

read the report in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

T U E S D A Y, 10 o'Clock A. M. January 30, 1787.

A petition of John Davenport, an insolvent debtor, was read and referred to Mr. Denning, Mr. Frey, and Mr. Patterson.

The engrossed bill entitled *An act to remit certain Penalties, Fines, and Amerciaments*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Purdy deliver the bill to the Honorable the Senate and request their concurrence.

Mr. Vrooman from the Committee of the whole House, on the bill entitled *An act to regulate Elections*, reported, that the Committee have gone through the bill and made amendments, which he was directed to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y, 10 o'Clock, A. M. JANUARY 31, 1787.

A petition of Henry Remsen, Archibald Currie, and others, merchants in the city of New-York, was read and referred to Mr. Brooks, Mr. Sickles, Mr. E. Clark, Mr. Cantine, and Mr. Thorne.

A petition of Luman Wattles, relative to an equitable claim to lands (purchased of John Harper) was read and referred to Mr. Malcom, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Crane.

A petition of Elizabeth Holt, relative to a balance of a salary, claimed to have become due to John Holt, as State Printer, was read and referred to Mr. Ray, Mr. Purdy, and Mr. John Livingston.

A petition of Margaret Livingston and others relative to a division of the township of New-Stamford, in Ulster county, was read and referred to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Denning, and Mr. Doughty.

A petition of William Gilbert and others, Collectors of Tax in the city and county of New-York, was read and referred to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Sickles, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Jones, Mr. Wykoff, Mr. Frost, Mr. Rockwell, Mr. Duboys, Mr. Taulman, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Batcheller, and Mr. Savage.

A petition of Thomas Ten Eyck, relative to two lots of ground by him purchased of Robert Dale, was read and referred to Mr. Denning, Mr. Dongan, and Mr. Lockwood.

A petition of James Wilson, relative to a farm forfeited to and vested in the People of this State, by the conviction of John Docksteder, and some time since sold and conveyed, was read and referred to Mr. James Livingston, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Taulman.

A petition of Francis Thomas, John Darrah, and James F. Atlee, respectively praying that their names may be inserted in the first bill that shall pass for the naturalization of foreigners, was read and referred to Mr. Doughty, Mr. Martin, and Mr. C. Smith.

A petition of James Yates, confined in Albany gaol, for the murder of his wife and children, and esteemed to have been a lunatic, was read and referred to Mr. Tierce, Mr. Glen, and Mr. Batcheller.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Justice Hobart, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill entitled *An act for preventing Delays by Essoins and Protections, and for abolishing Trials of Issues by Wager of Law*, the bill entitled *An act concerning Justices of the Peace*, the bill entitled *An act for preventing Waste*, and the bill entitled *An act to alter the place of holding Elections in Caughnawaga District, in the county of Montgomery*, should respectively become laws of this State.

Mr.

Ordered, That Mr. Frey deliver the two last mentioned bills to the Honorable the Senate, and inform them, that this House have concurred in the amendments to the said bills respectively; and that the bills are amended accordingly.

A Message from the Honorable the Senate was delivered by Mr. Van Nefs, with the bill therein mentioned, that the Senate have passed the bill entitled, *An act concerning Murder*, without amendment.

A Message from the Honorable the Senate, was delivered by Mr. Williams, with the bills therein mentioned, that the Senate have passed the bill entitled, *An act for preventing and punishing Rapes, and the forcible taking of Women*; the bill entitled, *An act for the Punishment of the Vice of Buggery*; and the bill entitled, *An act for the better apprehending of Felons*, respectively without amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Havens deliver the four last mentioned bills, to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee of the whole House, on the bill entitled, *An act concerning Tenures*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the bill without amendment, which he was directed to report to the House: And he read the report in his place, and delivered the bill in at the table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed.

Mr. Lockwood, from the Committee of the whole House, on the bill entitled, *An act concerning Uses*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the bill, without amendment; which he was directed to report to the House: And he read the report in his place, and delivered the bill in at the table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed.

Mr. Hamilton, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Edgar, and others, proprietors of lands in the patent commonly called the Oneida purchase, praying leave to bring in a bill for the partition of the said tract of land, agreeable to a former survey thereof, made by order of the then proprietors, brought in the report of the said Committee, which was read and concurred in. Thereupon,

Resolved, (if the Honorable the Senate concur herein) that leave be granted to William Edgar and others, proprietors of lands in the patent called the Oneida purchase, to present a bill for the partition of the said lands, to either House of the Legislature, after publishing, in two of the News-papers printed in the city of New-York, the substance of the said petition, and a copy of this resolution, for the space of three weeks.

Ordered, That Mr. Griffen deliver a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the Senate.

Mr. Hamilton, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Livingston, and others, Proprietors in part of the Township of New-Stamford, in the County of Ulster, praying leave to present a bill for the partition of the said Township, according to a former survey thereof made by Wooster, brought in the report of the said Committee, which was read and agreed to. Thereupon,

Resolved, (if the Honorable the Senate concur herein) that leave be granted to Margaret Livingston, and others, Proprietors in part of the township of New-Stamford, in the county of Ulster, to present a bill for the partition of the said Township, to either House of the Legislature, after publishing in two of the News Papers printed in the City of New-York, the substance of the said petition, and a copy of this Resolution for the space of four weeks.

Ordered, That Mr. Griffen deliver a copy of the last preceding Resolution to the Honorable the Senate.

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, the fifteenth day of February instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the bill entitled, *An act for granting to the United States in Congress assembled, certain Imposts and Duties upon foreign Goods imported into this State, for the purpose of discharging the Debts contracted by the United States during, the late War with Great-Britain.*

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Justice Yates, "That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill entitled *An act for regulating Elections*, should become a law of this State."

A Message

Resolved, That the House do concur with the committee in the said report ; and

Ordered, That the same Committee do prepare and bring in such clause.

Mr. Hamilton from the Committee who reported on the petition of Margaret Livingston and others, according to order, brought in a bill entitled, *An act for dividing the township of New Stamford in Ulster county*, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Taulman from the Committee of the whole House, on the bill entitled, *An act to erect the settlements of Woodstock and great and little Shandaken into a separate district*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the bill and made amendments, which he was directed to report to the House ; and he read the report in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

T H R E E o'clock, P. M.

A petition of William Maclure and others, bearing date the ninth day of January last, relative to lands therein said to have been by them formerly located in the Surveyor General's office, was read, and referred to Mr. Lansing, Mr. Ludenton and Mr. Thorne.

Mr. Glen from the Committee of the whole House, on the bill entitled, *An act to remove doubts respecting judgment bonds given to the Commissioners of forfeitures, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the bill and made amendments, which he was directed to report to the House ; and he read the report in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Glen from the Committee of the whole House, on the bill entitled, *An act to institute an University within this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, reported, that in proceeding in the bill, a recital and enacting clause were read, in the words following, *viz.*

“ And whereas by the eleventh section of the act entitled, *An act for the speedy sale of the unappropriated lands within this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, passed the 5th day of May, 1786, the Surveyor General is directed to mark one lot in every township of land, then already laid out, or to be laid out by virtue of the said act, to be applied by the legislature for promoting literature in this State ; Therefore,

“ Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners of the land office, for the time being, shall, and they hereby are required, to grant letters patent, to the regents of the University by this act established, for all such lots so already laid out, or hereafter to be laid out.”

That the said recital and enacting clause having been read and considered, Mr. Lansing made a motion that the said recital and clause should be rejected ; that the question having been put on the said motion, it was carried in the affirmative ; and that the said recital and enacting clause were accordingly rejected.

That afterwards another enacting clause of the said bill was read, and is in the words following, *viz.*

“ And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any citizen or citizens, or bodies corporate within this State, being minded to found a college, at any place within the same, he or they shall, in writing, make known to the regents, the place where, the plan on which, and the funds with which it is intended to found and provide for the same ; and who are proposed for the first Trustees : And in case the Regents shall approve thereof, then they shall declare their approbation by an instrument under their common seal, and allow a convenient time for completing the same. And if at the expiration of the said time, it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Regents, that the said plan and propositions are fully executed, then they shall, by act, under their common seal, declare, that the said College, to be named as the founder shall signify, and with such Trustees, not exceeding twenty-four, nor less than ten, as they shall name, shall forthwith become incorporated, and shall have perpetual succession, and shall enjoy

Ordered, That Mr. Armstrong deliver the bill and amendments to the Honorable the Senate, and inform them, that this House have passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

The bill entitled, *An act to amend an act entitled, "an act for the establishment of a Custom House,"* was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to be taken in consideration with the bill entitled, *An act imposing duties on goods and Merchandize imported into this State.*

The bill entitled, *An act for dividing the township of New Stamford in Ulster county,* was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Lansing from the Committee who reported on the petition of Cadwallader Colden, on behalf of the children of David Colden deceased, according to order, brought in a bill entitled, *An act for vesting the estate of David Colden deceased, not already sold by the Commissioners of forfeitures, in Cadwallader Colden, upon certain conditions therein mentioned,* which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A copy of a resolution of the Honorable the Senate, delivered by Mr. Swartwout, with the bill therein mentioned, was read, that the Senate do recede from such of the amendments to the bill entitled, *An act for the more speedy recovery of debts to the value of Ten pounds,* as were not concurred in by this House.

Ordered, That the bill be amended agreeable to the amendments concurred in by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Armstrong deliver the bill to the Honorable the Senate, and inform them that the bill is amended, agreeable to the amendments concurred in by this House.

A message from the Honorable the Senate, was delivered by Mr. Swartwout, with the bill therein mentioned, that the Senate have passed the bill entitled, *An act for the more easy partition of a tract of land called the Oneida purchase,* within the amendments therewith delivered.

The bill and amendments were read; and the amendments being severally read a second time, the first amendment was concurred in by the House, and the other amendments were not concurred in by the House. Thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do concur with the Honorable the Senate in the first amendment, and do not concur in the other amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Armstrong deliver the bill, and a copy of the preceding resolution, to the Honorable the Senate.

A message from the Honorable the Senate, was delivered by Mr. Swartwout, with the bill therein mentioned, that the Senate have passed a bill entitled, *An act making certain certificates receivable in payments for forfeited and unappropriated lands,* to which they request the concurrence of this House.

The said bill was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Honorable the Senate, was delivered by Mr. Hopkins, with the bill therein mentioned, that the Senate have passed the bill entitled, *An act for raising monies by tax,* with the amendments therewith delivered.

The bill and amendments were read; and the amendments were severally read a second time. After some time spent thereon;

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Doughty, on behalf and in the absence of Mr. James Livingston, from the Committee of the whole House, on the bill entitled, *An act imposing duties on Goods and Merchandize imported into this State,* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the House adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

T H R E E o'clock, P. M.

Mr. C. Livingston from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and commonalty of the city of New-York, relative to the arrears of the tax of one hundred thousand pounds, to be raised within the several counties therein mentioned, pursuant to a law passed the 6th of May 1784, and the difficul-