

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 (Esqr)
Person Matthew	Sears Benjamin	Truman Francis	Youngs Israel
Persons Daniel			Youngs 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 .....	1. 0
	To Wine . . . . .		9. 0	29 To toddy . . . . .	2. 0
	To Toddy .....		5. 0	To wine . . . . .	8. 0
	To Cyder . . . . .		3. 0	To toddy . . . . .	1. 6
25	To dinner for 7.....		14. 0	30 To Toddy . . . . .	6. 0
	To Wine . . . . .		16. 0	To 5 at dinner .....	10. 0
	To toddy & Cyder.....		4. 0	To wine . . . . .	16. 0
	To supper for 6.....		9. 0	To Cyder . . . . .	1. 0
	To Wine . . . . .		8. 0	To servt Dinner &c....	1. 6
	To toddy & Cyder ....		6. 0	31 To 9 dinners .....	18. 0
	To waiter, supr & Cyder		1. 6	To Wine 6 Bottles &	
26	To dinner for 13.....	1. 6. 0		Bill .....	2. 9. 0
	To wine . . . . .	1.12. 0		To toddy & Cyder ....	3. 0
	To toddy & Cyder ....	10. 0		To servts Dinner &c...	1. 6
28	To Mr Duane's Break-			Nov <sup>r</sup> 1 To 6 dinners .....	12. 0
	fast . . . . .	1. 6		To wine . . . . .	16. 0
	To 8 Dinners .....	16. 0		To Cyder . . . . .	1. 0
	To toddy & Cyder.....	3. 0		To toddy . . . . .	5. 0
	To wine .....	16. 0		To servts Dinners &c...	1. 6
	To servts Dinr &c.....	1. 3	2	To 13 dinners .....	1. 6. 0

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 do . . . . .	6. 0. 0	
	By do recd from Abraham Depeyster Esq <sup>r</sup> 12 do . . . . .	4. 16. 0	13. 12. 0
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	Balance due to Jon Dunlap . . . . .	£ 19. 0. 0	
	By recd from Mr Benson . . . . .	0. 8. 0	
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	Ballance due to J. D. . . . .	9. 12. 0	
	Stop 7/6 for a pr Shoes he owes me for — C. Sands [Aud'r Gen.] . . . . .	7. 6	
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£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, Secr'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 £1.4.0 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 "Privateers," "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 Ernest 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, Secry 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 Householders 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 £64.3 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 horsses 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 Vitals 1/4, 3 Drams 2—8. . . . .	1	0	0
to 4 Drams 2—8, to 4 Meal of Vitals 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, Loging and hors Keeping . . . . .	0	8	0
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	8	5	8

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
Loging hors Keeping candels . . . . .	0.	5.	0
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	1	7	8

Errors Excepted

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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. Rutgert 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 Phoenix
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 Matenincock 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' Batallion 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 Bourd 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 Wagenen, 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 Wallkill 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 Comanded 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>



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(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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President — Pierre Van Cortlandt  
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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

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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 receipted 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  
 To Disguising the Hangman and other Necessaries . . . . . £ 4. 0.0  
 To 2 Coffins . . . . . 3. 0.0  
 To paid to persons to Bury the above Criminals . . . . . 1. 0.0  
 To John McKneel for Erecting the Gallows &c . . . . . 1. 0.0  
 To Jacobus Louw for Disguising the Hangman and other Necessaries . . . . . 0.16.0  
 To money Expended for Collo. Hoornbeck for himself & Egbert Dumond in attending said Execution . . . . . 2. 0.6

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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. Elmendorph, 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, Serjeant 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 Members 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 members 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

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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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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.

Poughkeepsie, April 15th 1782

Wm. B. Whiting Kings District.

Your most obedient Servant,

Udney Hay State Agent.

[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 M <sup>c</sup> Whorter .....	115
	895 @ 6/—
	£260.10. 0

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 McKesson (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	
Robert Van Rensselaer	William Boerum	Benjamin Coe	<i>Ulster</i>
Peter Vroman	Henry Williams	Philip Edsall	John Cantine
William B. Whiting	<i>New York</i>	Daniel Lawrence	Johannis G. Hardenburgh
<i>Charlotte</i>	Evert Bancker	<i>Richmond</i>	Matthew Rea
John Barns	John Berrien	Abraham Jones**	Cornelius C. Schoonmaker
Ebenezer Clark	Abraham Brasher	Joshua Merserau	Johannes Snyder
John Rowan	Daniel Dunscomb		Henry Wisner, jr.
Ebenezer Russell	Robert Harpur	<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>Westchester</i>
<i>Cumberland</i>	Frederick Jay	David Gelston	Thaddeus Crane
(No returns)	Abraham P. Lott	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Samuel Drake
<i>Dutchess</i>	Henry Rutgers**	Burnet Miller	Robert Graham
Egbert Benson	Jacobus Van Zandt	Thomas Tredwell	Israel Honeywell, jr.
Dirck Brinckerhoff	Peter Pra. Van Zandt	Thomas Wickes	Zebediah Mills
			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

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## 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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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 Van 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	<i>Tryon</i>	Ebenezer Purdy
Egbert Benson	Jacobus Van Zandt	Abraham Copeman	
	Peter Pra. Van Zandt		

#### 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 Beeckman	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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<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 Bacheleer	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 Bacheleer
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			John Moore
Dirck Swart	<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>Queens</i>	William Petrie
Samuel Ten Broeck	(No returns)	Benjamin Birdsall	
Israel Thompson	<i>Kings</i>	Benjamin Coe	<i>Ulster</i>
Isaac Vrooman	William Boerum	Philip Edsall	Johannis Bruyn
Edmund Wells**	Henry Williams	Daniel Lawrence	Charles DeWitt
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>New York</i>	Nathaniel Tom**	Johannis G. Hardenburgh
David Hopkins	Evert Bancker	<i>Richmond</i>	Abraham Hasbrouck
Hamilton McCollister	John Berrien	Joshua Mersereau	James Hunter
Matthew McWhorter	Abraham Brasher		<i>Westchester</i>
John Williams	Daniel Dunscomb	<i>Suffolk</i>	Nathaniel Delavan
<i>Cumberland</i>	Robert Harpur	David Gelston	Abijah Gilbert
(No returns)	Frederick Jay	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Zebediah Mills
<i>Dutchess</i>	Abraham P. Lott	Burnet Miller	Nathan Rockwell
Dirck Brinckerhoff	Jacobus Van Zandt	Thomas Treadwell	Thomas Thomas
Jonathan Dennis	Peter Pra. Van Zandt	Thomas Wickes	Jonathan G. Tompkins

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>	<i>Westchester</i>
David Hopkins	Abraham Brasher	David Gelston	Abijah Gilbert
Hamilton McCollister	Daniel Dunscomb	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Samuel Haight
Joseph McCracken	Robert Harpur	Burnet Miller	John Lawrence
<i>Cumberland</i>	Frederick Jay	Thomas Tredwell	Zebediah Mills
(No returns)	Abraham P. Lott	Thomas Wickes	Ebenezer Purdy
<i>Dutchess</i>	Jacobus Van Zandt	<i>Tryon</i>	Thomas Thomas
Benjamin Birdsall	Peter Pra. Van Zandt	Zephaniah Bacheler	
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 Currt 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>	
John Jay	James Duane	John Jay	<i>Oct. 26, 1781</i>
Philip Livingston	William Duer	<i>Oct. 1, 1779</i>	Egbert Benson*
Isaac Low*	Philip Livingston	James Duane	James Duane
Henry Wisner	Gouverneur Morris	William Floyd	William Floyd
<i>Apr. 20, 1775</i>	Philip Schuyler	John Jay	Ezra L'Hommedieu
John Alsop	<i>Oct. 3, 1777</i>	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Philip Schuyler
Simon Boerum	James Duane	John Morin Scott	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

## THE GOVERNOR

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 16th 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

	<sup>1777</sup>			
Augt	16	To cash Received from the Treasurer. . . . .	£ 200. 0. 0	
	<sup>1778</sup>			
May	16	To ditto £1000 Continental. . . . .	1000. 0. 0	
	<sup>1779</sup>			
March	16	To ditto the Ballance agreeable to an act of the Legislature dated 13 May 1779. . . . .	1204. 10. 6	
				2404. 10. 6
				2404. 10. 6
		Cr.		
	<sup>1779</sup>			
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
				£2404. 10. 6
		Dr.		
	<sup>1779</sup>			
Sept	5	To cash received from the Treasurer . . . . .	£1000. 0. 0	
	<sup>1780</sup>			
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
				£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

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 Expences

The Governor advanced from the 8th March 1779 to March 1780 as by his 2d account rendered. . . . . 3314.19.7 3314.19.7

£5719.16.1

The Ballance of £2314.19.7 was provided for by Act of 13 March 1780 and received from the Treasurer 22d Sept 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	The State of New York To his Excellency Governor Clinton. Dr.	
August	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>r</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	I	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 Gen <sup>l</sup> . McDougal . . . . .	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.	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	
		<b>Cr.</b>		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	1200:0:0
		<b>Bal.</b>		£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.

No. 2215. Govr. Clinton  
£1204:10:6.

Geo. Clinton

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  
100:16:0

By Cash

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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	Carl John	Covenhoven Rem	Hegeman Elbert
Areulanas Philip	Carl Phineas	Ditmars Abraham	Hegeman Rem
Barcalo Harmanes	Carl Platt	Duryee Abraham	Hegeman Sytie
Bennet James	Carl 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 Zebulor
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
Martinse Adrian	Schultz Christopher	Townsend Pryor	VanVoorheis Adrian
Martinse George	Searing Coe	Townsend Sylvanus	VanVorst Cornelius
Martinse 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  
 £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 applièd.

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 Govern't 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  
 £ 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

Jany 1784

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

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 Bouls punch . . . . .	1.16. 0
26	To 3 Bottles Madera . . . . .	1. 4. 0
	To 4 Bouls punch . . . . .	1. 4. 0
	To 1 ditto Grog . . . . .	2. 0
	To 1 ditto punch . . . . .	6. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . .	6. 0
27	To 4 Bouls punch . . . . .	1. 4. 0
	To 2 ditto Grog . . . . .	4. 0
	To 1 pint Madera . . . . .	4. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . .	10. 0
28	To 5 Bouls punch . . . . .	1.10. 0
	To 2 ditto Grog . . . . .	4. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . .	4. 0
29	To 4 Bouls 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 Bouls punch . . . . .	18. 0
	To pipes & tobacco . . . . .	4. 0
	To Grog . . . . .	2. 0
	To paid for Invitation Cards . . . . .	6. 4

£ 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.