp Jesse	Cronk John	Doughty Edward	Flewelling Samuel, jr.
Clark Hugh	Cronkhyte Isaac	Dow Joseph	Flewelling Thomas
Clark John	Crookshank Alexander	Downs James	Flock Harmanes
Clark Robert	Crossfield Stephen	Drake Cornelius	Folliott George
Clark Samuel	Crow Joseph	Drake Jeremiah	Ford Joseph
Clark Simon	Crows John	Drake Peter	Forman James
Clarwater Abraham	Crum William	Drumming Patrick	Forman Zebulon
Clarwater Daniel	Crysler Adam	DuBois Cornelius	Foster
Clarwater Frederick	Cummings Patrick	DuBois Peter	Foster P.
Clarwater Isaac	Cummins John	Dumond & Oothout	Fowler Andrew
Clarwater Jacob	Cummins William	Duncan James	Fowler Benjamin
Claus Daniel, Col.	Currien David	Dusenbury Woolsey	Fowler David
Clement Jennet	Curry Joseph	Ebbets Daniel	Fowler George
Clement Joshua	Curry Joshua	Edwards Manuel	Fowler Jeremiah
Clement Lewis	Curry Peter	Elder William	Fowler Jonathan, jr.
Clement Peter	Curry Stephen	Elleback Emanue.	Fowler Newbury
Cline Michael	Curwin	Ellis William	Fowler Reuben
Clopper Cornelius	Cutler Roger	Ellison Richard	Fowler Samuel
✗ Close Abraham	Cuyler Abraham C.	Ellistone Abraham	Fowler Sarah
✗ Close Benjamin, jr	Cuyler Nicholas		Fowler Solomon

Fowler William	Grant Alexander	Haslop James	Horton Gilbert Bud
Fox Frederick	Grant James	Hatfield Barnes	Horton James
Fradrick Barant	Grass Michael	Havens John	Horton Samuel
Frail John	Gray	Haviland Charles	Hough John
Frazier Hugh	Gray Capt.	Haviland John	Hough Stephen
Frazier John	Gray William	Hawkins John	Houser Frederick
Frazier John Due	Graypoll Peter	Hawkshurst Jesse	Howard John
Frazier Simon	Green Abraham	Hawley Ezekiel	Howard Matthew
Frazier William	Green Absolom	Hawley Ezekiel, jr.	Hoxie
Freehoudt Isaac	Green James	Hawley John	Hoy Richard
Freel Jonathan	Green Joseph	Hayes John	Hoyt David
Freligh Jacob	Green Samuel	Heliker Augustus	Husted Jonathan
French Benjamin	Grey William	Heliker Jacob	Huestis Lewis
French Chanty	Grifeth (Squire)	Heliker Jeremiah	Huff Henry
French Gershom	Griffin Josiah	Heliker John	Huff Paul
French Jeremiah	Griffith Dr.	Hellum Peter	Huff Stephen
French John	Griffith John	Helmer Adam	Huggeford Dr.
Frost Caleb	Griggs	Hemstead Nathaniel	Huggeford Peter
Frost Jacob	Griggs (Mrs)	Henderson Thomas	Hughsted Bishop
Fuller Lemuel	Grigson Thomas	Henderson William	Hull Robert
Furman	Groat Henry	Henning Philip	Hunt Benjamin
Furman James	Groat R.	Henry	Hunt Frederick
Futer Lewis	Guile John	Herkimer Johan Jost, Capt.	Hunt Joshua
Gale Griffin	Guion Jonathan	Herkimer John	Hunt Levi
Galpin Joseph	Hadden John	Herron Isaac	Huntley Bethuel
Gardiner Jacob	Hadler Adam	Higgins John	Husted Jabs
Gardner	Haff Paul	Hill Zacheus	Hustice Jonathan
Gardner Charles	Hageman John	Hillback Baltus	Hustice Solomon
Gardner Covell	Haight James	Hitchcock Joseph	Hyatt John
Gardner Thomas	Haight Joseph	Hoag Nathan	Hyatt Thomas
Garlough Peter	Hains Alexander	Hoaksley Robert	Ingram Abijah
Gee John	Hains Daniel	Hober Adam	Ingram Benjamin
Gentill George	Hains Elijah	Hock John	Ireland John
Germond Silas	Hains James	Hodges E.	Isenhert Christopher
Getman John	Hains John	Hodges T.	Jackson James
Ghons Hans Jury	Hains Peter	Hoff Hendrick	Jackson Samuel
Gibson Andrew	Haire Alexander	Hoffman Ludlow	Jacobs Richard
Gibson John	Hait David	Hoffnagel	Jacocks William W.
Gidney Caleb	Hait James	Hoffnagle John	Jager Lemuel
Gidney David	Hait William	Hoffnagle Melcher	James Paul
Gidney Isaac	Halenbeck John	Hoffnagle Michael	James William
Gidney Jacob	Ham Frederick, jr.	Hofte Hendrick	Jaidencock
Gidney James	Hambleton John, Dr.	Hogel A.	Jaycock William
Gidney John	Hammam James	Hogel John	Jenkes Thomas
Gidney Jonathan	Hammell Briant	Hoit David	Jenkins Samuel
Gidney Joshua	Hamond Isaac	Hoit Joshua	Jessup
Gidney Solomon	Haner Frederick	Holden James	Jessup Ebenezer
Gifford Benjamin	Hannabell John	Holland John	Jessup Edward
Gisner John	Hanse Harmanse	Hollenback	Jessup Joseph
Gleason John	Hansicker Andries	Hollenback D.	Jewell Isaac A.
Golden Joseph	Hardin Magdalen	Holmes Col.	Johnson
Golding Benjamin	Hare Alexander	Holmes David	Johnson (Lady)
Golding John	Hare James	Holmes James	Johnson Abraham
Gonong Isaac	Harris	Holmes Samuel	Johnson Guy, Col.
Gourmand Arthur	Harris Brewer	Hoogtaling Jacob	Johnson James
Graham John	Harris Francis	Hooper John, jr.	Johnson John (Sir)
Graham John I.	Harris Samuel	Hooper Stephen	Johnson John
Graims (Mrs).	Hars Uriah	Hoover Adam	Johnson Jonathan
Grains	Hart James, jr.	Hople Henderick	Johnson Peter, Capt.
Grant Col.	Hasbrouck Jacob	Horton Elisha	Johnson William (Sir)

Johnston Capt.	Leake Robert	McCarty John	Merkle Jacob
Johnston John	Leake Thomas	McCollom John	Merritt Cornberry
Johnston Jonathan	Lee Misper	McComb John	Merritt Daniel
Jones Edward	Lent Abraham	McCormick James	Merritt Gilbert
Jones John	Lent Adolph	McCray William	Merritt Hackaliah
Jones Jonathan	Lent Hercules	McCree James	Merritt Nathaniel
Jones Jotham	Lent Isaac	McDarne Randall	Merritt Robert
Jones Philip	Lent John	McDole John	Merritt Samuel
✕ Kane John	Lent Peter	McDonald Alexander	Merritt Thomas
Kater Hans	Lentman John	McDonald Allen	Merritt Underhill
Keeler Job	Leonard James	McDonald John	Merritt William
Kempe John Tabor Atty & Advocate Gen.	LeRoy Francis	McDonald Rorey	Merselus Hanse
Kennedy Robert	Leslie Alexander	McDonald T.	Middagh Jacob
Ketchum Abijah	Lester Cornelius	McDougal Allen	Miller Anthony
✕ Kettle Andrew	Lester John	McDougal	Miller Jacob
Kimball Stephen	Lester Mordecai	McDowl Hugh	Miller John
King Gideon	Lewis Benjamin	McGreger Peter	Miller John A.
King John	Lewis J.	McGregor Jno	Miller Joseph
Kipp Jacobus	Lewis John	McGrewer John	Miller Lyon
Knapp Moses	Lewis Thomas	McGruir Hugh	Miller N.
Kniffen	Litchart John, jr.	McHerrin Richard	Miller Obadiah
Kniffen Daniel	Livingston John	Mackenzie Laudot	Miller Peter
Kniffen John	Lockwood Peter	McKiel William	Miller William
Kniffen Jonathan	Lockwood Solomon	McKinney John	Minthorne
Kober Adam	Logan David	McLean Peter	✕ Minthorne Mangel
Kouck Philip	Loines Henry	McLeod Daniel	Mitchell John
Kresler Hanse	Long David	McLeod Don'd	Mitchell Thomas
Kresler Philip	Lorway J., Dr.	McLeod Norman, Capt.	Mock Johannes
Kronkhyte Abraham	Lossee George	McLeod William	Monford David
Laight Edward	Lossee Abraham	McMartin John	Montross Peter
Lake Abraham	Lott John	McMaster James	Moore Lambert
Lake I.	Lotterage Robert	McMullin Dougal	Moore Thomas
Lake N., jr.	Loucks George	McMullin Hugh	Moore William
Lamb James	Lounsberry Henry	McNeal John	Moorney Pat
Lane Peter	Lounsbury William	McNeal Thomas	Mordon Joseph
Lang John	Low Jacob	McNight Malcom	Morduff George
Langdon Thomas	Low John	McNutt David	Morehouse Ezra
Lantman Henderick	Ludlow James	McTaggart James	Morey Jonathan
Lards William	Luke (Mrs)	Madders	Morgan Caleb
Lashle Alexander	Lyng John B.	Manhart Philip	Morgan Caleb, jr.
Lassing Isaac	Lyon Gilbert	Mann I.	Morison Alexander
Lassing Isaac I.	Lyon Henry	Mapes Joseph	Morrel John
Lassing Isaac P.	Lyon Joseph	Marker Hugh	Morrell Thomas
Lassing Johannes A.	Lyon Shubal	Markle Joseph	Morrill Benjamin
Lassing Johannes E.	Mabbett Joseph S.	Markwart Johannis	Morris Duncan
Lassing Johannes L.	Mabbett Samuel	Marsellas H.	Morris Roger Maj. & Col., Council
Lassing Johannes Det.	Mabie	Martin Agrippa	Morrison John
Lassing Johannes P.	Mabie Cornelius	Martin John	Morrison Malcom
Lassing Johannes W <sup>m</sup> .	Mabie Jacob	Martin Walter	Mosher Hugh
Lassing John P.	Mabie Jeremiah	Matheson James	Mosher Jonathan
Lassing John Peter W <sup>m</sup>	Mabie Lewis	Matrass Isaac	Motrass Peter
Lassing Laurence L.	Mabie Peter	Mattes James	Mott John
Lassing Peter Johannis	Mabie Silas	Matthews Fletcher	Mozer Christopher
Lassing Peter John	Mabie Simon	Matthews William	Mulford
Lassing Peter P.	McAdams William	Mattice Hendrick	Mulford David
Lawrence John	McAlpin Capt.	Mattice Johannis Nicholas	Mullen Dott
Lawrence Stephen	McAlpin Daniel	May William	Mullen Peter
Lawrence William, Dr.	McAlpin Walter	Mead Ezekiel	Munro Daniel
Lawson Jotham	McAuley Donald	Menzies Alexander	Munson George
	McCarsan	Menzines Alexander	

Munson Nathaniel	Pasent John	Purdy Timothy	Scotsman
Murphy Francis	Pasent Levy	Quackenboss Adrian	Scrivener Samuel
Murry John	Passing Lawrence L.	Queen Michael	Scrifer Peter
Murry Robert	Patrick Adam	Randall John	Seaman Adam
Murry T.	Patten	Ransier G.	Seaman Benjamin
Mutch Johannes	Pearce Richard	Rapelyea Jacob	Seaman Israel
Myer William	Pearce William	Rapelyea Thomas	Seaman Silvanus
Nailour Michael	Peck Caleb	Ray Robert	Secore Benjamin
Nation Black	Peck James	Reed Charles	See Abraham
Near Christian	Peemart Francis	Reed Leonard	See Jacobus
Near Jacob	Peers Alexander	Reid John	Seelye Ebenezer
Nellis Henry	Peers Samuel	*Reynolds Samuel	Seelye Jacob
Nelson Riche	Pemart	Rhinelande Frederick	Segas John
Nichollson David	Penmart Teunis	Rhodes John	Seperly Peter
Nichols Thomas	Perry Samuel	Rice John	Server Peter
Nickerson Joseph	Persons James	Richardson John	Service Philip
Noble Capt.	Peters Richard	Richardson Thomas	Seymore Henry
Noble Reubin	Peters Thomas	Rider Ebenezer	Shafter John
Nodine A.	Peterson Conrad	Rider Zadoc	Shannon Simeon
Nodine B.	Peterson James	Riley Dennis	Sharp John
Nodine Peter	Phillips Adolphus	Roberts Peter	Sharp Peter
Oackley Peter	Phillipse Frederick, Col.	Robertson Robert	Sharp Richard
Oakley Benjamin	Philo Samuel	Robins I.	Sharpe Guysbert
Oakley Timothy	Phister I.	Robinson Beverley	Shaver Hanse
Odell Daniel	Pickel John	Robinson Beverley, jr.	Shaver Philip
Odell Joshua	Pickins Robert	Robinson Thomas	Shaw George
Ogden Benjamin	Pinkney Samuel	Robinson & Price	Shaw John
Ogden Jehu	Pine Amos	Roche William	Shaw Moses
Ogden John	Pitcher James	Roebuck James	Sheek Christian
Ogden William	Planton John	Rogers William	Sheldon Joseph
Olinus John	Plats John	Roome John L. C.	Shell John
O'Neil James	Poser Levy	Roosa Egbert	Sherbrooke Miles
Ore William	Post	Roosa Guisbert	Sherman William
Orser Evert	Post Frederick	Roosa Jacobus	Sherwood Dyer
Orser Isaac	Post Jacob	Rose Matthias	Sherwood Stephen
Osborn Capt.	Post Teunis	Rosenberger	Sherwood William
Osborn Nathan	Powel Jesse	Ross Daniel	Shipton William
Ostrander Peter	Powell James	Ross Philip	Shirid Thomas
Ostrom Andries	Powell John	Ross William	Shulop Henry
Outwater	Powell Solomon	Ross Zebulon	Shultes John
Outwater Dr.	Poucher Jacob	Row John Peter	Siefer Lodovick
Outwater Daniel	Preuner John	Runnels Robert	Simmons James
Owens Moses	Proctor	Ruscraff Henry	Simmons Maurice
Palmatier Peter	Prosser Dr.	Rush John	Simson Alexander
Palmatier Peter I.	Purchas Thomas	Russel John	Simson Isabel
Palmer David	Purchas William	Ruyter John	Skeans Gouverneur
Palmer Edmund	Purdy Enoch	Rykert Barent	Skeans M.
Palmer Edward	Purdy Gilbert	Rykerts Philip	Skene Philip, Maj.
* Palmer Lewis	Purdy Hackaliah	Ryley Charles	Skinner Sam <sup>l</sup> Spencer
Palmer William	Purdy Henry	Sabin Jeremiah, jr.	Slingerlant Teunis
Panter G.	Purdy Isiah	Salomon John	Slocum William
Panter Philip	Purdy JaWinn Still	Salsberger James	Slutts John
Panton Francis	Purdy James	Sammons Thomas	Slutts Michael
Parent Jacob	Purdy Jesse	Sanford Ephraim	Sluyter James
Park Ryner	Purdy Joseph	Sarls George	Smith Austin
Parks James	Purdy Joshua	Savage Reuben	Smith Benjamin
Parrot J.	Purdy Josiah	Savage Richard	Smith Christopher
Parrot I.	Purdy Jotham	Saxton William	Smith Daniel
Partelow Amos	Purdy Stephen	* Sayre James, Rev.	Smiti. Isaac
Pasent Jacob	Purdy Still John	Schurman William	Smith J.

Smith Jacob	Swart Joshua	Van Cleaf John	Waterburry Sylvanus
Smith John	Swart Josiah	Van de Car James	Waters John
Smith Joseph	Swart Peter	Van de Voort John	Watson James
Smith Joshua H.	Sybles Robert	Van de Warken Elbert	Weatherhead John
Smith Reuben	Talmage	Van den Bergh Henry	Weaver
Smith Samuel	Teakle John	Van den Bergh Peter	Weaver Johannes
Smith Stephen	Ten Brook Peter	Van den Bergh Richard	Weaver John
Smith Thomas	Terborney P.	Van der Heyden Dirck	Weed Solomon
Smith William	Terbush Jacob	Van der Voort John	Weeks Stephen
Snedeker Richard	Terril Anthony	Van deusen Conradt, Col.	Weeks William
Snedeker Theodorus	Terrill Daniel	Van Dreson James	Wemple Andrew
Sneden Robert	Terwilliger Moses	Van Dyke Francis	Westbrook Anthony
Sneden Stephen	Theal Charles	Van Kleeck Barent	Wexton John
Snell Robert	Theal Ebenezer	Van Noostrant George	Wheaton Daniel
Snider	These Jacob	Van Noostrant John	Wheeler George
Snider John	Therston John	Van Nourst John	White Alexander
Snider Peter	Thompson John	Van Valkenburgh John	White Sybert
Snider Simon	Thorne Robert	Van Valkenburgh William	White Sylvanus
Snider William	Thousand M.	Van Vourst John	Whitmore
Sniffen Caleb	Tibble John	Van Wagenen Hans	Whitney Nathan
Sniffen Jonathan	Tice Gilbert	Van Wagenen James	Wickwire Jonathan
Sniffin Shubal	Tidd Benjamin	Van Wart Jacob	Wiggins Stephen
Soles Howland	Tidd Samuel	Van Wiers Henry	Wilcox
Solis Benjamin	Tiehout William	Van Woort John	Wilcox Hazard
Spencer Hedley	Tilleback Christian	Vartman	Williams Abraham
Spoolman Henry	Tilman John	Velthuysen John	Williams Benjamin
Sprage Thomas	Tissell James	Venkell G.	Williams Frederick
Springer William	Tissot Gideon	Vermilers John	Williams Isaac
Springstaed John	Titchort Gideon	Vermillier Benjamin	Williams John
Square B.	Tobias Christian	Vincent Charles	Williams William
Stalker Stephen	Tobias Joseph	Vinson John	Wilmot Lemuel
Staples J.	Tomkins Israel	Visscher	Wilson G.
Staples Jacob	Tong Joshua	Vredenbergh John W.	Wilson I.
X Staples John	Totten James	Wacken John	Wilson James
Steenbergh William	Totten Jonas	Wacker James	Wilson Jonathan
Steenburgh Fleming	Totten Joseph	Waddle William	Wilson Joseph
Steenburgh Simeon	Townsend Epenetus (Par- son)	Wager Frederick	Wilson Jotham
Steenrod Cornelius	Townsend John	Wagner John	Wilton James
Stener Caspar	Townsend Uriah	Wagstaff William	Wing David
Stevens Eliphalet	Traver	Waight Jonathan	Winn Joseph
Stevens Josiah	Travis Jeremiah	Wallace Jonathan	Winne Jacob
Stewart Walter	Travis William	Wallace William	Winterton William
Stimes Jasper	Tredwell Capt.	Walldorph Martin	Wood Frederick
Stipper Peter	Tredwell Samuel	Walsworth	Wood Solomon
Stocker Stephen	Tucker Daniel	Walter Martin	Wood Stephen
Storm	Turnbull Robert	Walter Philip	Woods Thomas
Storm Gilbert	Turner John	Wanaker Conradus	Woolcomb Joseph
Storm Henry	Underhill Frederick	Wanamaker Dirick	Worden John
Story Zachariah	Underhill John .	Wansor Thomas	Wright Jacob
Stout Benjamin	Underhill Nathaniel	Ward	Wright Jonathan
Stover Martinus	Underhill Nathaniel, jr.	Ward Edmond	Wright Uriah
Straught John	Underhill William	Ward Edmond	Yates
Street Timothy	Ustick Henry	Ward Israel	Yates Richard
Sturd Dr.	Ustick William	Ward John	Yerukes Isaac
Stuyvesant Peter	Vail John	Warner Michael	Yourmans Arthur
Summers Peter	Vail Moses	Warner Thomas	Yourmans John
Sunderland Jacob	Van Allen John	Warning F.	Yourmans Thomas
Sutton Caleb	Van Alstyne Peter	Washborn Isaac	Young Adam
Sutton William		Washborn Jonathan	Young Frederick
Sutts John			Young John

## THE COMMISSIONERS OF SPECIE

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The Legislature, Oct. 14, 1780, authorized the Governor to appoint Commissioners to Procure a Sum in Specie for the Redemption of one sixth of the Bills emitted under the act of the Congress of Mar. 18, 1780. They were also to dispose of Forfeited Lands. It was, further, provided that when the Commissioners of Specie began to act, the Commissioners of Forfeitures should thereupon cease to sell Lands, except those already advertised for Sale. The Commissioners of Specie, therefore, became a sort of connecting link between the Commissioners of Sequestration and the Commissioners of Forfeitures. They were: David Gelston, John Lansing, jr., Jonathan Lawrence, John H. Sleght and Christopher Yates. In some of the documents, they are incorrectly called Commissioners of Forfeitures.

The Commissioners were paid £1.4.0 for each day of actual attendance upon the meetings. The proceeds of their Sales of Forfeited Estates were paid into the State Treasury, either in Dollars or in Pounds of the "New Emission". The Accounts of Messrs. Lawrence and Sleght showed that, in 1781 and 1782, they received £980 in Specie, and £8422 in New Emission, for the Sales of Forfeited Estates. The Accounts of Messrs Yates and Lansing showed an apparent total of £8348.8.0 for such Sales; and another Account, from August, 1781, to February, 1783, recorded receipts and payments of £9343 in bills of the New Emission. Mr. Lansing also made searches for Incumbrances in the Clerk's Office; drew Maps of the Lands sold; copied and revised the list of persons attainted, the times when indicted, in what Court, and the days to which the attainders referred.

## THE COMMISSIONERS OF FORFEITURES

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These Officials sold the real estate of Tories and others who had either gone over to the Enemy or were suspected of not being friendly to the American Cause. They were much more systematic in their Accounts than the Commissioners of Sequestration who dealt, for the most part, with personal property. The Commissioners of Forfeitures also received and paid over to the State Treasurer, Certificates issued by the Auditors to Liquidate and Settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State. Some of the proceeds of the Commissioners helped the Poor. (See The Poor who came out of New York City, in the Chapter on "The Provincial Congresses").

The Committee of Safety, Mar. 1, 1777, passed a Resolution relative to the Commissioners of Forfeitures. Doubts having arisen in regard to the bearing of this Resolution upon the State Treasurer, a law was passed for the removal of such doubts. The Treasurer acknowledged the receipt of over £9000 under this Resolution, between May 11, 1777, and July 1, 1779. This he describes as "Monies due to Persons who were within the Enemies Lines, or out of the State; or to Persons who had refused to receive Contin'l Money". During a part of June, 1779, and thereafter, the Treasurer declined tenders of Depreciated Money because of his doubts regarding the Resolution, noted above.

The work of the Commissioners of Forfeitures did not begin till late in the War. The law of Oct. 22, 1779, really started the work by giving the names of many individuals whose property had been attainted. The law of Mar. 10, 1780, directed the Commissioners to sell property of this sort at once. On May 12, 1784, the Governor was authorized to appoint seven Commissioners. The office of Commissioner of Forfeitures was abolished, Mar. 21, 1788; and all the powers pertaining thereto were given to the Surveyor-General, Simeon De Witt. He had authority to sell all Lands Forfeited to the State. His Accounts show that the purchasers paid for the Lands in Certificates of these kinds, Levy, Depreciation, Claim and Principal.

The law of Apr. 11, 1792, repealed the law of Oct. 22, 1779, so that those named in the latter might return; but the law did not affect the status of their property. On Dec. 18, 1792, a law was passed for the relief of several of the individuals whose property had been taken.

The State Treasurer, in August 1794, stated that he had received £109005.11.0 1/4 in Claims against Forfeited Estates which had been liquidated and lodged in the Treasury.

For convenience, the State was divided into these Districts:— Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western.

The Eastern District included the Counties of Charlotte, Cumberland and Gloucester. The Commissioners were David Hopkins and Alexander Webster. They were paid 24/— per day, and they were assisted by many Appraisers. Hopkins' Sales, from October to December, 1784, were £9982.2.0; in 1785, £6113.19.3; and, in 1787-1788, £584.17.3. Webster's sales, in

1786, were £4160.4.7 1/2, and £21149.10.1. The amount of their joint Sales was about £40000. They were given Levy Notes or Depreciation Notes for the purchase of Lands; and they turned the same over to the State Treasurer.

The Middle District comprised the Counties of Dutchess, Orange and Ulster. Samuel Dodge, Daniel Graham and John Hathorn were the Commissioners. Their pay was 24/— per day. (See law of May 12, 1784). The Accounts show that their expenses were £2707.9.3. from Apr. 9, 1780 to Apr. 30, 1785. Graham's Sales, from July, 1785, to May, 1786, were £3075. The Sales, apparently, reached a total of £64363.8.6, those in Dutchess County being larger than in the other two Counties put together. They paid into the State Treasury the following kinds of Notes:— Curtenius' Barber's Levy, Loan Office, Horse and State Agents'.

The Southern District, in charge of Commissioners Isaac Stoutenburgh and Philip Van Cortlandt, included the Counties of Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Suffolk and Westchester. Among their papers is a Resolution of the Convention, Feb. 11, 1777, which describes William Lounsbury as "one of the persons concerned in Spikeing the Cannon at Kingsbridge & who afterwards joined the Enemy and was slain".

The Commissioners paid to the State Treasurer Depreciation Notes, as well as all the other kinds of Notes named in the Middle District, above — all of which were received from the purchasers of Lands. In 1788 and 1789, the Treasurers of the Counties of Queens, Suffolk and Richmond paid to the State Treasurer Certificates issued for Claims against Forfeited Estates, the same being receivable under the Tax law of Mar. 9, 1788. The total of Sales was £502709; of which the Estates of Col. Frederick Phillipse brought £107532; and those of James De Lancey, £113144. The Commissioners paid into the State Treasury many State Agent's Certificates for Notes due to Col. Phillipse. (See law of Nov. 11, 1784); and his Slaves were the cause of many Accounts sent in by the Supervisors of Westchester County. The Slaves owned by persons whose property had been forfeited often became a charge upon the several Counties, and the bills for their support were sent to the State. (See law of Mar. 2, 1792).

In the Western District, the Commissioners were Jacob G. Klock, Henry Oothoudt, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer and Christopher Yates. The District contained the Counties of Albany and Tryon. Their Accounts are much more complete than the Accounts in the other three Districts. In 1785, they were paid 5/— per day; but this had risen to 24/—, in 1787. On account of the large area of the District, they had many bills for Surveyors, Chain-Bearers, Boats and Provisions. They gave over to the State Treasurer the following kinds of Certificates which they had received for the purchase of Lands:— State Agent's, Depreciation, Levy and Loan; also Barber's Notes and Horse Notes.

In Albany County, Certificates for Claims against Forfeited Estates were paid into the State Treasury on account of Taxes, pursuant to the laws of Apr. 11, 1787 and Mar. 19, 1788. In the documents relating to Tryon County there are many Mortgages, executed before the War to parties whose Estates were afterward Forfeited. There are also many of the original Deeds, given by the Commissioners and by the Surveyor General to purchasers of Forfeited Lands.

The following papers, relating to the Estates of James DeLancey, Col. Frederick Phillipse and Col. William Bayard, are among the records of the Commissioners of the Southern District.

This was the usual form of a Claim against a Forfeited Estate:—

City of  
New York SS.

I Richard Morris Esquire chief Justice of the State of New York, do hereby certify and make known to whom it may Concern that on the petition of James Duane of the said City Esquire in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the Said State entitled, "An Act for the Speedy sale of the confiscated and forfeited Estates within this State and for other purposes therein mentioned" passed the 12th of May 1784—I Have examined and heard and according to equity and good Conscience determined the Claim and Demand which the said James Duane hath and doth make against the forfeited Estate of James DeLancey late of the City of New York Esquire

And I do thereupon certify that the Sum of three Hundred and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and two pence current money of the State of New York appears to me to be due from the said James DeLancey Esquire to the said James Duane. In witness whereof I the said Chief Justice have hereunto set my hand this Seventeenth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight.

To Gerard Bancker Esq. Treasurer of the State of New York.

Rd. Morris

Claims were also made for book-accounts:—

State of  
New York SS:

I Richard Morris Chief Justice of the State of New York in consequence of an application to me made by Samuel Fraunces of the City of New York.

Innkeeper pursuant to the directions contained in an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled an Act for the Speedy Sale of confiscated Estates within this State and for other purposes therein mentioned passed the twelfth day of May One thousand seven hundred and eighty four do hereby certify that the said Samuel Frances did on the Seventh day of August Instant produce to me in writing a certain account against Frederick Phillips late of Westchester County Esquire from which Account there appeared to be due to the said Samuel Fraunces from the said Frederick Phillips the Sum of Twenty seven Pounds Six Shillings & six pence and the said Samuel Frances being by me duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God did then and there depose & say, that the aforesaid Account by him so exhibited as aforesaid was Just and true as appeared from the Books of the said Samuel Fraunces therewith by him the Said Samuel Fraunces examined and diligently compared, which said Books he did also produce and further did depose and Say that they were the proper Books of Accounts of him the said Samuel Fraunces and that the aforesaid Sum of Twenty-seven pounds six Shillings & six pence is now Justly due and owing to him the said Samuel Fraunces & was due & owing to him from the said Frederick Phillips at and before the ninth day of July One Thousand seven hundred and seventy six, and that he hath not directly or indirectly received any part or parcel thereof or any consideration therefor Whereupon I having examined the said accounts and Books do Certify pursuant to the directions contained in the Act aforesaid that the sum of Twenty seven pounds six Shillings & six pence appear to be due from the said Frederick Phillips to the said Samuel Fraunces for Principal and that the Interest thereof to the present day amounts to twenty two pounds Nineteen Shillings.

Dated this Seventh day of August AD 1788

Rd. Morris

To Gerard Bancker Esq. Treasurer of the State of New York.

Col. Phillipse lived in Yonkers, and his Manor house is now the City Hall of that City. He died in England; and his tomb in the Cathedral at Chester is one of the attractions of that noble building. The Book-Accounts of, and small debts owing to, Beverly Robinson are very numerous.

Claims were extinguished in this way:—

At a meeting of the Commissioners for extinguishing Claims against the State for lands sold under the Authority thereof, the Title to which has failed, held at the City of Albany on Tuesday the 24th day of August, 1813—

Present—Simeon DeWitt, Surveyor General, Archibald McIntyre, Comptroller Abraham Van Vechten, Attorney Genl.

Robert Bogardus made application for compensation for Certain Lots & Parcels of lots of ground heretofore sold by the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Southern District of this State to George Fisher, deemed to have been forfeited by the Attainder of James DeLancey, Esquire, & described as situate in the Outward of the City of New York, with reference to a Map made by Evert Bancker of the said City Surveyor of part of the real estate of the said James DeLancey.

On examination of the Applicant's claim it appears.

1. That the said Commissioners, on the thirtieth day of May in the year One thousand Seven hundred & eighty five, sold & conveyed twenty three lots of ground, situated in the then Outward of the said City to the said George Fisher for the consideration of Five Hundred & Eighty eight Pounds & described the same in the said Conveyance, numerically by Lots Nos. 1899 to 1921, inclusive, of Square No. 73, with reference to a Map made by the said Evert Bancker, of part of the real estate of the said James DeLancey and bounded northerly by the Southerly bounds of Peter Stuyvesant.

2. That the said Evert Bancker by mistake laid out some of said Lots & parts of others, North of the southerly bounds of the said Peter Stuyvesant, by reason whereof the title of the said George Fisher to such of the said lots & parts of lots as are situate north of Stuyvesant's Southerly bounds has failed.

3. That the lots & parts of lots so conveyed being within Stuyvesant's bounds amount in quantity to six lots.

4. That George Fisher died prior to the Year One Thousand Eight hundred, leaving John E. Fisher, Eleanor Fisher the wife of James B. Clarke & Maria Fisher the wife of Peter Clarke his heirs at Law.

5. That by a deed of partition, made & executed between the said Heirs on the twenty sixth day of June One Thousand Eight hundred, the said John E. Fisher & James B. Clarke & Eleanor his wife released & conveyed all their right & title to the whole of the aforesaid lots to the said Peter Clarke & Maria his wife in fee.

6. That the said Peter Clarke & his said wife, on the eighth day of June in the year One thousand Eight hundred & four, released & conveyed their Right & Title to the same lots in fee to the applicant.

The applicant has therefore a just claim to compensation for the lands so as aforesaid sold & conveyed under the authority of the State, the title to which has failed in the manner aforesaid, which according to the price paid therefor to the State amounts to Three Hundred & Eighty-three dollars & forty eight cents, to which interest must be added at the rate of six per cent per Annum from the thirtieth day of May One Thousand Seven hundred & eighty five, making in the whole One Thousand & thirty two dollars & Ninety nine Cents.

Whereupon Resolved, if the person administering the Government shall approve thereof, that upon the Applicants Sealing & delivering to the Comptroller a full release of his Right, Title & Interest in & to such of the said Lots & parts of lots as are situate North of Stuyve-

sant's Southerly bounds, duly proven or acknowledged, the Comptroller shall draw his Warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the Applicant for the sum of One Thousand & thirty two dollars & ninety nine cents.

Simeon DeWitt, Surv'r-Gen'l  
Archibald W. McIntyre, Comp'r  
Ab. VanVechten Atty. General

1813. August 12. I assent to and approve of the above proceedings.

Daniel D. Tompkins. [Governor]

The papers relating to the Forfeited Estate of Col. William Bayard are voluminous. The final settlement of the State with his heirs is of more than usual interest:—

State of New York Ss. George Stanton of the City of New York being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with the Lots Buildings and Docks described in the within Schedule — That they are Lots and Water Lots which in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three belonged to the Estate of William Bayard Esquire, late of the City of New York deceased and upon which great improvements have since been made — That the Deponent together with George Gosman of the Said City of New York hath examined and valued said Lots Buildings and Docks, and the annual rents thereof, and that the valuations thereof contained in the within schedule are just and true, according to the best of his judgment and belief — and that the aggregate value of the said Lots Buildings and docks, if any thing, exceeds the sum of one hundred and four thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars, and that the aggregate annual value of the said Rents if any thing exceeds the sum of six thousand seven hundred and twenty two Dollars —

The above named George Gosman being also duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with the Lots and Buildings and Docks described in the said within Schedule and that this Deponent together with George Stanton aforesaid hath examined and valued the said Lots buildings and docks and the annual Rents thereof and that the valuations thereof contained in the said within Schedule are just and true according to the best of this Deponent's Judgement and belief — He further saith that the aggregate value of the said Lots Buildings and Docks if any thing exceeds the sum of one hundred and four thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars; and that the aggregate annual value of the said rents if any thing, exceeds the sum of six thousand seven hundred and twenty two dollars —

Sworn the 27th  
December 1805 before  
Thomas Cooper

George Stanton  
George Gosman

Master in Chancery

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that We Catharine Bayard of the City of London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Widow of William Bayard Deceased formerly of the Province of New York in North America but at the time of his Death of Southampton in Hampshire in the Said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Alida Johnston of Southampton aforesaid, Widow of Colonel Boulter Johnson of the same place deceased, HAVE made, ordained constituted and appointed and by these presents DO make ordain Constitute and appoint William Bayard of the City of New York in the United States of America Gentlemen to be our and each of our true and lawful Attorney. hereby giving and deputing unto him full power and authority for us and each of us, and in our or either of our name or names and for our joint or separate use to enter upon and take possession of all and Singular the Lands tenements and hereditaments whereof We are seized, Possesed of or entitled unto jointly or Severally within the United States of America, and the Same or any part thereof to grant bargain, Sell and dispose of, for Cash or upon Credit at his discretion and to Sign and Seal, and as his Act and Deed and the act and Deed of us or either of us to deliver any Deed or Deeds for the granting Conveying and assuring of

the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof whether in fee Simple or for term of years or otherwise, and to receive and Sign receipts for the Consideration money thereupon, or in our and either of our names and for our use to take and receive Bonds, Mortgages or other Securities for the Said Consideration money, and the monies thereby Secured, or which are or may be otherwise due and owing to us or either of us within the Said United States, to ask, demand Sue for, and by all lawful ways and means recover and receive, and for that purpose in our or either of our names to institute any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity, and to appear in all Courts and before all Judges and Justices to prosecute and defend the same, and upon receipt of such monies to grant proper acquittances and discharges thereof. ALSO upon payment of the monies to become due upon any Such mortgages for us and in our names or in the names of either of us to appear before any Judge, Master in Chancery or other Officers thereunto duly Authorized, and to acknowledge Satisfaction of Such mortgage or mortgages to the end that the same may be cancelled of record; AND We do hereby further Authorize and empower our Said Attorney for us and each of us and in our or either of our names to commence and prosecute any proper action or actions, Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity for the purpose of recovering possession of all or any of the Lands and premises aforesaid, or of foreclosing and extinguishing any right of redemption which any person or persons in Virtue of Such Mortgage or Mortgages or otherwise has or have or may hereafter have in the Same or any part thereof; AND ALSO by writing under his Hand and Seal to make and Substitute one or more Attorney or Attornies under him for all or any of the purposes aforesaid and with the like or more limited powers, and the Same again at pleasure to revoke: AND GENERALLY to do and transact whatever shall be needful in the premises as amply and effectually to all intents and purposes as we or either of us could do or transact the Same. HEREBY ratifying and confirming and agreeing to ratify and confirm all and whatsoever our said Attorney or his Substitute or Substitutes Shall lawfully do or cause to be done in and concerning the premises, by the Virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof We have hereunto Set our Hands and Seals this 10th: day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Six.

Sealed and Delivered

In the presence of us

Catharine Bayard.  
Aleda Johnston

The words "joint or Separate" between the eleventh and twelfth lines and the word "have" between the Seventh and eighth lines of this Page being first interlined — and the obliteration in the Sixth line of this Page being first made.

Thomas Vose  
Thomas Stafford

Sealed and delivered by Mrs. Aleda Johnson, the Twenty fourth day of July 1806 (the above alterations having been first made) in the presence of

Wm. Smith Mayor of Southampton  
George Rogers Gent Southampton

State of New York Ss. On the 10th of October 1806 before me came Thomas Vose, Known to me, who on oath before me made did say that he saw Catharine Bayard and Aleda Johnston execute the within Power of Attorney and that the Deponent and Thomas Strafford subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto — that the Deponent knew the said Catharine Bayard and Aleda Johnston and that they were the Persons of those names described in the said Power of Attorney — which is to me satisfactory Evidence — there being therein no material Erasures or Interlineations except as noted, I allow it to be recorded.

Thomas Cooper  
Master in Chancery.

Recorded in the office of Clerk of the City and County of New York in Lib. No. 74 of Conveyances &c. page 8 this 15 day of January 1807

T. Wortman  
Clerk.

Know all Men by these presents That I Catharine Bayard at present of the City of London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland Widow of William Bayard formerly of the City of New York in the then Province now State of New York deceased by William Bayard of the said City & State of New York my Attorney, for and in consideration of the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars to me paid by the People of the State of New York the Receipts whereof is hereby acknowledged, have Remised Released & Quit Claimed and by these presents do Remise Release and Quit Claim, unto the People of the State of New York, All my Dower Thirds, Rights or Title of Dower, which I the said Catharine Bayard have or may Claim of in or to all & singular the Lands Tenements & Hereditaments situate within the State of New York, whereof the said William Bayard deceased my late Husband, was seized at any time during my Coverture; and of all Action and Actions, Claims and Demands by reason thereof, so that the People of the State of New York and their Assigns shall be forever Released exonerated & discharged of and from the same — In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my Hand & Seal this fifteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred & Seven —

Sealed and delivered in the presence  
of David A. Ogden  
Thomas Cooper

Catharine Bayard  
by  
Wm. Bayard her Attorney

State of New York On the 16th January 1807 before me came William Bayard of the City of New York in the State of New York, Known to me to be the Person thus described in the within Release of Dower who did acknowledge that he had as the Attorney of and for Catharine Bayard therein named executed the said Release of Dower by issuing sealing and delivering the same in the Name and as and for the Deed of the said Catharine Bayard — I allow it to be recorded

Thomas Cooper  
Master in Chancery

1807. Jan<sup>y</sup>. Rec<sup>d</sup>. from the People of the State of New York, the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars being the consideration Money mentioned in the preceeding Release —

Witness —

I approve of the Release written within  
John Woodworth Atty Genl.

Catharine Bayard  
by her Attorney  
W<sup>m</sup> Bayard.

New York Ss. William Bayard of the City and State of New York Merchant, aged Forty five Years, being duly sworn saith. That he is one of the Children of William and Catharine Bayard formerly of the City of New York in the then Province now state of New York — That the said William Bayard departed this Life at South Hampton in the Kingdom of England on the 24th; day of December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & four, as he had been informed by Letters from different Branches of the Family, also as Deponent has been informed from general reputation, and as the Deponent verily believes — That the said William Bayard and Catharine Bayard the Father and Mother of this Deponent did live and cohabit together as Husband and Wife from the earliest period of this Deponents recollection until the decease of the said William Bayard. That the said Catharine Bayard is now living as the Deponent verily believes and is of the Age of about Seventy two Years and no more.— That this Deponent has derived his information as to the Age of the said Catharine Bayard from the family and believes the same to be correct.— The Deponent further said that he doth verily believe that his Father William Bayard was seized of the several Lots pieces and parcels of Land specified in a certain Appraizement made by George Stanton and George Gosman (on the Twenty seventh day of December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & five) at the period of his Attainder for adhering to the King of Great Britain.— And of various other Tracts pieces or parcels of Land not included in such Appraizement.— The Deponent further said that from certain Memorandums made by the said William Bayard deceased, and from certain Conveyances now in the possession of this Deponent, it does appear that the said William Bayard was seized and in the actual Possession of the Premises specified in the said Appraizement under the following

Conveyances.— That is to say, To Lot No. 157, in Pearl (formerly Queen) Street, By Conveyance from Charles W. Althorp & Mary his Wife — dated 16th. May 1755.— To Lots 55 & 57, Water (formerly Little Dock) Street.— To Lots 60. 61. 62 & 63 — Front Street — 30 & 31 South Street, and to the Dock & Water, By the following Conveyances, that is to say, One thereof from William Pagan — dated 30th. Septbr. 1766 — One thereof from Stephen Bayard, dated 20th. April 1751. And by a Grant from the Corporation of the City of New York dated 13th. Novbr. 1772 — To Lots Nos. 39 & 41 Pearl (formerly Queen) Street, by Conveyances from Benjamin Moore & Wife & John Cregier & Wife to the said William Bayard deceased, the first there of dated 1 Febr<sup>y</sup> 1750.— and the other thereof dated 5th. June 1756.— To Lot No. 17, Bridge (formerly Wynekoop) Street, by Conveyance dated 18th. Novbr. 1759, — from the said Benjamin Moore.— The Release for which last mentioned Lot, by a memorandum in the hand writing of the said William Bayard deceased, appeared to have been left by him with other Deeds to be recorded with Golsbrow Banyar Esq<sup>r</sup>., but the Lease for the Transferring the use into the Possession of the said William Bayard deceased & dated the 17th. Novbr. 1759. This Deponent hath in his possession.— The Deponent further said that the Remaining Lots, on Pieces of Ground specified in the said Appraisalment as situate at Greenwich Two Milles distant from the City of New York, were granted by Simon Johnson & Wife to the said William Bayard by Indenture bearing date, the 29th., October 1760.—  
Wm. Bayard.

Sworn to before me at the City-Hall of the City of New York this 16th Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1807.  
Jacob DelaMontassue Special Justice

State of New York Ss. William Bayard of the City of New York Merchant being again sworn further Deposeth & saith, that the several pieces of ground & premises mentioned in his preceding deposition, were sold by the Commissioner of Forfeitures for the Southern District of the State of New York, as property which had belonged to his Father William Bayard & forfeited to the said State by his Attainder, & further the Deponent saith not.

Sworn this 23<sup>r</sup>d. day of February 1807.

Wm. Bayard.

Before me Jacob DelaMontassue Special Justice

At a meeting of the Commissioners for extinguishing Claims on the        day of February 1807.

Present.—

Simeon DeWitt, Surveyor General  
Archibald McIntyre, Comptroller  
John Woodworth, Attorney General

Catharine Bayard presented her Claim to this Board for compensation in extinguishment of her right of Dower of and in certain Messuages and Lots of Ground in the City of New York, alledging that She was the wife of William Bayard late of the Said City who was convicted of adhering to the Enemies of the People of this State and his property thereby confiscated and sold by the Commissioners of Forfeitures.

The following facts appear .....

1<sup>st</sup>. The Said William Bayard was attainted by act of the Legislature on the 22<sup>d</sup>. October 1799.

2<sup>d</sup>. It appears by the affidavit of William Bayard of the City of New York Merchant that before and at the time of the attainder the Said Catharine Bayard was the wife of the said William Bayard that they cohabited together until about the 24th. day of December 1804 when the Said William Bayard died, it also appears by the Said affidavit that Catharine Bayard is living and of the age of about 72 Years, that the Said William Bayard at the time of his attainder was seized of the following Lots and Parcels of Land in the City of New York, Viz. Lots No 157, 39, 41, in Pearl Street, No. 55, 57, in Water Street, No. 60, 61, 62, 63 in Front Street No. 30, 31 in South Street also one other Lot in South Street now owned and occupied by John Suydam Lot No. 17 in Bridge Street, also certain other Lots at Greenwich on which

are erected the dwelling House and outhouse of the deponent William Bayard, also the Lots at Greenwich on which are erected the dwelling Houses of M<sup>rs</sup>. Elder and M<sup>rs</sup>. Cameron.

3<sup>d</sup>. The Premises above described were sold by the Commissioners of forfeitures of the Southern district as the property whereof William Bayard was seized at the time of his attainer.

4<sup>th</sup>. It appears by an appraisal made on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1805 by George Stanton and George Gosman under oath that the rent or Yearly Value of the preceding Lots and premises amounts to \$6722 and the total Value \$104,780.

5<sup>th</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Bayard is entitled to Dower in other Lands situate in different parts of this State, but has offered to execute a Release of all her right of Dower to which she is entitled as the wife of the Said William Bayard who was attainted for the Sum of \$6000.

This Board having considered the Said Claim, do thereupon Resolve that in case the Person administering the Government of this State, shall approve hereof that the Sum of \$6000 be paid to the Said Catharine Bayard on her releasing to the People of this State her right of Dower of and in the premises above described and of and in all other Lands and Tenements within this State whereof the Said William Bayard was seized at the time of his attainer. And that the Comptroller draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the Said Catharine Bayard for the Said Sum of \$6000.

Arch<sup>d</sup>. McIntyre Compt<sup>r</sup>.

Simeon DeWitt, Surveyor Genl.

John Woodworth Atty Genl.

I do consent to and approve the above Adjustment & Settlement of the Claim of Dower of Catharine Bayard  
Morgan Lewis [Governor]

This is the usual form of a deed of Forfeited Property given by the Commissioners of Forfeitures in the Western District:—

THIS INDENTURE, made the Twentyninth Day of August in the Thirteenth Year of the Independence of the State of New York, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight — BETWEEN Henry Oothoudt and Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Esquires, two of the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Western District, appointed in pursuance of an ACT of the Legislature of the said State, entitled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated and forfeited Estates within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," of the one Part, and Stephen Ward of the County of Westchester Esquire, of the other Part, WITNESSETH, That the said Commissioners, by Virtue of the Power and Authority to them, in and by the said Act granted, and for, and in Consideration of the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds, by the said Stephen Ward to them paid, Have granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, and confirmed; and by these Presents, DO grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Stephen Ward, and to his Heirs and Assigns, ALL That Certain Lot of Lands situate lying and being in the County of Montgomery on the north side of the Mohawk River in a Patent heretofore granted to the late Sir William Johnson known by the name of Kingsland or Royal Grant which said Lot is distinguished by Number Ninety three in the fourth Allotment of said Patent made by the said Commissioners and Begins at the South west Corner of Lot Number One hundred and nine and runs from thence as the needle pointed in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six south forty chains then West fifty chains then north forty chains and then East fifty chains to the place of Beginning Containing Two hundred Acres be the same more or less Deemed to have become forfeited by the Attainer of Sir John Johnson late of the County of Tryon Knight and Baronet ——— and all and singular the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest, whether in possession, reversion, or remainder, of, in, or to the said Premises, which, in Consequence of any Attainer or Conviction, is become forfeited, or attached to, or vested in the People of the said State. To have and to hold, all, and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, hereby granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed and confirmed, with the Appurtenances unto the said Stephen Ward, and to his Heirs and Assigns, to the only proper Use and Behoof of the said Stephen Ward and his Heirs and

Assigns forever. IN WITNESS whereof, the said Parties to these Presents, have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Matthew Watson  
Jos<sup>t</sup>. Bogart

Hen<sup>y</sup>. Oothoudt  
Jer V Rensselaer

The Sales of the Commissioners of the Western District were as follows:— 1780, £303626; 1781, £457641; 1784, £37320; 1785-1786, £176471; 1787-1788, £137592. This is one of their Accounts:—

Account of Certificates Received by the Commissioners of Forfeitures of the Western district for the Sale of Confiscated Lands Agreeable to an Act entitled an Act to Liquidate and Settle the Accounts of the Troops in this State in the Service of the United States.

From Whom Received	on What Account	Amount	When Received	Amount	Received with Interest
Lieu <sup>t</sup> : William Colbreath.	A house and lot of Ground in the Second Ward of the City of Albany Late the property of James Furnival of the City of Albany Tavernkeeper, Appraised at . . . . .	£ 150	7 Feb <sup>y</sup> 1781	6 1/4 M <sup>o</sup> Interest	£ 150.  3.18.
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Henry.	Part of lot N <sup>o</sup> 11 in the division of Provincial patent Containing 110 Acres late the property of John Hogill of the district of Cambridge Yeoman Appraised at . . . . .	330	20th Febr <sup>y</sup>	6 1/2 M <sup>o</sup> Interest	329.15. 8  8.18. 3
John Herroun of Camb <sup>se</sup> . yeom <sup>n</sup> .	Lot N <sup>o</sup> 26 in the division of Hosick patent between the heirs of James Van Cortlant dec <sup>d</sup> : Lat the property of Henry White now or late a Member of the Council of the Colony of New York Esq <sup>r</sup> : Appraised at . . . . .	234	2 March	7 M <sup>o</sup> Interest	227.12. 5  6.12. 5
Lieu <sup>t</sup> William Colbreath	2 Lots of land in Pitts Town known by the Name of Lot N <sup>o</sup> 24 and 75. Estimated Each at 105 Acres late the property of Robert Leake of the County of Albany Gentleman Appraised at.	168	21 March	8 M <sup>o</sup> Interest	166. 4. 9  5.10. 8
Sergeant Hugh Lacey NYork	A house & lot of Ground in the first ward of the City of Albany Late the property of Dennis Gibbons of the City of Albany — Baker Appraised at . . . . .	66	4 April	8 M <sup>o</sup> Interest	47.19.  1.12.
				£ 948	£ 948. 2.10

## Estates Forfeited

The Military and Civil Titles, given in this list, had been granted under the Colony, before the War:—

Ackerson Garret	Colden Cadwallader, Lt. Gov.	Fowler Jonathan, jr.	Jessup Ebenezer
Ackerson John	Colden David	Fowler Solomon	Jessup Edward
Ackerson Matthias	Cole Simon	Fowler Stephen	Jessup Joseph
Aleya Isaac	Constable Abraham	Frazier Hugh	Johnson Abraham
Anderson John	Corey Griffin	Frazier Thomas	Johnson Elizabeth
Anderson Jonathan	Cornwell George	Frazier William	Johnson Guy, Col.
Armstrong John	Cotter James	Freehoudt Isaac	Johnson John, Sir
Avery Thomas	Covel Simeon	French Benjamin	Johnson John
Axtell William, Council	Crannell Bartholomew	French Charity	Johnson Magdalen
Barclay Thomas	Crawford James	Frost Caleb	Johnson Margaret
Barclay Thomas H.	Crawford John	Frost Jacob	Johnson William, Sir
Barker Thomas	Crookshank Alexander	Fuller Lemuel	Jones Daniel
Bartlefolk Johannis	Cruger John Harris, Council	Furnival James	Jones David
Bates John	Cummings Patrick	Getman John	Jones John
Bauck Frederick	Cuyler Abraham C.	Gibbons Dennis	Jones Jonathan
Bayard Robert	Davenport Gabriel	Gibson John, Sr.	Jones Philip
Bayard William, Col.	Dean Nicholas	Gidney John	Jones Thomas, Justice
Beach Theophilæet	De Lancey James, Lt. Gov. & Council	Gidney Joseph	Kane John
Beach Theophilus	De Lancey Oliver, Adj. Gen.	Gidney Joshua	Kempe John Tabor, Atty. & Advocate Gen.
Beaty David	De Lancey Stephen	Green James	Kip Benjamin
Becker Bastian	De Lancey & Jauncey	Green Joseph	Kissam Daniel
Bedford Jonathan	Des Brosses Elias	Gregg Abraham	Kool Johannis
Billop Christopher	Desbrosses Elizabeth	Gregg John	Laight Edward
Blauvelt David	Desbrosses Magdalen	Griggs Abraham	Laight William
Blauw Waldron	Devoe Frederick	Griggs Johannes	Lamb James
Bobbett Daniel	Dickenson Gilbert	Griggs John	Lawrence Effingham, Capt.
Bogart Guysbert	Dickinson James	Hare James	Lawrence John
Bogart Jacobus	Dickinson Samuel	Harring Peter T.	Leake John
Bond Richard	Dickinson Tertullus	Harris Samuel	Leake Robert
Bowen William R.	Dobbs Walter	Hatfield Barnes	Leake Thomas
Bower Casper	Dockstader John	Hawley Ezekiel, jr.	Leight Edward
Bowne James	Dodge Stephen	Herkimer Johan Jost, Capt.	Leight W.
Brown Johannes	Dowers Joseph	Heustice David	Lent Abraham
Brush Shubal	Drake Peter	Hoaksley Robert	Lent Adolph
Butler John, Col.	Duncan Richard	Hoffnagle John	Lent Peter
Butler Walter, Ens.	↗Eckerson Garrit Jacob	Hoffnagle Michael	Leonard George
Butler William, Lt. Col.	Emmons Eli	Hogel John	Leonard James
Cameron Duncan	Emmons John	Holmes James	Leonard John
Campbell Allen	Empie Johannis W.	Holmes Lewis	Lewis Benjamin
Campbell Duncan	Empie John P.	Holmes Stephen	Lloyd Henry
Carpenter Archelaus	Empie Philip	Holt Moses	Long David
Carpenter Henry	Ennis John	Howard John	Lounsbury William
Carpenter Latting	Fisher Daniel	Huggeford Peter	Low Isaac
Carrigan Patrick	Fisher Donald	Hulet James	Low John
Chase Reuben	Flewelling Abel	Huls James	Ludlow Gabriel G.
Chew Joseph	Flewelling Thomas	Hultse James	Ludlow George D.
Claus Daniel, Col.	Floyd Richard	Hunt Benjamin	Mabbett Joseph S., Admr.
Clement Lewis	Folliott George	Inglis Charles, Rev.	Mabbett Samuel
Clinton Henry, Sir	Ford Joseph	Ireland John	Mabie Cornelius
Cloos Abm.		Jansen Simon	Mabie Cornelius P.
↗Cloos Benj.		↗Jauncey James, Council	Mabie Lewis
Clows Peter		Jauncey & De Lancey	McAdams William
Cock Zoar			

McAlpin Daniel	Munro John	St. Croix Joshua Temple De	Van Alstyne Peter Sander
McAlpin John	Murison George	Sammons Thomas	Van Cortland Augustus
McClannan Peter	Nellis Henry W.	Schell Johannis	Vanderpool Isaac
McComb John	Nellis Robert	Schut Alexander	Van Dyne Dow
McDonald James	Nellis Robert Wm.	Scutt Alexander	Van Horne Augustus
McDonald John	Noxon Bartholomew	Seaman Adam	Van Horne David
McDonnell John	Oakley Miles	Seaman Benjamin	Van Petten Arent
McGinnis George	Ogden Benjamin	Seaman Israel	Van Waggenen James
McGinnis Robert	Oliver Frederick	Service Christian	Vedder Cornelis A.
McKenzie Roderick	Osborn Nathan	Service Christophe	Ver Planck Gullian
McLarin Peter	Outwater Daniel	Service Clara	Waite Benjamin
McLeod Norman, Capt.	Outwater Thomas	Sharpe Guysbert	Wallace Alexander
McNiff Patrick	Palmer Edmund	Sheets Jacob	Wallace Hugh, Council
McNish Joseph	Palmer Edward	Shell Johannes	Ward Edmund
Macomb John	Palmer Lewis	Sisson James	Ward Edmund
Matthews David	Partelow Amos	Skene Andrew Philip, Lt.	Ward Israel
Matthias Hannicol	Pearsall Thomas	Skene Philip, Maj.	Watson Jacob
Matthias Hendrick	Peck Caleb	Skene Philip & Andrew	Watts John
Mattice Hendrick	Peemart Francis	Smith Austin	Weatherhead John
Mattice John	Pell John	Smith John	Weeks John
Mattice John Nicholas	Pell John, jr.	Smith John Johnson	Welling John
Medlar John	Pell Joshua	Smith William	Welling Peter
Menzes Alexander	Pell Joshua, jr.	Smith William, jr.	Welling William
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Merkle Christopher	Polhemus Johannes	Sprage Thomas	White Henry, Council
Merkle Jacob	Quackenboss Adrian	Springer William	White Thomas
Merrit Joseph	Quackenboss Gosen	Sprong Volkert	Whitney Nathan
Merritt John	Rapalje Abraham	Summers Peter	Wickham Parker
Merritt Thomas	Rapalje Dina	Ten Brook Peter	Wilcox Hazard
Miller Anthony	Rapalje John	Theal Charles	Williams Isaac
Miller Gilbert	Reed William	Thompson Edward	Williamson Garrit
Mitchell John	Rider Ebenezer	Thompson John	Wood John
Moffatt William	Riemer John	Tice Gilbert	Woods James
Moore William	Robinson Beverley	Titus Isaac	Wragg Richard
Moorhouse Jonathan	Robinson Thomas	Tobias Christian	Wright Jonathan
Morris Richard E.	Rodgers William	Tobias Joseph	Wright William
Morris Roger, Maj. & Col. & Council	Roosa Guisbert	Townsend Uriah	Yoemans George
Morrison John	Roosa Jacobus	Travis Charles	Youmans John
Morrison Malcom	Row John Peter	Travis Jeremiah	Young Adam
Mosher Hugh	Rowland Smith	Travis William	Young Frederick
Mott Jacob	Ruble John	Tryon William (Sir) Gov.	Youngs Isaac
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Munro Hugh	Russell Jacob	Tuttle Stephen	Ziely Adam
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