

Albany 14th Decemr. 1778

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

1777			
Feb	24	To my Expences at fish kills for 3 days attending the Convention	£ 1: 2
		To horse hire for 11 days at 10/— pr day to go to Esopus to the Convention	5:10
		To Expended for man & horse for 9 days	6: 3
Mar	5	To Cash pd a man to take home my horse 40/— & 12/— for horse feed	2:12
	6	To my Expences to Albany for 1 day	9:10
		the same night lodged at the Kings Arms paid for supper breakfast & dinner next day	1: 2: 6
	7	went to lodgings at 30/— pr week for 3 weeks & washing & sundry other Expences 37/6	7: 2: 6
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			24: 1:10
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			To 150 days time from the first of Feby 1777 until the 30 June 10/— pr day
			75
			<hr/>
			99: 1:10
Credit			
		By Cash recd of James Duane Chairman of the Salt Committee	80
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			19: 1:10

1785
 Arpil 18 Peter Sim personally appeared before me & swore on the holy Evangilist that the above acct is a Just & True one
 P. W. Douw Alderman of the City of Albany

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

PRIVATEERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Francis Lewis Esqr. his a/c with the State of New York

			Maryt. Curr.	Exch Pr Ct	N. Y. Curr
1777					
May 1	To neet Proceeds of Sales of the Schooner Hannah & Cargo as pr account rendd by Luz & Bowley a Baltimore		£11814. 3		
	Sundry Arts taken by Capt. Rogers		129. 2. 9		
			<u>£11943. 5. 9</u>		
	deduct for sundry Ex- penses	£ 72. 1. 3			
	Commissr of Agency at 5 Pr Ct on £11814.3	590.14.3	662.15. 6		
			<u>£11280.10. 3</u>	6 2/3	£12032.11.
	To Hire of the Sloop Montgomery Received from the State of Mary- land		175. 8. 9	"	187. 2. 8
1776					
Novr 6	To So much Received from Ph. Liv- ingston				£ 299. 4.
1778					
Decr 2	To " " "				
	A. B. Bancker	Doll	1000	6 fr 1	66.13. 4
1779					
Octr 19	To So much Received from Continent Treasury	Doll	8000.	30 fr 1	106.13. 4
					<u>£12692. 4. 4</u>
Cr.					
1777					
May 1	By Capn Wm. Rogers So much Suppld him by Luz & Bowley		£ 754.12. 6		
	So much by Fs Lewis		30.		
	for 2 Pd Linnen		47. 4.		
	Sundry Art. taken by him		94. 6. 9		
			<u>£ 926. 3. 3</u>	6 2/3	987.18.
	By Sundry Articles taken by Capn Rogers for the use of the Crew of Sloop Montgomery		34.16	"	37. 2. 6
	By his Commissr on £10319.11. at 2 1/2 Pr Ct		<u>£ 257.19. 6</u>	"	275. 3. 6

1777		
May	1 By the following Articles bought of Margaret Duncan for the Troops of the York Line 25 Ps Coating 615 Yds at 65/ 4 Ps half Tick 132 Yds at 35/	£1992. 5. " 231. <hr/> £2223. 5
	By Service as Delegate in Congress from 1 Jany 1776 to 23 May 1777, 508 days a 34/ By Service as Delegate in Congress from 1 decr 1777 to 20 Novr 1779 720 days a 34/ Ballance due the State	 1224. 6932. 19 <hr/> £12692. 4. 4 <hr/> £ 6932. 19
	To Ballance due the State	

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

12 Certificates Issued out of the Pensylvany Loan Office of 1000 dolls

Each dated the 24th Decr 1778 is	12000
1 ditto dated Jany 25 1779	1000
1 ditto Nov 13 1779	1000

14000 at 8/
£5600.
1332. 19

3332 & 3/8 dolls in Continentl Money at 8/—

£6932. 19

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

Comfort Sands
Wm. Denning
Henry Remsen [Auditors]

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

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

John McKesson Secy

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

Jacobus Van Zandt.

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

Gerard Bancker.

In provincial Congress — New York October 21st 1775.

Present Nathaniel Woodhull Esquire President &c

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

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

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

John McKesson late Secy of the Provincial Congress.

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

1775

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

£4100. 0. 0

1776			
Decembr	31	To ditto of ditto of Cargo Shiptd pr Ship Rosomond Write Southgate Mastr — bound to Mercellious Consigned to Mr. James Van Zandt Merch on board, as pr Account B	£2738. 5
June	6	To Ballance due to James Van Zandt for his Commissions as pr Acct Current C	270. 0. 8
		To my Attendance fitting out the Priveteer Schooner Genl. Putman in april 1776, on Acct. of Provincial Congress	25. 0.
		To 2 pr Swiffle Guns supplyd at £8 pr	16. 0. 0
		To postage of sundry letters	1. 10. 2
		To 15 days Warfage of Priveteer Montgomery 3/	2. 5.
		To postage letters from Saml Curson	1. 6. 8
Cr.			£7154. 8. 3
1775			
Sepr	22	By Cash of Peter V. B. Livingston Treasurer	£4000. 0. 0
1776			
March	8	By ditto of ditto	167. 19.
Decemb	3	By ditto of ditto	2500. 0. 0
		Ball due to Jacobus Van Zandt Carried to New Account	486. 9. 3
			£7154. 8. 3
1776			
Decemb	31	To Balle due from above	486. 9. 3
P. S.		Interest due on Same till paid this is Exclusive of Sloop Nancey which is to be left to Genl Assembly — for £600 — more	
New York Decembr 31, 1776		Errors Exceptd	
		Jacobus Van Zandt	

Copy of a Memorandum Recd of Jaco Vanzandt

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

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

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

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

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

Capt. John Harrison

New York 5 August 1776.

Sir

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

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt

Henry Remsen

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

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

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

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

Dr.		Cr.
1776	To Charges & Expences &c.....	16. 9. 0
	To pd Obed Bunker pr Ord'r the judges for Sails	66. 4. 2 1/2
	To the Sherefs Commission at 1 pr Cent	5. 0. 5
	To the Judges Fees &c pr Recpt.....	33. 0. 1
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	To the Balla divided betwixt the Schuyler & Montgomery	381. 4. 6 1/2
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		501. 18. 3
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	Cr.	
	By the Amount of Sales of the Vessel & Her Cargo	501. 18. 3
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Sloop Montgomery	44 men		
To 6 Carriage Guns	6		
12 Swevels	6	56.....	£201. 8 1 1/2
Sloop Schuyler	42 men		
6 Carriage Guns	6		
4 Swevels	2	50	£179.16. 5 1/2
2/3ds the Continents part			119.17. 7 1/2
1/3 the Captors pd Jared Miles	£56. 0. 3		
My Commission on £78.11. 0			
being the Captors part of the			
Gross Sales at 5 pr Cent	3.18. 6 1/2		59.18.9 1/2
			179.16. 5
			£381. 4. 6 1/2

Cr.

By the Ballance to be proportioned between the Schuyler & Montgomery £381. 4. 6 1/2

Providence 11 February, 1777, Errors Excepted Daniel Tillinghast.

The "Nancy" was used in the American service after her capture.

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

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

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

1776

January 23	Paid Col. McDougel for the Sloop	£325. 0. 0
Febry 26	Paid Capt. James Smith his Accot of Outfit	248. 0. 10
April 17	Paid do portledge Bill &c &c.....	268.12. 6 1/2
	Paid do. do. do	124. 9. 2
March 4	Paid do on Accot of Seamen's Wages	50. 0. 0
12	Paid Chr Duyckink for Sails.....	17.19. 0

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

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

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

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

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

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SHIPS

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

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

See Voucher

The State of New York To Comfort Sands

Dr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 Cr 2 gr 15 lb Oakum	£107. 4. 4
151 ps Pitch	197.16. 0
7 ps Tarr	5. 8. 0
23 Cr Cordage	223.11. 5 1/2
1371 Oars	318. 6. 0
8 ps Turpentine	27. 0. 0
different Articles	22. 3. 4

£ 901. 9. 1 1/2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE CIVIL SERVICE

THE JUDICIARY

COURTS AND JUDGES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Albany Jan'y 14th 1781

£350.

Robert Yates —

State of New York in Account with John M ^c Kesson Esq ^r	
Dr	To Amot. of Costs of Prosecutions in Supreme Court as Per Accot. No. 1. £ 548:16: 3
	To Amot. of Costs of Prosecutions in Court Oyer & Terminer as Pr. Account No. 2
	1077:14: 0
	To Costs on Indictments on Confiscation Law
	2020:19: 0
	To Travelling Charges
	223: 6: 8
	To Counsel Fees on Indictments drawn by him on Confiscation Law.....
	147:18: 0
£ 4018:13:11	

Cr. By the Appraised value of a certain House conveyd to him, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature	
	1750: 0: 0
Ballance due John M ^c Kesson	
	2268:13:11
£ 4018:13:11	

To Gerard Bancker Esq^r Treasurer of the State of New York —

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

Given under our Hands this thirteenth day of December 1787

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

THE LEGISLATIVE

THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESSES

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

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

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

Provincial Congress to James Rivington Dr.

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

1775 Augt 17	To Do. forming a Militia.....	£0.16.0
	To Do. the propriety of exporting flax seed	0. 5.0
Sept ^r 7	To Do. not to assist the Ministerial army and navy	1.17.0
14	To Do. necessary to detain Capn Wynn	0. 5.0
28	To Do. Deserters	0. 8.0
Oct ^r 19	To Do. that the Congress be dissolved on the 14 day of November	0.10.0
26	To Do. touching the election of a future provincial Congress....	0. 5.0
[This Account was Audited Mar. 5, and Paid Mar. 8, 1776]		
		£ 7.17.0

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

President — Peter Van Brugh Livingston

Presidents Pro Tem.—Nathaniel Woodhull and Abraham Yates*

Vice President — Volkert P. Douw*

Secretaries — John McKesson and Robert Benson

Doorkeeper — Thomas Pettit

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

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

* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

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

Among the documents relating to this Congress is the following

In Provincial Congress New York Feby. 18th 1776.

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

Rob^t. Benson Secr^y.

1776

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

April 18th To 2 months pay, as port Master, Appointed by the Honbl. Provincial Congress, for Attending with Supplys of Provisions &c. on board his Britanic Majesties Ship of war the Asia Phenix & Dutchess of Gordon Gov^r. Tryon Ships &c. 2 months pay at 18 1/3 Doll..... £14:13: 4.
[This Account was audited Sept. 30, and paid Oct. 1, 1790]

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

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

May the 18, 1776 The County of Albany To Francis Nicoll	
For his Services attending the provincial Congress in New York these following Days —	
From May the 18, 1775 to June the 7, Days	21
From June the 25 to July the 10	16
From September the 10 to October the 8	29
From November the 19 to December the 17	29
From February the 9 to March the 8	27
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in all a 10/—	122
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Francis Nicoll	£ 61. 0. 0.

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

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

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

<i>Albany</i>	Henry Schenck	Anthony Rutgers	Selah Strong*
John James Bleecker*	Petrus Ten Broeck*	Comfort Sands*	Thomas Tredwell*
Jacob Cuyler*		John Morin Scott	Thomas Wickham
Leonard Gansevoort*	<i>Kings</i>	Isaac Sears*	Nathaniel Woodhull
Henry Glen	Nicholas Couwenhoven*	Thomas Smith*	<i>Tryon</i>
Peter R. Livingston	John Leffertse*	Isaac Stoutenburgh*	John Moore
Francis Nicoll	Theodorus Polhemus*	John Van Cortlandt	Isaac Paris
Henry Oothoudt*	Rutger Van Brunt*	Theodorus Van Wyck*	William Wills
Peter Silvester*	John Vanderbilt*	Jacobus Van Zandt	<i>Ulster</i>
Abraham Ten Broeck	<i>New York</i>		Samuel Brewster*
Robert Van Rensselaer	Evert Bancker*	<i>Orange</i>	Matthew Cantine
Abraham Yates, jr.	James Beekman	William Allison*	Andries DeWitt*
Robert Yates*	Abraham Brasher*	Jeremiah Clark*	Andries Le fever*
<i>Charlotte</i>	Cornelius Clapper*	Peter Clowes*	Thomas Palmer
John Williams*	William Denning*	Theunis Cuyper*	Matthew Rea
<i>Cumberland</i>	Joseph Hallett*	John Haring*	Henry Wisner
Paul Spooner*	Benjamin Helme*	Ann Hawk Hay*	Dirck Wynkoop, jr.
William Williams	John Imlay	<i>Queens</i>	<i>Westchester</i>
<i>Dutchess</i>	Benjamin Kissam*	(No Delegates)	Gilbert Drake
Jacob Everson*	P. Van Brugh Livingston	<i>Richmond</i>	Joseph Drake*
Morris Graham*	Gabriel W. Ludlow*	Adrian Bancker*	Lewis Graham*
Cornelius Humphreys*	Alexander McDougall*	Richard Lawrence*	Robert Graham*
John Kaine*	John Morton*	<i>Suffolk</i>	Ebenezer Lockwood
Gilbert Livingston*	Samuel Prince	Daniel Brown*	William Paulding*
Robert G. Livingston*	John Ray*	David Gelston	John Thomas, jr.*
Beverly Robinson*	Isaac Roosevelt	John Sloss Hobart	Pierre Van Cortlandt*
	Adrian Rutgers*	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Stephen Ward*

* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

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

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

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

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

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

£ 91. 1. 0

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

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

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

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

* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

Roeloff Van Houten*	Richard Lawrence*	John Moore	Christopher Tappen
Henry Wisner	Paul Micheau*	Benjamin Newkirk*	Henry Wisner
<i>Queens</i>	<i>Suffolk</i>	Isaac Paris	<i>Westchester</i>
Jacob Blackwell*	Daniel Brown*	Volkert Veeder*	Gilbert Drake
Thomas Hicks*	Thomas Dering	Christopher P. Yates*	Peter Fleming*
Abraham Kettletas*	David Gelston		Lewis Graham*
Jonathan Laurence	John Sloss Hobart	<i>Ulster</i>	Samuel Haviland*
Waters Smith*	Ezra L'Hommedieu	Samuel Brewster*	Ebenezer Lockwood
James Townsend*	Burnet Miller*	Matthew Cantine	Zebediah Mills
Samuel Townsend	William Smith	George Clinton*	Gouverneur Morris
Cornelius Van Wyck*	Selah Strong	Charles De Witt	Lewis Morris*
John Williams*	Thomas Tredwell*	Abraham Hasbrouck	Jonathan Platt*
<i>Richmond</i>	Thomas Wickham	Arthur Parks	Benjamin Smith*
Richard Conner*	Nathaniel Woodhull	Levi Pawling	Jonathan G. Tompkins
Aaron Cortelyou*	<i>Troy</i>	Matthew Rea	Pierre Van Cortlandt
John Journey*	William Harper	Johannis Snyder*	

The **Fourth Provincial Congress** was the last of the Representative Bodies before the adoption of the first Constitution of the State. It met at White Plains July 9, 1776. On the following day, the name was changed to "The Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York"; and, thenceforth, it was known as **The Convention**. On July 27, the Convention adjourned to meet at Harlem on July 29. The session at Harlem continued until Aug. 29; when, the threatened invasion of the Enemy being close at hand, adjournment was made to Fishkill. The public business was entrusted to the Committee of Safety. The Convention met at Fishkill, Sept. 5 to 7; Sept. 14 to Oct. 5, when the public business was again entrusted to the Committee of Safety; Oct. 15; Dec. 5 and 6; and, on Feb. 11, 1777, adjourned to meet in Kingston. The session at the latter place began Mar. 6; and ended, May 13, 1777. A Constitution for the State was formed, and a Council of Safety was elected to administer the government temporarily. Thus the Fourth Provincial Congress gradually gave way to the newly-created Legislature (See "The Legislature.")

The migratory character of the Convention is shown in the documents relating to the Records of the Officers of that body. As late as March, 1776, the Records were stored, under guard, at the house of Nicholas Bayard, in the Out Ward of the City of New York. As the Enemy occupied the City, and other places to the Northward, the Records were sent to a safe distance inland.

The State of New York to Abraham Hasbrouck, Joseph Gasherie, Christopher Tappen and Dirck Wynkoop — Junr Dr

1776		
June 16 th	To Riding the Record of the Secretarys office from the Landing in 12 Loads a. 5/—.....	£ 3. 0. 0
	To Storing the Records from the 16 th June 1776 to the 12 th October 1777, 69 Weeks a. 8/—.....	27. 12. 0
	To Lodging & Diating Samuel Bayard, Junr, Esq. 69 weeks a 20/—.	69. 0. 0
	To fire wood & Candles for Do.....	20. 0. 0
	Keeping Mr. Bayard's horse from the 23 ^d June 1776 to the 12 th October 1777	33. 0. 0
	Lodging Mr Bayard's Servant from the 23 ^d June 1776 to the 12 th October 1777	34. 0. 0

* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

1777			
Oct ^r	12 th	To Riding the above Records from Kingston to Rochester in 10 Waggon a 24/—.....	£12. 0. 0
		Providing Waggon and Attending the Removal to Rochester and Delivering the Records Unto Hendricus Hoornbeek, Comfort Sands & Johannis G. Hardenbergh, Esq ^r , According to a Resolve of the Council of Safety for said State of New York.....	3. 0. 0
[This account was paid Dec. 31, 1777]			£ 191.12. 0
1776		The Convention of the State of New York To Gerard Bancker Dr.	
June	30	To Cash pd. for a Box to put in the Vouchers	£ 1:
		a lock for ditto.....	4:
		pd for a Money Chest with Clasps	1: 4:
		pd Bayley for making a Strong Lock	16:
		pd freight for Chests &c. from N.York to Tarry Town ..	12:
		pd for a barrel in N. Y. & Cartage	6:
July	25	To my Service as Clerk to the Auditor from the 9th to 25th July — 17 days at 6/.....	5: 2:
Sept.	25	To my Expences in going after differ ^t . persons in W. Chester Co. who had delivered the Pork to Comm ^y . Trumble for their Rect. and afterwards to Mr. Trumble for Money — 5 Days, including horse hire	3: 0:
Oct ^r .	15	To my Expence in going part of the way to Philad ^a after money in Company with Col. Birdsale & bearing his Expences, including my horse hire and ferriages.....	2:16: 0
Octobr.	28	To my Expences in going to Joseph Paulding's after Mr. Curte- nius's papers — 3 Days.....	1:16:
			£ 16:16: 0

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

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York-Fishkill December 21st 1776.

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

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

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

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

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

A true copy from the Minutes of the Convention —

Attest

John McKesson Secr'y —

James Livingston Chairman of the Committee of Safety

January 16th 1777

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

Whereas the County of Queens, being now in the Power of the Enemy, it hath become impracticable to assemble a County Committee therein:

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

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

£200.

Attest

Rob't Benson, Secr'y —

By Order.

Ab^m Ten Broeck President

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

Jon'n Laurence

The Officers and Deputies were paid, as follows.

The State of New York To Robt. Benson Dr.

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

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

£ 454:13:6

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

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

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

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

Dollars 188

John Livingston, Chairman

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

In Convention of the State of New York — Kingston April 26th 1777

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

Attest

Pierre Van Cortlandt, V. Prest.

Robt Benson Secr'y —

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

The State of New York to Thomas Pettit, Dr.

1776

August 31 st To my Service as Doorkeeper to the Convention from the 1 st Instant to this Day, is 31 Days at 8/—	£12. 8.0
To Cash pd a party of Soldiers at Fort Washington for carrying the secretaries Baggage, papers &c off to the Sloop	0. 16.0
To my Expences coming up with the Sloop & Baggage	1. 3.0
To Cash pd Cleaning the Harlem Church	0. 4.6

[Thomas Pettit received pay for this Claim, Sept. 12, 1776]

£14. 11.6

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Deputies, or Delegates, were:—

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

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

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

1776

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

* Does not appear in the documents as a Deputy

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

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

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

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

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

1776

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

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

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Jany.	23	100 Resolves concerning the Small Pox	£ 0:12:
	24	Instructing for Recruiting	2:
		100 Resolves for Calling the Convention	10:
		200 do for Collecting fines	1:
Feb.	11	Postage of a Packet from Virginia to Convention	18:6
	12	1000 American Crisis No. 2	12:10:
	20	500 Resolves for a Fast Day	1:11:
March	7	500 do of 1st March for supervision, Price of Grain &c.	2:10:
		6 sheets large Paper 2/	2:
		300 Hand Bills, concerning Disaffected Persons	1:10:
	11	6 Quires Paper for the Committee 3/6	1: 1:
		Advertising Accounts against Convention to be brought in	8:
		300 Hand Bills	1: 4:
		500 do for Punishing Spies and Traitors	1:12:
		150 do for Procuring Persons to serve as Soldiers in the room of others	1: 4:
		Cash paid Mr. Van hevan—Express to Convention—for carrying a Packet	1:
		To Sundry Advertisements in the News Paper, published in New York	12:12:
May 16th		To Printing, Folding & Stitching 2216 Pamphlets—The Constitution of this State, finding Paper	102:10:
		1000 Ordinances, folding—on fine paper	16:13: 4
		1000 Hand Bills offering Pardon	4:
		100 Certificates	1: 4:
		900 Crisis No. 3	45:
		Paid Campbell—riding Express to Esopas to Carry up Constitution & other printed Resolves	2:
		490 Dutch Address of the Convention of this State	45:
			£ 378: 7: 4
Cr.		By the Essays on Salt Petre &c. being paid 4th March 1776	34:15: 0
			£ 343:12: 4
		To my Pension, 2 Quarters for Publishing my News Paper, Commenced 15th January to 15 July last	100: 0: 0
			£ 443:12: 4

The Honle. Convention of the State of New York To Sam^l. Loudon Dr.

1776 For the following Advertised in the New York Packet, viz:

Resolve—of 8th Feb ^r . Addressed to the Counties &c., to use Hospitality to those who are obliged to fly from the City	£	5:
of 22 Feb. Respecting Contractors for Provisions		10:
of 17 do Houses for Troops		7: 6
of 28th do Persons deserting Places in danger of being attacked		1:
of 9th March Respecting the Loan Office		10:
of 12 do Purchase of Blankets		8:
of 12th do Voting in Election for Members for Congress		1: 4:
Advertising the 3rd tuesday of April, the Day for electing Members for Congress		16:

1776

Resolve — of 16 March for Manufacturing Salt	£ 15:
of 30 do . . . Manufacturing Musquets	5:
17 April making salt petre	1:
31 May, concerning new mode of Government	1:10:
11 June Prohibiting the exporting of Salt Provisions	5:
14th June making Jail Keepers accountable &c.	5:
15th do Military Officers not to sit in Congress	5:
20 do Forms of Association	1: 4:
30 do Disaffected Persons, secreting themselves	5:
9 July Sheriffs to detain their Prisoners	5:
16 do Enemies taking up Arms	7: 6
15 do..Dangerous Persons holding meetings	5:
23 do..Exportation of Provisions	5:
2d Augt...Quit rents due to Convention only	5:
3 “ ..Prohibiting the killing of Lambs	5:
17 “ ..Removal of the Poor	5:

Amount carried to Accot. No. 1

£12:12: 0

Aid to the Families of Soldiers

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

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

In Provincial Congress New York March 8th: 1776.

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

£ 41 1 4

Robt. Benson Secry.

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

In Pursuance of a Law of the State of New York for allowing certain Gratuities to the Families of the Continental Troops raised within this State I do hereby certify that John Ernest Pier, John Williamson John Hartigh Ganet Marselis Jacob Walter John House John

Helmer, John Bangel, Conrad Pease and John Smith are Soldiers in Colo. Van Schaick's Regiment of N. York Troops and that their respective Families are necessitous and stand in need of Relief—Also that the Family of John Ernest Pier consists of three Heads—that of John Williamson of two—that of John Hartigh of five—that of Garret Marselis of four—that of Jacob Walter of Six—that of John House of four—that of John Helmer of two. that of John Bangel of two—that of Conrad Pease of two—and that of John Smith of Six Heads—Given under my Hand the 27th March 1780.

Chris. P. Yates Supervisor
of Palatine District and County of Tyron.

To Peter S. Deygart Esq. and all whom it doth or may concern.

The Poor who Came Out of the City of New York

Just before the Evacuation of New York by the Americans, in 1776, the Poor of that city began to emigrate to the surrounding country in such numbers that, on Feb. 28, the Provincial Congress voted £500 to Col. Abraham P. Lott for the purchase of Bread. The employment of the Poor who remained in the City devolved upon John Ramsey. Directly upon the Evacuation, the Congress, or the Committee of New York, ordered numerous families into Westchester County. Many of these families were from the Almshouse. The Congress, Aug. 17, 1776, voted £200 to Col. Lott and James Beekman to remove the Poor out of New York; and Aug. 26, voted £200 to Mr. Beekman to complete the work. On Dec. 2, 1776, the Committee of Safety voted £100 to Col. Lott for monies advanced for removing the Poor. On May 13, 1777, Col. Lott was paid £19 — 10s (39 days at 10s)—“By order of the Convention, sent to New York to send the Poor out of the City and going to New Roshal, New Windsor and Fiskils to inquire how the Poor was provided for.” There also appears an Account of Col. Lott against the State for £281.0.4 for transportation and provisions to aid the Poor. These people were landed at Tarrytown, Gorges, Second River, Newtown, Tappan, Haverstraw, and many other places.

State of New York to Robert North Dr:

For moving the following Persons out of New York by Order of Abraham P. Lott & James Beekman appointed by the Committee to remove the Poor from the City

1776		
Aug: 27.	W ^m : Tellers family landed at Fish Kill	£ 18
	John Matten Sister & Sundries	12
	M ^r Leake, Family & Goods	1 6
	M ^r Douglass & Goods	16
	M ^{rs} Teller & Goods	1
	Mary Morris & ditto	1 4
	Abigail Logan & ditto	12
	Elizabeth Kip & ditto	1 4
	M ^{rs} Maxwell & ditto	18
	Mrs Legang & ditto	16
	Patrick Wood & family	1
	Mr Eagles three Load Goods	1 4
	do 3 grown Persons & 5 Children	18
	Mr Hoff & Sundries	1 2
	Mrs Van Everen & 1 Load Goods	12
	One Woman carried to Rhyneck & Goods	18

[Sworn to, Aug. 29, 1786; paid, Aug. 30, 1786]

£ 15 — —

With the exception of a few families removed to Flushing, on Long Island, all the Poor from New York City were sent to the Counties of Dutchess, Ulster and Westchester.

In Dutchess, the County Committee often charged the several Precinct Committees, or the City Committee of New York City, with the cost of Supplies; but, more frequently, the charges were made against the Provincial Congress or the State. On Sept. 3, 1776, the Committee of Safety voted £100 to Peter Monfoort, deputy Chairman of the Committee of Rumbout Precinct, to support the Poor from N.Y. to Fishkill Landing.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, April 26th 1777 Ordered that the Treasurer of this State advance to Mr Frederick Jay, for the use of the Committee of Rumbout Precinct the further sum of One hundred Pounds towards the Provision for such of the indigent Persons of New York as were committed to their care; and that the Said Committee render a particular Acct. with proper Vouchers of the expenditure of this as well as the sums heretofore advanced them for the same purpose—

Attest

Rob't Benson Secr'y

By Order

Pierre Van Cortlandt, V. Prest.

[Receipt of the above was acknowledged by Mr. Jay, Apr. 29, 1777.]

A Receipt appears, dated July 17, 1777, for a small amount paid into the State Treasury by Frederick Jay by order of the Council of Safety; and the Council, Nov. 27, 1777, voted £400 to Abraham Schenck and Gideon Vervalen, Commissioners of the Poor in Dutchess County. The Commissioners were given £500 by the Legislature, March 13-14, 1778. Many of their Accounts were first paid by the Committee of Rumbout Precinct. Upon the resignation of the Commissioners, Dirck Brinckerhoff, jr., was appointed their successor, by the Legislature, June 29, 1778, at a salary of 16/— per day. The Legislature voted £1200 to him, Nov. 4, 1778. One of Brinckerhoff's Accounts shows that from July 9 to Oct. 2, 1778, he paid £600 for maintaining the Poor—the said amount having been advanced to him by the State Treasurer, on July 7, previous. Another Account, running from Oct. 16, 1778 to Jan. 9, 1779, itemizes expenditures of £1661.5.2., nearly all of which was paid by the State Treasurer on Nov. 14.

Mr. Brinckerhoff having resigned, the Legislature March 13, 1779, appointed Samuel Dodge, late Secretary of the Almshouse in New York, Commissioner of the Poor from that City to Dutchess County, at a salary of 32/— per day.

In Ulster County, the first arrivals from New York were taken to New Windsor, and Samuel Brewster, Chairman of the Committee of that Precinct, was given £56.14.7 by the Provincial Congress Oct. 4, 1776. Here is one of his Accounts:—

		State of New York to Samuel Brewster Dr—		
1776				
Agust	26	To 2 Days Providing Places for ye poor Sent by this State.....	£0—	12 0
Octor	2	3 Days myself and horse to Fishkills to Draw the cash for Sd Poor		
		a 12/—	1	16 0
Nobr	15	Cash to Mr Hatfield to Leave this State	0	8 0
1777				
Febr	6	3 lb. of thread Delivered to Sd Poor to make frocks and trowsers		
		for the Contill Army @ 18/.....	2	14 0
May	10	2 Days Spent in removing Sd Poor a 10/	1	0 0

1777				
June	I	71 lb. of Veale a 8 1/2d for Sd Poor.....	£2	10 3
		2 c 20 lb of flower a 25/	2	15 0
		4 of Sugar a 2/4 & 3 1/2 of Pork a 1/		12 10
		3 lb of Butter a 2/ 4 and 1/2 Bushel Potatoes @ 5/		9 6
			£13	17 7

A little later, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker was also made Commissioner for Ulster County; and, on Dec. 9, 1777, the Council of Safety increased his salary from 10/— to 16/— per day. The Commissioners acted under a Resolution, passed May 8, 1777, just before the last Provincial Congress, or Convention, ceased to exist. In that year, 195 of the Poor came from New York to Ulster County. The Commissioners kept their Accounts in far better shape than the Commissioners of the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester. The Accounts are full of details as to the billeting of the Poor. Bills were paid by the Precinct Committees, and then presented to the State through the Commissioners. The price usually charged for board was 8/— per head, per week. Abraham Bevier was made Superintendent of the Poor in the County, in 1778; and the Legislature voted £800 to him in that year. He was allowed 32/— per day for his services.

The Poor from New York came into Westchester County, in large numbers, in August, 1776. Bills for transportation and expenses of supporting them were sent by the several Village Committees to the Committee of Safety, the Provincial Congress and the State. Several of these bills were approved by the Committee of Auditors of the Committee of Safety, Feb. 25, 1777. The accounts of Zebediah Mills, Commissioner, extended from 1777 to 1779. On March 13, 14, 1778, the Legislature voted £150 for his use. Ebenezer Purdy was made Commissioner and Superintendent, Mar. 13, 1779, at a salary of 32/— per day.

Westchester County

The State of New York Dr To Ebenezer Purdy for Sundries pd by him for the Support of the Poor Removed out of the City of New York to Westchester County

1779	To Cash pd Joseph Owen for Sundry Articles of Provisions as	
Octo 29	pr Acc No 1.....	£ 141 13 0
To May	To Interest from 30 Sept 1780 until July 20. 1782	
1780	1 yr 9 mo 20 days.....	17 11 10
	To do pd Calib Carpenter for ditto as Pr Acct N 2.....	64 14 6
	To Interest on this last Sum from the 30 Sept 1780 until July	
	20 1782 is 1 yr 9 mo & 20 days at 7 pr Ct.....	8 3 4
Nov 1779	To Cash pd Carpenter N 3.....	61 7
To Apr 1780	To 208 lb Rise — at 6d pr lb.....	5 4
June 12	To keeping one of the poor that was out of her Senses for 15	
	Weeks & 4 days — 20/.....	15 11 10
	To 4 bushl Wheat at 14/.....	2 16
	To 1 Pr Shoes	16
	To 4 bushl Wheat at 16/.....	3 4
	To my trouble & Expences for myself in Removing the Poor	
	from North Castle to peekskill	2 12
	To Cash pd Saml Stokam for removing one of the poor to	
	peekskill that was mad on a Cart	1 0

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June 1780	To Danl Trips acct for Provision N 4	£ 15 15 1
	To Timothy Carpenters Acct — 4	2 4
	To Boarding one of the poor for 10 Months	5
	To My Wages for 24 days at 20 doll ^{rs} Pr day is equal to 7/ 5/ 4/ hard by the State Seale.....	8 18 6
	To Aaron Furman for Boarding one of the poor for 10 days & curing him of the Itch & a Sore foot	1 10
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	To 1 Pr Working Oxen lost & taken by the Enemy when removing the poor from north Castle property of Joseph Owen which I am bound to pay him	£ 350 1 1
		25 0
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	Credit	£ 383 1 1
	By Cash Recd of the Treasurer in Continen ^l 2674 1/2 doll ^{rs} which Reduced into hard Cash I allow to be as Pr acct anexed	28 18 7
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	By Cash for 6 pork barrels.....	£ 354 2 6
		1 16
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		£ 352 6 6

I audited the above acct & allow^d to be due to Ebenezer Purdy £352 — 6 — 6 at Poughkeep-
sie & gave him a Copy of the Acct July 20 1782
Peter T Curtenius.

The Legislature, July 1, 1780, ordered that all of the Poor from New York should be turned over to Samuel Dodge; and on April 14, 1782, he was still further authorized to have charge of them, with Jonathan Dennis, Dirck Brinckerhoff, Thomas Storm, Abraham Paine, Jacobus Swartout and Cornelius Humphrey, as Superintendents. Soon after the close of the War Mr Dodge again became Keeper of the Almshouse, in New York City. His Accounts as sole Commissioner seem to have been merged with his previous Accounts as Commissioner from Dutchess County.

State of New York in Accot: with Samuel Dodge Commiss^r: for the Poor

Dr:			
		To Amo ^t of Cash expended for Necessaries	Continental
		as Pr Accot of Particulars	£50435 15 5
1780		Middle District	
Novr 14		To Commissrs: Forfeitures for Monies paid into Treasury.....	16081 12
		To Cash Lent the Comrs: Forfeitures to be account for.....	8332 12
1783			
Augt 13		To do paid the Treasurer.....	185 4
			<hr/>
			£75035 3 5
1779			Continental
March 16		By Cash from the Treasurer.....	£1000
Novr: 18		By do do	6000
1781			
Feby 14		By do do	13939 12
Decr:		By Ulster County Comrs Forfeitures	54095 11 5
			<hr/>
			£75035 3 5

Dr:	State of New York in Accot: with Samuel Dodge Commissioner for the Poor	
	To Amot of Cash expended for Necessaries as Pr Accot of Parti-	Specie
	culars	1146 18 9
1784		
July 7	To Cash paid at Poughkeepsie for Pork bot in 1782	2 10
	To 85 days actual service in superintending the Poor between 13th	
	March 1779 & 1st July 1780 @ 10/	42 10
	To Sundry Outstanding Acc ^{ts} : not paid, nor included in the fore-	
	going Acc ^{ts} : for which I am answerable	385 19
		<hr/>
Cr:		£ 1577 17 9
1782		Specie
May 22:	By Ulster County Com ^{rs} Forfeitures rece'd from Johannis Acker...	29 5
Sept ^r 24.	By Cash rece'd from Col Udney Hay	200
Dec ^r 18	By do from Treasurer Pr R. Hoffman	200
	By Sale of £ 77—8—8 New Emiss ^a at 4 for 1	19 7 2
	By do ..1203—4—2 do ..5 for 1	240 12 10
1783		
Aug ^t 13.	By Cash from Treasurer	200
	By Balance due Samuel Dodge.....	688 12 9
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		£ 1577 17 9

N. B. Besides the above Balance Cap^t Bovier & Judge Platt have Acco^{ts}: for sundries supplied the Poor, which not being render'd could not be included in the above — I suppose the Amount to be about £100 in Specie —

1784	State of New York Dr to Samuel Dodge Com ^r : for the Refugee Poor	
Nov ^r 20	To Cash p ^d Isaac Balding for Sundries	£ 6 2 1
1785		
Jany 24.	To Cash p ^d to the Order of Pearsal Brown	10 4 1
March 4.	To Dirck Brinckerhoff for Provisions	15
April 30	To Israel Knap of Dutchess County	10
	To Richard Dodge for Wheat for the Poor	4 1
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		£ 21 12 2
Nov ^r 28.	To Daniel Way for Provisions.....	1 9
Dec ^r 14.	To Doct ^r Thorn Medicine & Attendance	2 8
1786 July 20	To Joseph Dobbs for Ab ^m : Brinckerhoff	3 10 8
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		£ 28 19 10

[Audited 25th July 1786; paid Aug. 19. 1786]

The following is a list of the Poor who came out from New York City:—

Dutchess County

Alner Apolonia	Boss Anne	Carter Hannah (Mrs)	Chase Catharine (Mrs)
Alner Mary	Boss Leah	Carter James	Clatworth Margaret
Anderson Ann (Mrs)	Boss Sam ^l	Carter John	Crow Henry
Anderson Elizabeth	Briley Jane Br	Carter Mary	Crow Lenah
Anderson John	Brower Mary	Carter Rachel	Dailsy John
Anno Marcia	Brower Sam ^l	Carter Vincent	Douglass William
Bennet John	Brown Margaret	Carter William	Dunbar Andrew
Bigelow John	Bush Samuel	Charlot James	Egan Timothy
Black Mary (Mrs)	Byvanck Cathar'e (Widow)	Charlot Mary	Forbes Duncan
Bogart Brache (Mrs)	Carter Elizabeth	Charlot Samuel	Fordon Abraham

Fordon Adriantis	Kortright (Mrs)	Murray Alletta	Shurts John Washington
Fordon Altice	La Grange Sarah (Mrs)	Murry Diana	Shurts Margaret
Fordon Cady	Lake (Mrs)	Murry John	Shurts Oliver
Fordon Cornelia	Lane Billy	Murry Mary (Mrs)	Shurts Susannah
Fordon Elizabeth	Lane Sarah	Nash Abigail (Mrs)	Shurts William
Fordon Phebe	Lashly Elizabeth	Nash George	Slidel Mary
Fordon Samuel	Lashly Mary	O'Neal Anne	Smith John
Foy John	Legg Elizabeth	Peppinger Elizab'h (Mrs)	Smylie John
French Margaret (Mrs)	Lewis William	Peppinger Richard	Smylie Peggy (Widow)
Fry Millicent (Mrs)	Lindsey Mary	Phillis (A Wench)	Springsteen Harmanus
Golden Elizabeth	London (Negro)	Rea William	Spring Anne
Graham (Widow)	Losie Peter	Reed Catharine	Spring Charity
Graham Catharine	McClosky Alexander	Richards Rebecca	Spring Elizabeth
Graham Ellinor	McClosky Margaret (Mrs)	Ritche Catharine	Spring Jane (Mrs)
Graham Thomas	McMenomy Elizab'h (Mrs)	Ritche Edward	Spring Jeremiah
Ham (Widow)	McMenomy John	Ritche George	Spring Peter
Ham Edward	McMenomy Peggy	Ritche John James	Stevenson Polly (Widow)
Harris (Widow)	Marchant Mary (Widow)	Ritche Margaret	Stuart Jacob
Harris John	Maxfield (Mrs)	Ritche Mary	Thompson Archibald
Herring David	Maxwell Abigail	Ritche Sarah	Van Deusen Gilbert
Herring David, jr.	Maxwell Anthony	Robb Elizabeth	Van Kleeck Ann Mariah
Herring John	Maxwell John	Robb James	Van Kleeck Braache
Hinds Elizabeth	Maxwell Joseph	Robb Jane	Van Kleeck Catharine
Hitchin Mary	Maxwell William	Robb Michael	(Widow)
Holmes Sarah	Merrit Elizabeth	Robb Nicholas	Van Kleeck John
Hults Anthony	Mitchel Isabel	Robb Returah (Mrs)	Van Nort Hester
Jemison Elinor	Mitchel Susannah	Schurman Garret	Ward Sarah
Johnson Elenor (Mrs)	Montayne Becka (Mrs)	Schutt Johannes	Warner (Widow)
Kain Arthur	Montayne Janitje	Shurts Aaron	Williamson Thomas
Keyser	Montayne Rachel	Shurts Ann	Winslow (Widow)
Kingston Rachel	Moore Edward	Shurts Horatio Gates	Young Elsie
Kip Elizabeth (Mrs)	Morgan Mary (Mrs)	Shurts Jacob	Young Peter
Kipp Jacob	Morrison Daniel	Shurts Jacob, jr.	Young Sarah

Ulster County

Allener Appolone (Mrs)	Curry Ann	Hynes Mary	Peck William
Allener Prudence	Dayley John	Kingston Rachel (Mrs)	Rea William
Anderson Anne (Mrs)	Docherty Catharine (Mrs)	Lattimore Margaret (Mrs)	Vandebergh Elizabeth
Betty (Mrs)	Docherty Martha (Mrs)	LeFever Andrias	Vandebergh Harmanus
Bogs Rachel (Mrs)	Duncomb Mary (Mrs)	Lindsey Mary (Mrs)	Van Nort Hester (Mrs)
Brower Catharine	Gibbons (Mr)	McFarthing Neal	Van Steen Mary
Brown (Widow)	Graham Esther (Mrs)	Magans Jude (Mrs)	Wadick (Widow)
Brown (Mr.)	Graham Phebe (Mrs)	Matthews Mary (Mrs)	Wilson Elizabeth
Brown Anne (Mrs)	Hatfield (Mr)	Molley (Mrs)	Wilson Sarah (Mrs)
Brown Mary	Hunt Catharine	Orr Ann	Wood Patrick
Cousins Elizabeth	Hunt Joseph	Page Hette (Mrs)	Young Elsie (Mrs)
Craning Effee	Hyne Elizabeth	Peck Phebe (Mrs)	Young Peter
Crow Bety			

Westchester County

Anne Mary	Bowman Elizabeth	Dickson Anne	Gotterton James
Amia Mary	Brown Ruth (Mrs)	Dickson Samuel	Griffis Sarah
Anderson Elizabeth	Calican Edward	Drake John	Griffis Susanah
Anno Mary	Caril James	Field William	Hains Henry
Auchmuty James	Chew Elizabeth	Flint Catharine	Harin David
Bartley Elizabeth	Chew Richard	Foster Sarah	Hickey Catharine
Biglou John	Clark William	Foster William	Hickey John
Biglou Marah	Crow Henry	Gobert Peter	Hilman Henry
Biglou Sarah	Deveriks Robert	Gorbett Peter	Holaway Lewis

Howser Elizabeth
Howser Jacob
Howser Mattis
Hunt Hannah
Justis Hannah
Kain Arter
Lane Mary
Lain Josiah
Lain William
Leg Elizabeth
Login Robert
McCarte Thomas
McCorpin Dogle
McDonald Alexander
McGogan Lydia

McGogan Mary
Mason Mary (Mrs)
Merritt Elizabeth
Michael Ezebel
Michel Susana
Midky Catharine
Montayne Rachel
More Ann
More Catharine
More Phane
Murry James
Nowlin John
Par Else
Ramer Martha

Reed Dunkin
Reeves Benjamin
Richets William
Riley Else
Riley James
Rushton Elizabeth
Slidle Mary
Slover Sarah
Smith John
Spoke Cathrine
Springer Martin
Sullivan John
Swales Bellow
Thomas William

Tidd William
Van Dooser Gilbert
Van Nort Catharine
Van Nort Cornelius
Van Nort John
Van Nort Mary
Warner Eve
Welch Elizabeth
Welch Jane
Welch Nancy
Youngs Abram
Youngs Catharine
Youngs Elizabeth
Youngs John
Youngs Mary

Not located by Counties

Able Jane
Ackles Elisabeth
Ackron Mary
Anderson Mary
Anter Samuel
Backer Albart
Backer Sara
Bell Jane
Black Susannah (Widow)
Bogart Elisabeth
Braley Jerry
Brasher Jane
Broune John
Brouwer Ann
Brownson John
Burdenham Margrit
Burger Jane (Widow)
Burroughs Benjamin
Burrow (Mrs)
Bush Helena
Camble
Camble Fiby
Campbell Elenor
Campbell Jane
Campbell Margrit
Campbell Sarah
Canady Sarah
Caraens Catherien
Carry Mary
Castle Mary
Chadne Mary
Chambers Maria
Christainse Angeltue
Christie Elisabeth
Codwise Sarah (Mrs)
Colden Justice
Colverd John
Cornnell John
Cosk Joseph
Crocker Andrew
Davis Eve
Deane Betsy

Delanoy John
Denmark Rachel
Deoson George
DeRett John
Desiortor Jane
Devoe (Mrs)
Dougherty Elisabeth
Douglass (Mr)
Douglass Elenor
Downes Susanah
Duff Alexander
Eagles (Mr)
Elsworth Jane
Ennis Sarah
Erline Margrit
Evens Ann
Fardon Margrit
Fensher Hanah
Finsher Ann
Flood Elenor
Forbus Mary
Ford Sufy (Widow)
Forman Margret
Fowler Catharine
Francis C. (Widow)
Frasher John
Freman Asra
Fullerton Alexander
Gallalant Elisabeth
Gareson Mary
Gasley Henry
Geffers John
Gemble Munya
Gerrebrants (Widow)
Gibbons (Mrs)
Gorden Elisabeth
Gordon Ruth
Goulden Benjamin
Graham John
Graham William
Grant Mary
Gray Ann

Green (Mrs)
Green Ann
Griffith Elisabeth
Gunn George
Gutrey John
Gutrey Samuel
Hall (Mrs)
Halsted Elisabeth
Halsted Phebe
Hay Jane
Henderson Ann
Hill Deborah
Hills John
Hoff (Mr)
Houward Mary
Hugh Mary
Hugh Sarah
Hunter Ann
Hurrelston Elisabeth
Jackson Hanna
Jordan Abigail
Jordan Peter
Kelly Elisabeth
King Ann
King Elenor
Kipp Catherien
Kipp Jane
Kipp Sarah
Kirk John
Lakerman Catheren
Leake (Mrs)
Lehys William
Lent Hallul
Lasiere Ann
Light Mary
Linch Jane
Linch Margrit
Lintenau Catherien
Logan Abigail
Lyell Sarah
McAlpaen Catherien
McCarter Sarah

McDaniel Hannah
McDavitt Eve
McDonald Sarah
McGurney (Widow)
McKisler James
McManis Hugh
Makentass Sarah
Mangel Johannis
Marshall Abram
Marschalk Abraham
Martaen Mary
Marten Hugh
Marten John
Mash Elisabeth (Widow)
Mass Margaret
Matten John
Miller Mary
Mills Mary
Monroe Hugh
Moody Sarah (Mrs)
Moor Mary
Morrell William
Morris Mary
Mullenar Susanah
Murry William
Narrin William
Neil Mary
Nichelson Sara
Nox Richard
Nox Sarah
Oats Elizabeth
Ogdon Sarah
Orr Hannah
Ostrander Jacob
Padgett John
Page Esther
Palmater Joshua
Pauck Rachael
Peeck John
Perkins James
Phillips Ellerner
Poudy William

Price Catherien	Saxson Ann	Telier William	Vroman William
Provost Elisabeth	Shaffers Thomas	Thompson Margaret	Waass John
Quackenbush Ann	Shepperd Mary	Thomson (Mr)	Warner Jane (Mrs)
Reis Peter	Smith Ann	Thorn Catharine	Wassels Ann
Renby Catherien	Smith David	Tomkins Nancy	Watson Jane
Rice Peter	Smith Thomas	Tommelson Ann	Webster Elihu
Ridgway Christien	Stark Thomas	Turner Margrit	Wendle Barberie
Riese John	Statia Rebeca (Widow)	Van Everen Martha (Mrs)	Wessels Margrit
Rigger Mary	Stevenson Hanah	Van Gelder Elizabeth	Whilehand Elisabeth
Riney Elesabeth	Stewart Catharine	Van Nies John	Wiley Ann
Roberson Adam	Studiford (Widow)	Van Orden Minee	Winshell Pelitya
Robinson (Widow)	Table John	Van Vorst Peggy	Wood Mary
Russell Mary	Taylor Betsy	Veltbergh Cornelius	Wood Unity
Ryne Catheren	Taylor Chaterin	Vine Robert	Young Althe
Ryne Christopher	Teller (Mrs)	Vogel Peggy	

Poor and Distressed Inhabitants

The Accounts relating to aid given to the Poor are, in many cases, difficult to distinguish from the preceding Accounts relating to the Poor who came out of New York City. Therefore, all Accounts of this sort, in the Counties of Dutchess, Ulster and Westchester, are to be found under "the New York Poor", as they were generally called. In the other Counties, aid was often given by the Commissioners of Conspiracies, the Commissioners of Sequestration or the County Committees, to which Chapters reference should be made. The transfer of so many cases to other departments of the Government left comparatively few to be dealt with by the Commissioners appointed by the Convention who, apparently, drew the money directly from the State. The first order of that body, April 7, 1777, was the appointment of William Allison and Matthew Adgate as a Committee to Superintend the Poor. Then followed this resolution:—

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Kingston May 8th, 1777
Whereas a regard to the Sacred Cause we are engaged in, as well as common Justice & Humanity dictate the Propriety of adopting some mode of Relief for such of the Inhabitants of this State as have by the Hand of Tyranny and Injustice been driven from their Habitations and deprived of their Subsistance and thereby rendered unable to Support themselves and Families

Therefore Resolved, that in the County of Westchester Zebediah Mills and Nathaniel Hyat Esquires, in the County of Dutchess Ezra Thompson & Frederick Jay Esquires in the County of Ulster Cornelius C. Schoonmaker and John Slegt Esquires & in the County of Orange John Brewster & Tunis Cooper Esquires be and they hereby are Appointed Commissioners to take the General Superintendence & care of All such poor as aforesaid in each of the respective Counties for which they are Appointed & that the Commissioners of any two or more Counties agreeing, be Authorized to remove said Poor, from one or either of such Counties into another, and the Commissioners of each of the said Counties to remove them from one District to another within the same County for the convenience of keeping them employed, of supplying them with necessaries, and with such other Things as they shall judge necessary for their Comfortable Subsistance from time to time; and to keep them employed at such Business as they shall be able to perform, and as the said Commissioners shall judge to be most Advantageous to the said Poor and the public. Provided always that no such removal or Residence shall be construed to gain a Right of Settlement to any of such poor in the County to which they are or shall be removed.

Resolved that the Commissioners for either or any of the above Counties have power at their Discretion to bind out to Trades or other Occupations the Children of such of the said Poor, as were Objects of the Public Charity before they were driven from their Habitations as aforesaid. Provided that no male among such Children be bound out for any longer Time than until he shall arrive at the Age of twenty one Years, nor Female than until she shall arrive at the Age of Eighteen. And that they Assist such Persons who before they were driven from their Habitations as aforesaid were not indebted to the public Charity, but were able to support their Families by their own means & Industry in putting out their Children to such Places & Employments and for such Time or Times as the said Parents shall consent to. And that the said Commissioners do from time to time discharge from their care, and withhold the Public Benevolence, from such Persons, as in the Judgement of said Commissioners shall be able to support themselves without it.

Resolved that the said Commissioners be allowed at & after the rate of ten Shillings per Day for their Expences and Trouble in executing the foregoing Resolutions while actually employed therein.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the poor in each respective County be empowered to draw on the Treasurer of this State for a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds for each County, to be Accounted for by the said Commissioners respectively.

Robt. Benson Secry.

Recd May 21st. 1777, from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker five hundred pounds — pursuant to the above order.

£500

Fred Jay, one of the Commiss^r
for Dutchess County.

The Council of Safety, June 4, 1777, having learned that Frederick Jay and Ezra Thompson declined their appointments, placed Abraham Schenck and Gideon Vervalen in their places. Soon afterward the Council passed the following Resolution:—

In Council of Safety for the State of New York. Kingston August 9th 1777

Whereas the Inhabitants of this State are loudly called upon by every motive of Justice & humanity to relieve the wants of such unhappy families as are driven from their habitations by the rage of a cruel and remorseless Enemy & the Licensed barbarity of their more than savage Allies — as well as to share with their suffering brethren that common plenty which Almighty God hath bountifully been pleased at this Season to bestow upon us —

Resolved, therefore, that it be recommended to the General Committees of the Counties of Albany & Tryon, respectively, to use their utmost influence with those of the Inhabitants who still possess their places of Abode to give all possible Assistance to those who have been obliged to abandon their settlements by not only enabling them to remove their families & Effects but in affording them all possible accomodations. And it is hereby most earnestly recommended, to the said Committees respectively, to prevent as much as possible any Increase of the Calamities of the Sufferers by Impositions, in the Articles of House Rent, Fire wood, Provisions for themselves & Cattle, and to put out and provide for, at the public charge of this State, all such poor persons and families refugees as aforesaid, as are not able to Defray their own Expenses. For which this Council doth hereby render the State of New York responsible.

John McKesson, Secr'y.

According to a law of Feb. 21, 1778, donations were to be distributed to Distressed Inhabitants:— in Albany County, by Andrew Mitchell and Cornelius Van Veghten; in Charlotte County, by John Nesbitt and Samuel Crossit; in Tryon County, by Volkert Veeder. Governor Clinton, also, gave £2250 to Conradt J. Elmendorph for supplying the Poor and Distressed Inhabitants of the Western Frontier.

The Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut

Soon after the British took possession of the Western end, and practically the whole, of Long Island, the Convention passed the following:—

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Harlem August 28th 1776.
Ordered that Mr. Gelston proceed to Connecticut with the Letters to Governor Trumbull & the Committee & that this Convention will bear his Expenses.

Robt. Benson, Secr'y.

In convention of the Representatives of the State of New York Harlem August 29th 1776
Resolved that it be recommended to the Inhabitants of Suffolk, Long Island, to remove as many of their Women, Children & Slaves and as much of their live Stock and Grain to the main as they Can and that this Convention will pay the Expense of Removing the Same
John McKesson, Secr'y.

Acting under the latter Resolution, three of the Refugees were appointed Auditors of the Accounts for Transporting Families from Long Island to Connecticut. They were:—Thomas Dering, John Foster and Thomas Wickham. In their Accounts they charged, per day, as follows:—time, 12/—; board, 2/—; horsekeeping, 1/6. Nearly all of their work was carried on at Middletown, Connecticut. The town Committees of Inspection, in that State, usually approved of the Claims brought before the Auditors; in fact, the Committees often sent boats to Long Island for transporting the Refugees and their effects.

The places from which most of the emigrants embarked were:—Sag Harbor, Southold, Easthampton, Sterling and Shelter Island. Their destinations, with few exceptions, were: Middletown, Killingworth, Saybrook, Haddam, East Haddam, Stonington, New London and Guilford.

Previous to the flight, many Guns had been taken from the inhabitants by the Committee of Suffolk County, and delivered to Col. Henry B. Livingston. During the flight, and afterward, Col. Livingston secured other Guns and Munitions of War, some of which were used for the Troops of New York and others were loaned to Connecticut.

In [Albany County] Committee 30th Octr. 1776.
Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mr. William Van Ness thirty Pounds to be delivered to the Committee appointed to furnish two of the Brower's Family's Refugees from Long Island with such necessaries as they may stand in need of

To Mr G. Lansing, jr. Treasurer.

Mat. Vischer, Secr'y.

On December 24, 1776, the Committee of Safety ordered the State Treasurer to pay £ 59. to John Field for services and expenses in transporting some of the inhabitants of Nassau Island, with their families, stock &c., to the State of Connecticut.

In Council of Safety for the State of New York Kingston June 27th 1777.
Resolved that Obadiah Jones John Hulbart and Thomas Dering or any two of them be and they are hereby authorized & directed to remove at the Expencc of this State to the County of Dutchess within the same all such of the Refugees from Long Island who now reside in Connecticut as are willing so to be removed.

Resolved that One hundred Pounds be advanced to the said Gentlemen to enable them to execute the above Resolution & that they Account with the Auditor Genl. of this State for the Expenditure thereof.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State pay the said Sum of One hundred Pounds unto Mr. Paul Reeve to be by him conveyed & delivered to the said Gentlemen or one of them.
Attest Robt. Benson Secr^y. By Order
Pierre Van Cortlandt Pres^{dt}.

Reced June 28th 1777 from P. V. B. Livingston by the hands of Gerard Bancker One hundred pounds which I promise to convey as above mentioned
£100 Paul Reeve

The Auditors made a settlement in October, 1777, showing an expenditure of about £2400; and another, in 1778, showing about £3000. The following documents show the nature of the Claims and the manner in which the Auditors transacted the business:—

An Account of the expense of Ebenezer Dayton in removing his family and property from Suffolk County to the State of Connecticut on the 2d & 3d of September 1776 and of going on again at three Different times afterwards to bring off more property, which attempts proved unsuccessful —

	£	S	D
First Moving, Cash paid for Carting my goods on Board	1	16	0
Cash paid the Boatman for freight	5	0	0
Cash paid for Carting from on Board	0	8	0
Going on the 1st time to fetch Effects			
Extraordinary Expense for passage on and of the Island and horse hire and other Services paid for in Cash	2	0	0
N. B. I brote off at this time about £40 in value.			
Second time, going with a borrowed whaleboat which the Enemy took with other Effects &c. The Value of the Whale Boat lost prized at	6	0	0
6 oars 1 blanket and other things lost in the boat	2	0	0
Passage from Southold to Rope Ferry	0	4	0
Expense from Rope Ferry to Milford	1	0	0
N. B. at this time I brot off the minute Pay rowls of Capt. Strong's Company & two horses for Lieut. Wm. Clarke and a quantity of Clothing from the parents of the Soldiers in Colonel Drake's Regiment.			
The third time going over having without any wages or rations joined the Detachment of Colol. Livingstone Expecting an oportunity to bring off my Effects.			
Expense for 10 days in New Haven while waiting for wind and a Ship to go away	3	0	0
A fine gun, a good King's arm lost in the action taking the Regular Company in Brockhaven by being broke & left amongst the Stores taken	4	0	0
The above is a true account of Expense &c.	£	25	18
Ebenezer Dayton.			0

State of New York to Isaac Sheffield of Stonington.....Dr.
September 1776, for Transporting Sundry familys houshold goods Stock &c. from Sagharbour on Long Island to Stonington in the State of Connecticut and them landed vizt.

for Mr David Parson 18 head Cattle at 9/—	£	8	2	0
to 1 horse a 9/—		0	9	0
to 12 hogs a 1/—		0	12	0
for Mr Stephen Toping 13 Passengers a 3/—		1	19	0
to 9 head Cattle a 9/—		4	1	0
to 2 1/2 Load of household goods a 18/—		2	5	0

for Mr Matthew Parson 1 ox a 9/—	£ 0. 9.0
for Mr. David Hand 11 head Cattle a 9/—	4. 19.0
to 12 hogs a 1/—	0. 12.0
for Mr Mulford Esqr 13 head Cattle a 9/—	6. 17.0
to 1 Passenger a 3/—	0. 3.0
to 1 horse a 9/—	0. 9.0
for Mr Jeremiah Holsay 1 Load household goods at 18/—	0. 18.0
to 8 Passengers a 3/—	1. 4.0
for Mr Antony Ludlo 1 Load household goods at 18/—	0. 18.0
for Mr Robart Sheffield 2 Load household goods a 18/—	1. 16.0
to 2 Passengers a 3/—	0. 6.0
for Mr Joseph Ellis 9 Passengers a 3/—	1. 7.0
to 1 Load household goods at 18/—	0. 18.0
for Mr John Parson 7 Passengers a 3/—	1. 1.0
to 1 Load household goods a 18/—	0. 18.0
for Mr Miler Esqr 1 Cow a 9/—	0. 9.0
	£ 39. 12.0
By an Overcharge on Household Goods Stock & Effects	13. 8.0
	£ 26. 4.0

New London County Stonington Feby 14th 1777 Personally Appeared Mr Isaac Sheffield and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above account
Sworn before me Nathaniel Minor, Justice of Peace

Stonington february 14th 1777

As the within Charge may Seame high to ye gentlemen thats apinted for Discharging ye Same, I will just gave Some Resons for my So doing, for me as an Individuel to Resk my vessel my Self and Charge no more than those that had thire vessels Resk by ye Comittees of groton New london and others westward, it apears to me not Resonable, when the Resk was so great, for thire was SCarse a day but thire was Crusers seen of ye East End of ye Island by which we Exspected to be Cut of Every time we Past, and further ye Resk being so well Known by our inhabitants hear I Could not git hands att that time under thrible Wages, and also obliged to go Duble mand and well armd, which made it very Chargeable. I settled with 3 or 4 Parsons att ye Same Rate thats Charged in this bill and 2 I settled with since for Less on Condition that if thire was more alowd I was to have ye allowance, and as the Curcum- stance was then in Regard to ye Resk and Exspence I Dont think ye Charge two high, for why Should one man Resk his hole Liveing to Save another mans Exscept he is alowed Some- thing Edequate to the Resk, but I Exspeckt to Comply with whats alowd others that brought of upon the Same footing that I did
pr Isaac Sheffield

Stonington Feby 14th 1777

These Certify that the Comtee of this place never engaged any persons or vessels to fetch any goods or famalys from Long Island: But that all that went from this place went at there Own Resque

Nath^l Minor } of the Comtte
John Brown jr } of Inspection

Middletown March 5th 1777 Recd and Exd the within Acct & Report we think there is justly due to Isaac Sheffield the sum of twenty six pounds four shillings Lawfull Money of Connetticut

pr Thomas Dering
John Foster
Thomas Wickham

Middletown March 18 1778 Recd of Thomas Dering, John Foster & Thomas Wickham, Esqrs. Twenty six pounds four shillings Lawfull Money In full for transporting famalies stock & Effects from L Island to Connecticut
 £26.4. Recd the above In full
 pr me Isaac Sheffield

September 26th 1776 Received of Mr. Ruben Brown for transporting from Long Island to Guilford too Bushel of wheat one Load of houshold Goods fore passengers the hole Amounts to £0.18.9 Lawful Money
 pr me Jonathan Vaill

Oct. 16 1776 receivd of Ruben Brown three Shillings & Eight Pence for transporting one Barrel Provisions Two Bushel wheat Bundle of Leather & one Passage from Long Island to Guilford in Connecticut. attested & approved
 Jno. Ingraham

Guilford Febry. 17 1777 Personally Appeared Reuben Brown & made Oath to the Truth of the within Accounts before me
 Sam'l. Brown, Justice of Peace

Same Time said Acctts. Examind & Approved by this Comittee

Sam'l Brown, Clerk.

Middletown Febry 21 1777 Recd & Exd the within Rects & think there is justley due to Ruben Brown the sum of one pound & 1/9 Lawfull Money of Connecticut.

£1.1.9.

pr Thomas Dering
 John Foster
 Thomas Wickham

State of New York to Joseph Havens.....Dr.		
1776	for Transporting Goods &c from Long Island	
Sept. 26	To do 3 Loads of Corn.....	£1.10.0
	To do 141 Bushls of Wheat a 4 1/2d.....	2.11.2 1/2
	To 3 Barrels of Pork and two Do of Cyder a 1/6.	0. 7.6
	To 1 Load of Flax 20/— 1 Do of Household Goods 10/—	1.10.0
	To 25 Bushl of Oats & 5 Do flax seed a 4 1/2	0.11.3
	To 2 Barrels of Apples & 2 Do of Beets	0. 6.0
	To 15 Sheepa 6 d.	0. 7.6
		<hr/>
		£7. 3.5 1/2

The within Acct is so surcumstanced that the person who brought over the Effects &c the owners of them are not able to attend the Committee but from information of a person of Credit who assisted in receiving the things & being well Knowing to the owenens honesty we are of opinion it is just & true

Thomas Dering
 John Foster

Middletown Febry 19th 1777 Recd and Examined this Acct and think there is justley due to Mr. Joseph Havens seven pounds three shillings & 5 1/2 Lawfull Mony of Connecticut

£7.3.5 1/2

Pr Thomas Dering
 John Foster

Received June 22d, 1790 from Gerard Bancker, Treasr., a Certificate for Thirty one Pounds & Seventeen Shillings, being the Specie Value of Six hundred and thirty nine pounds, eight Shillings and nine pence, on the 28th day of September 1779, which Sum was paid into the Treasury of the State of New York by the Committee of Sea Brook, in Connecticut, for Cattle &c belonging to the inhabitants of Suffolk County, and is now repaid in pursuance of an Act, entitled "An Act for the relief of Henry Haydock & others", passed the 9th day of March, 1790.

Selah Strong Treasurer

No. 47,752 — £31.17. — dated September 28th, 1779.

Some interesting details of the removal are found in the "Account of the Sheep brought from Long Island and deliv^d to the Committee of Guilford."

Guilford September ye 25th 1776 this day 345 Sheep from Long Island (15 of which belonged to ye Fordoms) was by Lieut. Norton of Setauheit delivered to ye Care of the Committee for which a Receipt was given by Nathl. Ruggles Esqr. Chareman of Sd Committee; and Sd Sheep was tarred in ye face & put into Guilford Flock; the Several Ear-Marks of Sd Sheep are incerted in ye enclosed papers N. B. the Sheep belonging to the Fordoms [Fordhams] ware not tar'd nor any account taken of ye marks.

I do hereby Certify that Mr Nathaniel Ruggles did on the 8th March 1779 pay into the Treasury Eighty Eight pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence the produce of 345 Sheep taken from Long Island, Suffolk County, as pr Rect before given

N. Y. April 19th 1787

Gerard Bancker Treasr.

John Halse 27 Sheep hollow Crop in the Left Ear and Slope on the fore Side of the right.
Benjin Woodrough 27 mark 2 half pennys under Left Ear

Josiah Halse mark Hollow Crop in ye Left Ear and Slop on ye fore Side of ye right a nick under ye Rigt Ear

Wilmon Halse mark 2 half penny upon the under side and one on uper side of the right Ear
Silas Woodrough mark 2 half pennys under ye Left Ear one uper side of the right

Then follow certain hieroglyphics giving a record of the Sheep, and a Key to the same. The following is the Key:

(1) Single Slop under Right Ear; (2) Sloap under Riggt Ear hole in left; (3) Crop of Left Ear; (4) Crop of Left Ear half forehd each ear half penn under ye right; (5) Crop of Left Ear half peny under it half pen unde ye right; (6) Crop of ye Left Slit in ye right; (7) haf penny fore Side nigh half pen lupes and Lower Side left; (8) Crop penny and Slet in ye Left Ear Sloap uper Side of ye right; (9) Sloap of uper Side Left Ear half penny uper Side of ye right; (10) half penny fore ye right and under the left; (11) Crop of ye Left Ear Sloap unde ye right; (12) Half penny fore Side right V in the left; (13) Sloap under Each Ear half penny fore Side of ye right; (14) Crop of ye Right Ear and Slit in ye Same and a half penney Each Side ye left

The following, who were for the most part Captains of various kinds of Ships, assisted in the removal of the Refugees:—

Bates Isaac	Glover Ezekiel	Latimer Peter	Scranton Joab
Bayley Gamaliel	Goldsmith Wilmot	Leete Thomas	Sheffield Isaac
Beebe	Greenfield Starr	Leffingwell Christopher	Spink Richard
Bonticou Peter	Griffith Joshua	Mason Elisha	Stow Zebulon
Bradley Joseph	Haley Jeremiah	Miner John	Vail John
Budington Eliphalet	Harris James	Minor John 2d	Vail Jonathan
Conkling Benjamin	Ingraham John	Pendleton Ephraim	Webb James
Cooper Zebulon	Jones James	Riley Jacob	Wiggins James
Farnam Onis	Knight Robert	Robinson Thomas	Wilcox John
Fellows Elnathan	Landon David	Saulsbury	Williams Charles
Fordham Ephraim	Latham Hubbard	Sayre David	Wilson John

The records show these names of Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut:—

Barns Nathaniel	Beckwith Phebe	Boothe Joseph	Brown
Bayley Benjamin	Beckwith Phinehas	Bouseau John	Brown Christopher
Bayley Jonathan	Benjamin Nathaniel	Bower Hezekiah	Brown Ruben
Bayley Stephen	Booth Daniel	Bradly Timothy	Brown Samuel

Brown William	Edwards Ebenezer	Havens Joseph	Jessup Silas
Browne Abigail (Widow)	Edwards John	Havens Obadiah, Lieut.	Johnson William
Bushan John	Edwards Mercy	Hedges (Widow)	Jonathan (Indian)
Busseau John	Elderean Jeames	Hedges Daniel	Jones Ephraim
Case Benjamin	Ellis Joseph	Hedges David	King Alexander
Case Israel	Evertes Jarama	Hedges Jonathan, Col.	King Asa
Casset Cornelius	Filer Thomas	Hedges Matthew	King Benjamin
Cehey Asa	Fordham Daniel	Hedges Stephen	King Elisha
Chapin Benjamin, Dr.	Fordham George	Hemstead Thomas	King James
Chapin Margaret	Fordham Gideon	Hemsted Jessey	King Jeremiah
Chappel Benjamin	Fordham Nathan	Herrick Henry	King Peter
Clark Elisha	Foster Crudance	Higgins Christian	King Thomas
Clarke John	Foster John	Hildreth Joseph	King William
Cleaveland Joseph	Foster John, jr.	Hildreth Joshua	King William, jr.
Cochran John	Fowler	Hinchman Annar (Widow)	Korkom William
Conklin Samuel	Fowler Calop	Hoel	Landon Samuel
Conklin William	Fowler George	Horton Barnabas, Capt.	Lee Abram
Conkling Dr.	Fowler Jonathan	Horton Jeames	Leet Elisha
Conkling Abraham	Francis (Frenchman)	Horton Jonathan	Leet Simion
Conkling Daniel	Franks Jon	Horton Joshua	Lefoy Francis
Conkling David	Gardiner Abraham, Col.	Horton William	L'Hommedieu
Conkling Edward	Gardiner Jerusha (Mrs.)	Howell	L'Hommedieu Ezra
Conkling Jacob	Gardiner Joshua	Howell Daniel	L'Hommedieu Grover
Conkling Jeremiah	Gardiner Nathaniel	Howell David	L'Hommedieu Samuel
Conkling John	Gardner Jeremiah	Howell Elias	L'Hommedieu Sylvester
Conkling Jonathan	Gelston David	Howell Ezekiel	Lester Andrew
Conkling Joseph	Gelston Maltby	Howell Isaac	Lester Noah
Conkling Nathaniel	Gelston Thomas	Howell Joshua	Loper Abraham
Cook John Mitchell	Gildersleeve Obadiah	Howell Recompenc	Loper David
Cook Jonathan	Goldsmith Joshua	Howell Ryall	Ludlo Antony
Cook Rebecca (Widow)	Goldsmith Nathan	Howell Sylvanus	McCulloch Dunkin
Cook Silas, Maj.	Griffin James	Howell Waiter	Man Philips
Cooper Abraham	Griffing Daniel, Capt.	Hubbard	Marcles Samuel
Cooper Silas	Griffing Jasper, Capt.	Hubbard (Widow)	Mason Elijah
Corey Abijah	Griffing John	Hudson Henry	Matthews Timothy
Corey Bradic	Griffing Peter	Hudson John	Milford Samuel
Corey Elijah	Griffing Samuel	Hudson John Leveret	Miller Abraham
Corwin James	Hains Daniel	Hudson Obadiah	Miller Burnet
Corwin Mary (Widow)	Halliack Peter	Hudson Thomas	Miller Elisha
Corwin Nathan	Hallock Henry	Hulbert John, Col.	Miller Huntonton
Culver Gershon	Hallock Israel	Hunting Benjamin	Miller Jeremiah
Curran Timothy	Hallock Joseph	Hunting John	Miller John
Curren Jeames	Hallock Zebulon	Hunting Nathaniel	Miller John, jr.
Danes Peter	Hallsey Elias	Hutchinson (Widow)	Miller Peleg
Darrow John	Halsey Henry	Hutchinson Thomas	Monus
Davis (Capt)	Halsey Jeremiah	Ingraham Samuel	Moore Ann
Davis Benjamin	Halsey John	Ingraham Samuel, jr.	Moore Benjamin
Davis James	Halsey Josiah	Isaacs Aaron	Moore Calvin, Capt.
Dayton Ebenezer	Halsey Silas	Isaacs Aaron, jr.	Moore Daniel
Dayton Jesse	Halsey Silas, jr., Dr.	Jacobs (Widow)	Moore Hannah
Deckerson John	Halsey Theophilus	Jagger Ebenezer	Moore Henry
Dering Thomas	Halsey William	Jagger Matthew	Moore Joseph
Deval William	Hand David	Jennings	Moos David
Dibbel Sineus	Hand Gideon	Jennings Ebenezer	More John
Dick John	Hand John	Jennings Elias	Mores John
Dickenson Selah	Hanes David	Jennings James	Mulford Elias
Dickinson Amos	Hart Molley	Jennings Silvanus	Mulford Elisha
Dickinson Richard	Havens James	Jessup Lieut.	Mulford John
Drake John	Havens Jonathan, Dr.	Jessup Isaac	Mulford Nathaniel

Mulford William	Persons Jedediah	Sears David	Tuthill Daniel
Murrow Semor	Persons John	Shary Reek	Tuthill John
Norris Silas	Persons Samuel	Sheffield Robert	Tuthill Mehitabel (Widow)
Orsborn Zebedee	Persons Stephen	Shellinger Isaac	Tuthill Rufus
Osborn Daniel	Persons Theophilus	Sheman Anthony	Tuttel Azariah
Osborn Elisha	Persons Zebulon	Sherrel Samuel	Tuttel Duncan
Osborn Joseph	Post Elias	Sherril Jeremiah	Vail Joseph
Osborn Lewis	Post Jeremiah	Sherry Samuel	Vaill Benjamin
Osborn Matthew	Post Nathan	Simons Moses	Waid Ebenezer
Overton Elton	Price Benjamin	Sinnot Patrick	Walker Dr.
Overton Isaac	Racket Daniel	Smith Dayton	Warner Eliphalet
Overton James	Racket Jonathan	Squire David, jr.	Watrous Ethan
Overton John	Racket Jonathan, jr.	Squire John	Weldin David
Overton Joshua	Reave Wells	Squires Mary	Wells Fines
Overton Nathaniel	Reaves Daniel	Stamborough Joseph	Wells Freegift (Deacon)
Pain Alsop	Reeve Israel	Stores Rev.	Wells James
Pain Benjamin	Reeve Joshua	Stuart Silas	Wells Jonathan
Pain John	Reeve Selah	Tammage Lois	Wells Joshua
Pain Jonathan	Rockwell William	Terry John	Wells Josiah
Pain Phebe	Rogers Jeremiah	Terry Richard	Wells Selah
Paine Ephraim	Rogers John	Terry Thomas	Wells William
Paine Peter	Rogers Jonathan	Terry & Drake	Whelden Jonathan
Pamely Nathan	Rogers Joshua	Thomson Zebulon	White Samuel
Parson John	Rogers Nathaniel	Tillinghast Joseph	White Silah
Peck Augustus	Rogers Uriah, Maj.	Tillinghast Phebe	White William
Peck Joseph	Rose Abraham	Todd Samuel	Wick Edward
Peirson Lemuel	Russell	Todd Timothy	Wickham Thomas
Peirson Lemuel, jr.	Russell Hezekiah	Toping Charles	Wiggins David
Peirson Silvanus	Salmon Jonathan	Toping David	Wiggins James
Peirson Zachariah	Salmon Joshua	Toping Stephen, Capt.	William (Indian)
Pelletreau Elias, Capt.	Sandford Ezekiel	Topping Elisha	Williams Jonathan
Pelton Ithamar	Sanford	Topping Henry	Wines Abijah
Pendleton Amos, Capt.	Sawyer Abraham	Topping Joseph	Wood Zaphar
Perry Edmond	Sayre Abraham	Topping Matthew	Woodruff Benjamin
Perry Eliakim	Sayre Benjamin	Topping Phebe	Woodruff Daniel
Person David, Capt.	Sayre James	Topping Rebecca	Woodruff Silas
Person Elias	Sayres Joshua	Topping Thomas	Yongs (Esqr)
Person Matthew	Sears Benjamin	Truman Francis	Youngs Israel
Persons Daniel			Youngs John

THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY

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-