

House of Assembly.

TRENTON, Oct. 27, 1818.

This being the constitutional time and legal place for the first meeting of the General Assembly, the following persons, to wit:

From the county of Bergen, Casparus Prior, Nathaniel Board, John Hopper.
Essex, William Gould, Israel Day, Thomas T. Kinney, Samuel B. Miller.
Morris, David Thompson, jun. John S. Darcy, Samuel Halliday, William Brittin.
Sussex, George Beardslee, Robert C. Thomson, Thomas Teasdale, jun.
Hunterdon, Robert M'Neely, Abraham Stout Isaac G. Farlee, George Maxwell.
Somerset, Martin Schenck, Joseph Annin, James Stryker.

Middlesex, James Parker, Allison Ely, jun. Frazer Ayres.

Monmouth, Reuben Shreve, Matthias Van Brakle, Charles Parker, William Teneycke.

Burlington, William Griffith.

Gloucester, Daniel Lake, Samuel Kille, Samuel L. Howell.

Salem, Stacy Lloyd, Thomas Yarrow, John Mayhew.

Cumberland, John Sibley, John Lanning, jun. and Daniel Parvin.

Appeared, produced the certificates of their election, were qualified and took their seats.

On proceeding to the choice of a Speaker, DAVID THOMPSON, jun. esq. of Morris, was unanimously appointed.

Daniel Coleman, esq. was unanimously re-appointed Clerk; and a message sent to Council to inform them of these appointments.

William Gould was re-appointed Door-keeper.

Committees—Mess. Day, M'Neely and Shreve to report Rules—Messrs. Kinney, Darcy and Beardslee to report unfinished business.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, ten o'clock.

John Evans and Samuel Haines appeared, produced their certificates as representatives from the county of Burlington, were qualified and took their seats.

Mr. Day reported rules for the government of the House—Read, and agreed to.

Mr. Kinney presented a memorial from Col. Isaac Andruss, of the county of Essex, suggesting the propriety of making a compilation from the books of discipline for the army of the United States for the use of the militia of this state, which was read, and committed to Messrs. Ten Eycke, Sibley, Halliday, Teasdale and Stryker, who were appointed a standing committee on military subjects.

A message from Council informed, that Council had met, elected Jesse Upson, esq. their Vice-President, James Linn, esq. their Secretary and proceeded to business.

Mr. Griffith, with leave, presented a bill respecting certain accounts of the several brigade paymasters in this state—Read, ordered a second reading, and to be printed.

Committees—Messrs. James Parker, Darcy, Charles Parker, Evans and Yarrow, to settle the accounts of the Treasurer—Messrs. Halliday, Hopper, Ayres, Gould and Sibley, to settle the accounts of the State Prison—and Messrs. M'Neely, Schenck, and Brittin, to bring in a bill for the support of government.

Mr. Hopper presented a petition from Ann Rogers, of Bergen, praying certain legislative aid—Read, and committed to Messrs. Hopper, Miller and Griffith.

Nicholas Willits, as a representative from Cape-May, was qualified, and took his seat—Adjourned to three o'clock.

The House met.—John Newbold, as a representative from Burlington, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Kinney presented a petition from Betsey Williams, of Newark, for a divorce—Read, and committed to Messrs. Kinney, Kille and R. Thompson.

Mr. J. Parker presented a memorial from a number of inhabitants of Middlesex county, for a more efficient law to prevent kidnapping, &c.—Read, and committed to Messrs. J. Parker, Annin and Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that this house is ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to choose a governor, Judge of the Supreme Court, and Clerks of Counties where vacancies have occurred; and request Council to appoint time and place.

Ordered, That Messrs. M'Neely, Lake and Ely, be a committee to bring in an incidental bill.

Mr. Kinney, offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of procuring a compilation and digest of the laws of this state.

Which resolution was read agreed to; and Messrs. Kinney, Griffith and Darcy accordingly appointed.

The Speaker laid before the House the following letter:

To the Honorable the Legislature of New Jersey.

GENTLEMEN,

Your treasurer having made a report to the Trustees of the School-fund of the duties assigned him, makes it necessary

for a similar particular report—Suffice it to say, that by order from the board he has purchased \$16,224 15 of the United States Six per cent. stock, which cost \$16,738 68. Said stock has been sent to Washington, and placed on the books of the Loan-Office of this state.

I suppose a further sum (say \$10,000) will be at the disposal of the trustees after the first of January ensuing.

Yesterday I received a certificate from the Sussex bank for twenty full shares of stock placed to the credit of the state agreeably to the act of incorporation.

My accounts are ready for examination.

Your humble servant,

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

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Which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.—Adjourned.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 10 o'clock.

The House met.—Mr. J. Parker presented petitions from inhabitants of Middlesex and Essex for a law to prevent kidnapping, &c.—Read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Day presented a petition from Jonathan Tomkins, of Essex, for a divorce—Read, and committed to Messrs. Day, Board and Parvin.

Mr. Kinney reported the following unfinished business—

1. A bill to regulate the fisheries in the river Passaic.
2. —to regulate the fees of the Judges, Surrogates, Clerks, and other offices of the Orphan Court.
3. —Concerning the Prerogative Court.
4. —for the formation of a map of New Jersey.
5. —Supplementary to the act making Crosswicks Creek a lawful fence.
6. —Concerning steam-boats.
7. —Concerning free negroes and mulattoes.
8. —to vest in trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers, &c.
9. —for the erection of an additional building and cell in the State Prison.
10. —to provide for publishing the public laws of this state.
11. —to repeal an act relative to roads thro' the property of the state.
12. —supplementary to an act respecting slaves.
13. —to alter the line between Readington and Tewksbury.
14. —relative to the Trenton Library Company.
15. —to aid in the erection of a bridge at the Columbia Glass Manufactory.
16. —to authorise the sale of the real estate of John Riley.
17. —Supplementary to an act respecting Conveyances, and an act to register mortgages.
18. —to incorporate the Columbian and Flatbrook turnpike company.
19. A petition from the widow and heirs of Joshua Parker.
20. —for a division of the county of Gloucester.
21. —for a turnpike at Walpark.
22. —for a bridge over Menantico Creek.
23. A petition from Sussex relative to Pepacotton Creek.
24. A report from the Treasurer respecting delinquent county collectors. Read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Resolved, That there be an adjourned sitting.

A message from Council informed, that Council had appointed Messrs. Crain and Frelinghuysen, or either of them, on the committee to settle with the treasurer, and Messrs. Dodd and Dickinson, or either of them, on the committee to settle the accounts of the state prison; also, that Council will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting on Friday next at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly-room, to choose a Governor, &c.—Adjourned.

The House met.—Messrs. Prior, Gould, Farlee, Ayres, Griffith, Kille, Lloyd and Willits, were added to the Military committee.

The unfinished business was taken up; when

- No. 1, was dismissed.
- 2, Committed to Messrs. Kinney, Newbold and Willits.
- 3, Dismissed.
- 4, Committed to Messrs. J. Parker Darcy, and Yarrow.
- 5, 6, 7 & 8, Dismissed.
- 9, Committed to Messrs. Day, M'Neely and Evans.
- 10, & 11, Read, and ordered 2d readings.
- 12, 13 & 14, Dismissed.
- 15, Committed to Messrs. R. Thompson, Maxwell and Lanning.
- 16, Read, and ordered a 2d reading.
- 17, Committed to Messrs. Brittin, Miller and C. Parker.
- 18, Dismissed.
- 19 & 20, ordered to lie on the table.
- 21, Committed to Messrs. Beardslee Howell, and Halliday.
- 22, 23 & 24, Ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.