

Transcription Proceedings of the Committee of Safety, January 1778 – April 1778

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At a Town Meeting held in Northeast Precinct on the 20th day of January 1778 was then Elected the following Persons to serve as a Presinct Committee

viz.

Casper Rouse

James Heady

Jer'h [Jeremiah] Gifford

John Collins

Sam'l [Samuel] Crandle

John Seton

Sam'l [Samuel] Egleston

Stephen Atwater

George Morehouse

The Above named persons having been Elected a Majority Met at the House in said Presinct vizt.

Casper Rouse

Sam'l [Samuel] Crandle

Jeremiah Gifford

Stephen Atwater

Sam'l [Samuel] Egleston

George Morehouse

Made Choice of Casper Rouse for Chairman and of Geo. Morehouse for Clerk and to Remain and serve as a Com'ee until this 17th day of {?}

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Whereas the Council of Safety in this State at their Sessions at Hurley on December 17th 1777
Recommend [it] to the Several Committees in this County to fall on some Feasible Method to Sett afoot
a Constitution the Relief of the Distressed Inhabitants of [Charlotte] County who are Represented to be
in suffering condition for the want of Bread.

{The} Committee taking into consideration the Miserable Condition that our Bretheren in that part of
the Country Labour under by the Calamity War and Concious to our selves that it is our duty to use our
utmost Endeavours to help the [distressed?].

{?} Therefore that {?} Collins & Mr. Jeremiah Gifford be & hereby {presented} to Collect together all such
Donations as may be made in Capt. Willsons Company And Stephen Atwater and Lieut Jon. Seton in the
Eastward Part of Huesteld. Company

And Mr. Casper Rouse Lieut Crandle & Jas. Heady in Capt Jno. Rouses Company and the west part of
Lieut [Hirfteds] Company

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And Sam'l Eglestons & George Morehouse in {?} Abm. Hartwells Company

And that the [Respecting] Members make a [true] return to Chairman of this Committee of all the Grain
or Other Things that they Shall Have Collected at the Next Sitting of this Committee ---

Resolv'd That This Committee be Adjourned untill the 29th day of Instant January to meet at the House
of James Youngs at ten OClock in the Morning

At a Meeting of the Committee of Northeast {?} by Adjournment on this 29th of January 1778.

Present, Members

Casper Rouse Chr

Geo. Morehouse Ck

Jer'h Gifford

John Collins

Sam'l Crandle

Stephen Atwater

James Heady

Sam'l Egleston

Capt Colling & Mr Jer'h Gifford Appeared and Return'd that they had Collected in the district they were
Appointed

Twenty four Bushels of Wheat

24 Bushels

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{Also} Appeared Sam'l Egleston and George Morehouse and Made Return of fifteen Bushells of Wheat & Eleven Do. Of Rye & Two Do. Of Corn

15 Wheat

11 Rye

2 Corn

Mr Stephen Atwater made Return of Fifteen Bushells of Wheat and Three & a Half Do of Corn

15 Wheat

3 ½ Corn

Return Made by Casper Rouse James Heady & Sam'l Cradle of Seventy one Bushels of Wheat, five Bushels of Rye and three & a half of Indian Corn

1 Wheat

[3] Rye

[3] ½ Corn

The Total Amounting One Hundred & Twenty Six bushels of Wheat Sixteen of Rye and Nine of Indian Corn

126 Wheat

16 Rye

9 Corn

NB the Money that was collected was Disposed of by purchase {?} for wheat at [20£] per Bushell which was Annexed to the {A?}

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Apeared before the Comittee Mr Hormah Jewel and Complains against John Burnett of this Refined for selling Strong Liquor without License and Keeping a disorderly House and prays he may be Dealt with

Resolved that Jno. Burnett Aforsaid be Cited to Appear before this Committee to Answer to the Above Complaint also that a Citation be Served on the following [person] to Apear as Evidence vizt. Orry Ferguson Moses Fish, Michaiel Manfield, Burt Sopor, and that Hormah Jewel Cite them to Apear before this Committee on the 7th of Feb'y Next at the House of James Young's [Inholder] in said Presinct----

Resolved

That this Committee Stand Adjourned from this {?} of January until the 7th of Feb'y to meet at the House of James Youngs in said NEast Presinct

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Little Nine [Pardoners] Dutchess County State of New York January 30th 1778.

Whereas there Came to this Committee a Restitution From The Councill of Safety dated at Hurley Decm'r 17th, 1777 Representing the Districts of the Inhabitants of Charlottee County for Want of Bread and also Remmending it to General & Presinct Comm, to Collect in as much Flour Grain &c as (out) be in the Several Districts where they Resided for their Relief Agreeable to the said [Restitution] and Recomendation this Committee has Collected in this Presinct the following Donation

Wheat

Rye

Corn

vizt

One Hundred Twenty Six bush' Wheat

Sixteen Do of Rye

Nine of Corn

To the Legislator of the State of New York---

At a Meeting of the Committee of Northeast Presinct [Reading] to Adjournment on the 7th of Feb'y 1778 and Present the Following Members vizt.

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Casper Rouse Ch'r

Geo Morehouse Cl'k

James Heady

Jer'h Gifford

Stephen Atwater

Sam;l Eglestone

Sam'l Crandle

Hugh Rea a Member of Committee

Then John Burnett Appeared before this Committee according to the Citation - the Complaint against him being Read to him he was Ask't whether he was Guilty of the Charge Brought Against him or not said Burnet answer'd that he had sold Liquor and that he had Endeavoured to procure a License and that he never Remembered the Commisioner to forbid him but that they hadnot of Granted any License

Orry Ferguson being Sworn Saith That he had Seen said John Burnett Sell Strong Liquor to his Neighbours

Moses [Fish] Sworn

Saith that he has bought Liquor of Burnett and paid for it and Seen Others do the same and the young

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[?] did Frolic their Christmas day and New Years and that he Never Knew him Said Burnet to be Crowded with Strangers – and that he had known one person to pay Thirty Shilling on a Reckoning for One Evening

Michaiei Maxfield Sworn

Saith he has bought Syder beer & Rum and paid for it and that Christmas and New Years they had Frloicks at said Burnetts House and [Broke] up & that he never knew Burnett Entertain Strangers or Travellers- and that he had Seen both Whigs & Torys at Burnetts

[Burt] Soper Sworn

Saith that he had been at Burnets Numbers of Times and Spent his Money for Rum Cyder & Beer- and that he [Become] that M'r Burnett kept About as Civill an House as is Common among the Taverns that he never knew him Entertain any Strangers- that [Number] of the Neighbour frequent

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the House and that he never heard Burnett Talk in the Tory way but had heard him Check them that did and Desire them to be Easy &c

After Consultation on the Complaint and the Evidence that had been brought against Burnett- The Committee are of Opinion that John Burnett is Guilty of a Breach of The Law And therefore Resolve that he be Fined in the Sum of five pounds and pay the Cost of Prosecution viz'- [7/6] to the Constable and the Sum of Two Shillings to Each of the [Evidenc?] Amounting in the Whole to five Pounds fifteen Shillings and six pence £5=15=6

Resolved that if the Said John Burnett Should Refuse to pay the Afore aid Sum of Five pounds & fifteen Shilling & 6d being a fine & Cost for Selling Strong Liquor- that then the Chairmand be Authorised to Issue out a Warrant of Execution & Deliver the Same to one of the Constables of the Presinct who is to Collect the Same

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Whereas this Committee of the Committee of the Precinct said in January Last Come into a Resolve that the wives and families of John Rowe, Jno Ritenbergh, Nicholas Silvermail, and Jacob Poucher and Others that are gone to the Enmy Should be Transported over the Enemies Lines on the Tenth day of Feb'y Ins't- Nevertheless it Appearing to this Committee that the Inclemency of the Weather and the Shortness of the Time Renders it impracticable to Carry them Off So Soon- Resolved, therefore that the Time for Transporting the Above Families be Prolonged until Such Time the River be Feasible up as far as Rynebeck at which Time they are to be Transported as has been before Resolved on

Resolved that the Accounts of Charge Relating to Jno. McAlpine- which Stand now Directed to the Auditor Gen= be Altered and Directed to the Committee for Detecting & Defeating Conspiracies in the State of NY- and that Col' Lewis Graham be Appointed to Alter the Same

Resolved that James Atwater Esq' be Appointed to

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Carry in the Aforesaid McAlpine Accounts to the Commissioners of Conspiracies and to Receive the Monney who is directed to pay the Same to Stephen Atwater and that he Account for the Same to this Committee

Whereas a Certain James J Conway formerly of this Presinct but now with our Enmies has left some moveable Estate in this Presinct which of Course has become forfeit to the State

Resolved therfore that an Inventory of the Same be Taken and a Return made thereof to the Commissioners of Sequestration of this State and Casper Rouse and Jeremiah Gifford be apointed to take Said Inventory and to make Return [as] Aforsaid

Resolved that this Committee be Adjourned untill the First Tuesday in April Except Sooner Conveen'd by order of the Chairman--

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Feb'y 12th, 1778

Committee Met on an Especial Ocation at the House of James Youngs in Order to procure Slays to go to the Northward

Members Present

Casper Rouse Ch'm

Jeremah Gifford

Adjourned till Next Monday being the 16th, of Instant Feb'y to meet at the House of James Youngs at 10 O Clock on said Day

February the 18th Day 1778.

Committee Met on a Special Call at the House of Jeremiah Giffords to Consult about procuring slays to go the Northward

Members Present

Casper Rouse Chairman

Jno. Collins

James Heady

Sam'l Crandle

Jerim'h Gifford

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Wheras this Committee haveing Received Orders from the Asembly and Senate of this State to furnish seventeen Slays &c

is as follows

Gentlemen A Number of Sleighs being imediaitely wanded to the Northward for a most important public Service - The Senate and Asembly have by a Joint Resolution Authorized Col Hazen D, Q, Gen to Impress the Necessary Number Application will undoubtedly be made to you for Assistance we must therefore Request you to Exert your Selves in Order that a Soficient number may be Obtained with the utmost Expedition

We Remain your Humble Servants

17 Sleighs are your Proportion:

Jonathan Landon

Dirk Brinkerhoff

Gilbert Livingston

Egbt. Benson

Jacobus Swartwout

Andrew Morehouse

To the Committee of North East Precinct Dutches County

Date'd Pougkeepsie 10th Feb 7 1778 A True Cobby Geo: Morhouse Clerk

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Here also follows A Copy of the Application or Request of the D, Q, M G,- Col. Hazen---

Rynbeck 10th Feb'y 1778-

Gentlemen

Inclosed I Send you a Letter from your Senate and Assembly and I do most Earnestly Request your Assistance in procuring immediately for Publick Service Seventeen Sleighs with Two Horses a Driver and Twelve days provision and Forrage for the Horses and to have them at Albany on the 14th Instant at 10 O Clock in the fornoon

I am Gentlemen your Very Humble Serv't

Moses Hazen

D.Q.M.Gen

To the Committee of the North East Presinct Dutches County

Resolved that this Committee Comply with the forgoing Request and that they imediately Impress Seventeen Slays and Send them to

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Albany under the Care of Mr. George Morehouse Completely Furnish'd with Provisions Forrage & Resolved further that if Mr. Morehouse Refuses to go with the Slays that the Chairman Apoint any Other Person that he Shall think proper to Conduct them to Albany

Resolved that this Committee [be] and are [Lesley] Adj'd untill the First day of April Next

Northeast Presinct 17th Feb'y 1778---

Committee Met on an Especial Ocation

Casper Rouse Chairman

James Heady

Sam'l Egleston

Sam'l Crandle

Stephen Atwater

Geo. Morehouse

Hugh Rea Member of County Com'tee

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Wheras Orders have been Received by this Committee from the Senate and Assembly of this State to furnish Seventeen Slays Horses and Drivers with Provisions Forrage &c for the Use of the D, Q, M, G, & in Complianc with the Above and before mentioned Orders and Request [this] Committee did proceed to impress Certain persons for that purpose & Order'd them to Parade this presinct day [at] the the House

of Peter [Knickerbacher] and to proceed from there to Albany- and no {?} appeared in order to proceed but [Fred' Hain] out of [Lent Hussed] Co. Therefore Resolved that the persons hereafter be forthwith taken by an Officer and men out of each Company in this Presinct & their Horses \$ Sleighs and Twelve Days provisions & Forrage and being [then] under Guard if they com not Otherwise to the House of Peter Knickerbacker and to proceed from there to Albany – and no one Appeared in Order to proceed but Fred' Horn out of Leiu't [Sheffed] Co: Therefore Resolved that the persons hereafter be forthwith taken by an officer and men out of Each Company in this Presinct & their horses & Sleighs and Twelve Days provisions & Forrage and being there Under Guard if they Com not Otherwise to the House of Peter Knickerbocker and to be Sent under the Direction of Mr. George Morehouse To Albany

viz't

[Husted] Company

[Honkie] Smith Jun'r

Nich's Smith

Mathias Rowe

Andrew Stickle

Nich's Stickle

And'w Pulvers

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[Husted] Company :

Fred'c Ham

Jacob Louke

Capt. Wilson's Comp.:

John Bouee

John Link

Mathias Willham

George Cookingham

Hendrick Feats

Leuit Hartwells Company:

Joshua Dakin Sen'r

Ezra Perry

Joshua Dakin for a Driver

Wendle Pulver

Philip Spencer

Lewis Bryan

Resolved that this Committee be Adjourned untill Next Fryday the 20th of Inst. to Meet at James Youngs at Ten O Clock in the forenoon

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Feb 20th 1778

Committee Met according to Adjournment at the House of James Young[e]---

Members Present--

Casper Rouse Chairman

Jno. Seton

James Heady

Stephen Atwater

Resolved that this Com'te be Adj'd until the 25th of Instant Feb'y to meet at James Youngs at 10 O Clock in Morning

Feb;y the 25th Day 1778

Committee met According to Adjournment Members Present--

Casper Rouse Ch'm

James Heady

John Seton

Sam'l Crandle

Steph'n Atwater

Jer'h Gifford

Resolved that all those Persons that was Ordered to appear at the House of Peter Knickerbackers on the 17th Instant in Order for George Morhouse to Conduct them to Albany Pursuant to an Order from the Assembly and Senate of the State

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of New York & the D, Q, M, G, that all those persons that Disobeyed those Orders Should be Cited before this Committee

A Complaint being [Exhibited against Jno. Burnett Selling Strong Liquor in Contempt of the Authority and Constitution of this State and Laws of our Land the Said Burnett Appearing Puts the Committee on prooff of the Charge

William Winas Sworn Saith

Daniel Palmer and James Heady Bought Rum and Cyder & Paid for it at the House of Jno. Burnett and Higgins Called for a Bowl of Grog & {had?} and Jno. Burnett said he meant to Sell & would Sell

Wheras a Complaint has been Exhibited to this Committee against John Burnett for Selling Strong Liquor in Contempt to the Constitution and Laws of our Land and the Complaint being Sufficiently Supported by Evidence Therefore Resolved that Jno. Burnett be fin'd in the Sum of five pounds and the Cost by Order of Committee

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it is the [Sence] of this Committee that the Act James Atwater Esq'r has Exhibited to this Committee for keeping a Certain Mare belonging to McAlpine is Right and Justify Charged viz the following Artickles

To. Keeping the Mare from 11th of [?] 1777- untill the 21st of Feby Six Month, & a half

in Summer pasture- £3" 5" 6

To 4 Months & Tending in the Stable-3" 4" 0

For Shoeing Said Mare- 2" 0" 0

Total= £8" 9" 6

In Committee Resolved that if any Members of Committee Suspects any person or Persons that have Concealed any Good or Chattells of Any kind belonging to any persons with our Enemies upon Aplication of Either of Such Member to the Chairman that he Order them Cited to the Next Cessions

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The Following is a List is a List of the Names of the Delinquents to be Cited to the Next Cessions

[Honhe] Smith Jun'r

Nich's Smith

Mathew Rowe

Jacob Louke

Windle Pulver

Andrew Pulver

George Cookingham

Andrew Stickle

Nich's Stickle

Jno. Boyle

Jno. Link

Hendrick [T]eals

[Matinas] Willham

Lewis Bryan

Holmes Pitcher

Resolved that this Committee be Adjourned to meet at the House of Steph' Atwater on the Ninth Day of March at Nine of the Clock in the Morning

Citations to be Issued for Jno. [Houghloulin] Jun'r Jn' Jno. Crandle, [Honkie] Wilke, & John Burnet to [App] at the Next Sessions by order of Committee

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North East Presinct March 9th 1770,

At a Meeting of the Committee of N. east Presinct at the House of Stephen Atwater

Present the following Members

viz't

Casper Rouse Chairman

Jno. Seton

Sam Crandle

James Heady

Sam'l Egleston

Stephen Atwater

George Morehouse Clerk

Whereas on the 25th Day of February Last this Com'tee Came [into] a Resolution that the following persons should be [citeed] before this Committee according-ly the following Persons have now Appeared before this Comittee to Endeavour to Render Soficient Reason for their not Apperaing at Peter Knikerbackers on the 17th of Feb'y last with their Slays Horses Provisions and Forrage according as they had been Impressed and ordered by this Committee

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[Mathse] Rowe being Called up - Affirms his horse was young and that he had not any that were any ways Sutile for Such Service that he had Several young Children unprovided for and one so foolish that it was as likely to go into the fire as any where- He Said his Negro was Quite foolish and uncapable of Acting or Transacking Business and that when he was brought under Guard before the Committee at Peter Knickerbackers he did not Mean to Runaway but that he had Children Sick & did not mean to do wrong

Leiu't Husted the Oficer that Brought Rowe Under Guard declares that he told Rowe that he did impress him and his Horses and that he told said Rowe that he was Orddered So To Do

The Committee Considering the Excuse and Reason Given by [Motse] Rowe and the Evidence given against him and are of the Mind that he is Guilty of Disobediace of Orders and Contempt of the Orders of the Senate and Assembly and of this Committee & Resolve that he Shall be fined in the Sum of Eight Pounds £8=0=0

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Nich's Smith Cited before this Committee for the Same Offence Says on Oath

That he Got out of Be on the 17th of Feb'y and his Boys told him his Horses was gone and he knew no more than a Child unborn what had become of them and that he not the least [Mishap] of being to have been taken away Privately for the Sake of preventing there Going into the Service nor to this day knew who it was that took them or anything about them

[Honkee] Smith Jun'r

being Sworn saith that he Never knew any thing about his brothers Horse and that he himself had [found] up Every thing Ready to go and Should have Come to the place Appointed if his own Horse had not been Stole= and that he was Ready if the Committee Let him know it to take any Other of his horses and put [the] room of the Stolen one that to this Time he did not know Anything Concerning the Horses who took them that his horse was Rid much while Gone-----

Lawrence Willsee Sworn Saith

That his Brother in Law was Ready to go and that he had Agreed to go himself and Drive

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If his Father and Mother was willing but it proved that they wer enot his brother then [Hiced Horns] Smith to Go and Drive his Horses- that He him self Locked up the Stable and that the Lock was picked and that he never knew how or where the Horses were Gone or Who Brought them Back or who took the Horses of Nich's Smith and that they [Horses] was gone from Monday Night till Fryday Morning---

John [Wiltsee] Sworn, Saith

He never knew who took away the Horses or who Brought them back he never knew anything About who brought them Back again

The Committee on [?] Consideration find that Nich's Smith is Faulty for not Appearing as it appears he had plenty of Horses in his Stable beside those pretended to be Stole Therefore Resolved that he be fined in the sum of Eight pounds ---- £ 8"0"0

Hontice Smith Jun'r Considered and find that he was Ready and Sent out a Man to See about going therefore Excuse him-----

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Andrew Stickle being before the Committee Says That he Could not Possibly provide any Grain so soon as to appear the seventeenth at Knickerbackers and that he Could not go him Self and that he could not Possible go himself and that he thought that of he had found one Horse and [Tackling] with a Neighbours it would do that he sett much by his horses and that he Rather thought he was [Crouded] on That he was willing to Do his Part anytime and anywhere

This Reasons being Considered by the Committee and his not Coming at all until Sent for by a Guard-Judge him to guilty of a fault and Contemt of the Orders of the Asembly and Senate and the Imprement of this Committee therefore Fine him in the Sum of Eight pounds

£8"0"0

[Homes] Pitcher having been Cited to answer to the Same as above

and Says that he had not any Horse of his Own that he Could not find any Horse himself and that Andrew Stickle told him that if he went out of the way he would answer for it N.B. Pitcher pretend that the Horse he went away with wast Stickle's

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The Committee Consider Holmes Pitcher Excuse quite Insoficient Therefore fine him in the Sum of Five Pounds- £5"0"0

John Bouse Cal'd gave the Committee Such Satisfactory Reasons that the Committee think proper to Acquit him

Geo Cookingham Says that he had but one Horse that he Could Spare and that He Expected to Join with his Neighbour that he was Ready as to Other things

Mr. Cookinghams Excuse Considered & his not Appearing without [be] Sent for by a Guard Sentence him to be fined in the Sum of Three pounds- £3"0"0

Andrew Pulver appeared and gave no Satisfactory Reasons Therefore Sentenced to be fined in the Sum of Four Pounds- £4"0"0

Hendrick [T]eats giving such Satisfactory Reasons is Therefore Acquited-----

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Nicholas Stickle Cited as before Says that he brought a Man in in the Continental Service & that Col Graham had given him free and was only to turn out when Minister [Laisers] and Every Other person in Case of General Alarm and that he told the Man that came after him that the Horses and Slay was Ready but that he Could not go himself & Declare that he never hindred them from taking the Horses

The Committee taking into Consideration the Acc't Stickle gives- and the Acct that the Guards Gave it appears that he did not obey the Order he Reci'd nor did not Intend only as he was Compelled by force of arms and do Fine Said Nich's Stickle in the Sum of Ten Pounds £10"0"0

Jacob Louke acknowledged that he had been [im-] by the Committee and ordered to be at Knickerbacker on the 17th, that he was poorly and he Could not procure any Body to Drive that the Serg't of the Guard said that he [Reconed] that his horses was not fit to go and that he went to the Doctor that Day he was ordered to Appear at Knickerbacker &c

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The Committee having Considered Mr. Loukes Excuse and Look on it to be frivoulous and Insoficient and hes appeared to the Satisfaction of this Com'te that he had the Severall good Able Horses at Home or that he had sent them out of the way purposely Therefore Fine him in the Sum of Twenty Pounds £20"0"0

Execution Granted out and [Del'd] to the Officer on the 23rd March

John Link having been Cited before this Com'tee to Shew Reasons if any he had why he did not Parade with his Slay and Horses at the House of Peter Knickerbackers on the Seventeenth of Feb'y in order to proceed to Albany to the Q. M. Gen. he having Previously been properly Notified or Impressed According to an Order and Request of the Senate and Assembly of This State and of the Q.M.G.

His Reasons were he had done a great deal of Labour One time and another and had Nothing for it and that in fact he Never knew that was one was one

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was one that was [picked] on to go to [S]erve a Slay and Said he Gave Ten pounds to Capt James Wilson & John Gage to get him Clear From going up in the Service to the Q.M.G.

On Consideration of the Matter it Appearing to this Comittee that some Clandestine Dealings had been Taken by some persons Respecting Said Jno. Links being Discharged from going in the Service &

And Resolved that it is Expedient to put Mr John Link on his Oath

John Link being Sworn saith That After he was Impressed into the Service with his Slay and Horses ~~and drive them~~ he Offered Ten pounds to one [Bergbee] to go with his Slay and Horses and Drive them but he would not and further Says that one John Gage came to him and told him it was hard for so [Old] a Man to go up and [Askt] what he would give if he would get him [Cleard] he Says he Told him he would give him Ten pounds- Gage said To him that Capt Wilson and he had talkt, about it and that they would try to get him Discharge

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and that after he was discharged he Spoke to Capt [ISheg-]son and Jno. Gage and told them why now I ought to pay you what I promised you but that I told him I not so much Money with me as ten pounds - Then Capt Wilson Spoke and Said why then pay that to Gage we are Neighbours and we Can Settle any Time and I did promis to pay him and whether he Intend to [to] take it I do not know but if Capt Wilson had Dimmaded it I Expected to have paid it - John Link farther sayeth that he never Employed any Other person or gave any money or Other Thing to any Body to Endeavour to get him a Descharge and that Capt Wilson or Jno Gage never Spoke to him or Encouraged him about giting him Clear Untill He Came to Kniskerbackers- and that he Askt him whether he was like to make out and that Capt Wilson said that he must go along to Land lord Pulver and he would [by] what he Could do

John Gage being Called before the Committee and being Sworn declareth & Saith that he went the House of Peter Knickerbacker to Prayers and from

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There he Rid with Jno. Link and that Link ask't him to Interceed with the Conductor to git himself and Horses Clear from going to the Northward but he made him no Aswer and that when they got up to Landlord Pulver he heard James Wilson talking about giting his Horses Clear -and again Link askt him to by to git him Clear & that he Overheard Link promis to give Capt Wilson Ten pounds if he made the Mater Bear - and that afterwards he heard C Wilson tell Link that he was Clear - and that on Wilsons Saying To Link said why then I must pay you the Ten pounds which on hearing I Spoke in Jest Why then I ought to have half of it - but on going down the Road we Stopt at One [Minclairs] Tavern and while we was there Link spoke to Wilson and said that he had but About five pounds with him Then Said Wilson Pay that to Gage which was the first time I Ever I Realy Knew that I was to have any Share of the Ten pounds before mentioned and that he heard Wilson and Link in Conversation about the Other five pounds Wilson said that they were Neighbours he was not Concerned About

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it Mr Link Said he Should never have the [Trouble] to Ask him for it for he would pay him a Soon as he Got home - and that he heard Capt Wilson Say that this Matter ought to be Kept Close and no words made of it So that it Gits [Noised] Abroad-----

Resolved that the Chairman and Mr James Heady be Appointed or Either of them to wait on his Excelency the Gov'r with a Cobby of the forgoing Proceedings by order

Casper Rouse Chairman

here follows a Cobby of Letter to his Excelency the Gov'r-----

May it please your Excelency

upon due Consultation this Committee think it Propper to Present to you the Forgoing proceedings Respecting John Links Bribing Capt James

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Wilson & John Gage to Obtain a Discharge from the Conductor then going]to Albany with the Slaves from this Presinct - & [?] we must beg Leave to Submit the the Matter to you to Devise proper Steps to be taken in the Affair

We Remain your Sincere Friends & Humble Servants

by order of Committee Cap't Rouse Chairman

March 8th 1778

[Slonse] Links Excuse looked on by the Com'tee to be Quite insufficient for his not Appearing as he was Ordered is therefore Fined in the Sum of Fifteen pounds ---

£15⁰/₀

Coonrad Millhan having been Impressed and Ordered to Parrade on the Seventeenth and did not Appear nor does he give any Sofficient Reason why he Did not is therefore fined in the Sum of Ten pounds-----

£10⁰/₀

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William Coopernail being Brought before the Committee for Deserting with Slay and horses when on the Road to Albany and he makes this Excuse that One of his Horses was very Sick and was Obliged to turn back on that Acct - The Committee Think proper that he send W'm Coopernail be put under Bonds to the Chairman of this Committee in the Sum of ~~Fifty~~ one Hundred pounds to Appear again be fore this Comittee Whenever Called on-

Resolved that this Committee Stand Adjourned untill tomorrow Morning Eight O Clock-

10th March Com'tee Met according to Adjournment

Members Present

Casper Rouse Ch'n

Geo- Morehouse C'k

James Heady

Sam'll Crandle

Stephen Atwater

Jno. Seton

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John Burnet Came before this Committee on Citation and said John Burnet Being Sworn Saith That [Botred] V. Kleek partly Bargained away some wheat on the Ground but that it fell through & he believes Joseph Higgins had the Same Wheat - and that some of the wheat that Lay in the Chamber was Carried away by Van Kleek & Mr. E Dean and that it is his Judgement that there was about Sixteen Bushels in the Chamber -- he says Further that he heard that the said Van Kleek had the half of a Stack of Hay - and that he believes that said Evans Dean had the Hay for keeping Some Cattle for said Van Kleek - Burnet further Says that he knew of no Goods or Chattles Concealed belonging to any persons gone to the Enmy that Ought to be Confiscated to the Benefit of the States---

Evans Dean being Sworn Saith

That he kept a Number Of Cattle for [Bolhn] V Kleek and had the half of the Stack of hay Spoke of by Mr Burnet for keeping the Cattle

Evans Dean further Says

That he took away five Bushels of Wheat from Burnch in the Summer being Wheat that

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belonged to B. V. Kleek and Since in Company with Van Kleek took Away Six Baggs full which he Judged to Contain between 12 & 16 Bushels which Van Kleek Carred to Uphams a Farmer for to pay Tanning and Curing

That B V Kleek had half a Stack of Wheat in Burnets field which Higgins Bought of Van Kleek and he knows of Nothing in the Hands of any Persons Other Cattle or Other Goods that belonged to any Persons with the Enmy Further he Saith Nott----

Wheras Jno. Burnett And Guffin & Burt Soper, have been Complained of for Selling Strong Liquor & keeping and Entertaining Disorderly Company & being Askt whether Guilty of the Charge they all plead not Guilty and put the Committee on proof there of

Timothy Soper, being Called & Sworn - Saith Burt Soper And'w Guffin and himself Hired a of Jno. Burnet and gave him Three Dollars for the Use of it and he never Paid Burnet for Liquor that Night

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that the frolick was at Burnetts which was Shrove Tuesday Night and that he knew not Of any of the Persons Complained of to Sell any Strong Liquor for Money & that he did Expect to pay his part of Liquor that there was Raffling there for Tobacco and that he did not himself but that he had liquor of Jno. Burnet but did not Expect to pay for it that what he did have he Expected to pay to And'w Griffin and Burt Soper----

Reuben Bullock being Sworn Saith that he was there as a fiddler that he had his Reconing Clear - that one Ab'm [Molshur] Called for Liquor and had but did not Remember of securing any Liquor paid for himself - But that Some of the Great [Vine Partner] People paid there part and Home but to who he knew not

Moses Fisth being Sworn Saith - That he was at Burnetts Afforsad and see John Lamb pay [of] towards half a pint of Rum that he said Lamb had in Co: with a Man that liv'd at Old Mr Lambs' - That he Called for Syder and Burnett told him he did not pretend to sell tavern any more - but that there was

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a Mug of Syder Stood on the Table and that he took it up and Expected to pay Burnet for it and that before he went away he heard Griffin Say that the Reconing Came to upwards of Twenty Dollars and that he Did See him Measure Liquor Several Times but did not Remember to See him take Money for it--

Joseph Higgins Sworn Saith

that on Last Tuesday Burnett Borrowed his Table & Knifes he was Over with his wife to See the young ones Dance but Staid but a few Minutes in the House and that Next Morning he went over after his Table and Knifes - and then Call'd for a Dram Burnet said he did not pretend to Sell but would Give him one He then Handed him one for which he paid him for - after that with another man he got another Dram and paid him for the Same and that Michaiel Manfield Came to his House very much in Drink and Said that he had Spent four pounds for Liquor Victuals & Tobacco

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Evans Dean being Likewise Sworn in the Case of Burnett Saith

That he Drinkt Rum and Syder one Morning but did not pay for it - that he heard Simon J Myers Call for Syder - But Burnett told him he did not pretend to Sell Liquor but would Give him a Mug of Cyder and he See Simon J Myers pay one Shilling & 4d for it and that on Shrove Tuesday he Bought a Mug of Syder there himself & paid 1/4d for it

[Benj'a] Hatchet Sworn Saith

That he was at Burnetts House Shrove Tuesday and Heard Jehiel Mead Call for a [Fill] of Rum Burnett said he did not pretend to sell but Could give him a Dram -- that he paid Twelve Shillings for his Recogni'z so Andrew G[u]ffin He said it was his Oppinion that the bigger half of the Company was [Desafected] persons and that he understood his Cousin that heard Guffin Drink the Kings Health to Jacob Kemp---

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Silas Hatchett Sworn Saith

That he was at the House of Jno. Burnett on the Evening of Shrove Tuesday and Join'd the Comp: Some time and was About to go he Called his Reconing and paid it being Two Dollars and that he heard A Guffin Drink Georges Health to I.V. King who said don't Drink that Health in Company

Jehial Mead being Sworn

Saith that he Was at the House of Jno. Burnett and and askt Burnett for a Dram Burnet Said that he did not Rum or any Other Liquor but that he Some time after gave him a Dram and that Guffin Desired all that did not mean to join the Frolick to Depart the House but that he Did not Regard that and that when he went away he Left a half Dollar Bill on the Table which He meant Should be as good a Gift as Burnet gave him and that the Comp: Consisted] of both Whigs and Torys - That on the Day Burnett paid His fine before he had a Dram and flung the Money into the Cradle

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This Committee have Considered the Evidence Produced against Jno. Burnett for Selling Strong Liquor - it is agreed that Burnett is Guilty of the fact -(and having been Repeatedly Admmonished before not to Sell any more Strong Liquor without License he not Regarding the Same) and is therefore Sentenced to be fined in the Sum of Five pounds and pay the Cost Acruing

Signed by ord' Committee

11th March 1778

Costs 20£

Casper Rouse Ch'n

it Having Appeared to this Committee that Andrew Guffin & Burt Soper in Co: have been Guilty of the Crime of Selling Strong Liquor by there Own Confession beside the Evidence against them and they have harbour'd or Entertained very Disorderly Co. in open Contempt of the Law and Admonitions of this Committee therefore Do Sentince them to be fined in the Sum of five pounds and

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to pay Cost of Suit Dated Committee Chamber 10th of March 1778

Signed by order of Committee

Cost 20£

Casper Rouse Ch'n

Nich's Stickle 3'd having been Cited before this Com'tee for Disorderly Behaviour [Threating] and Abusing the Guard Sent after his Fathers Slay and Horses as by his own Confession fully Apear as he Confesseth that he was Determined to have knoct them Down and that he prepared a Club for that purpose

This Committee are of Opinion that said Nich's Sickle 3'd is Guilty of a Capital Offence and in order that for to prevent Such Gross Abuses for the future said Nich's Stickle 3'd Shall be fined in the Sum of Ten pounds

£10"0"0

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David Laurence Fine'd for Concealing or Sending away his Horse in the Sum of Three pounds

£3"0"0

Wendell Pulver giving Such Satisfactory Reasons for his not Appearing at Peter Knickerbackers on the 17th of Feb'y the Committee do Acquit him

Eben'r Burch Fined for Carrying of and Concealing his Slay after it was Legally Impressed is therefore Fined in the Sum of Four pounds

£4"0"0

Seth Calkins & Michael Rogers having Cited before this Committee for to answer for there Coming home from Albany without Leave or Discharge there Reasons gave for there So doing they had not any Money Left to bear their Expenses, and that Col. Fisher told them if they come Home no body [could] Hurt them and they were not Set about Any thing that they did not think they was well used as they were not the part that were Impresed

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Seth Calkins being a Minor and his Fathers known Integrity and Readyness and his Declaration that in Future his Son Should behave better -and he Should Turn out at any Time whenever Called on is therefore Acquitted with paying the Constables Costs Constables Fees 12£

Michal Rogers Pleading the Same Excuse as Calkins Above and Signifying his Readiness to Obey all Legall Calls for the future his former good Behaviour being Certified- he is likewise Acquited Paying Costs. Costs ---12£

£0"12"0

This Committee is Adjourned by Order of the Chairman Untill Tommorow Morning Eight OClock To meet at Stephen Atwater-

Casper Rouse Chairman

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On the 11th of March the Committee met by Adjournment at the House of Stephen Atwater and Members Present

Casper Rouse Chair'n

James Heady

Sam'l Crandle

Jno. Seton

Stephen Atwater

Geo: Morehouse Ck

Members

Moved in Committee that it be taken into Consideration Concerning the Charges made by the Officers for themselves and the Guard with them for there Time and Expenses Collecting Slays- and Resolved That Reasonable Wages and Cash be Allowed & Whearas Capt James Wilson has Sent in an account for him Self and Guard - This Committee Judge that said Account Just Therefore is Allowed - which is Sixteen Shillings pr Day for him Self and Twelve Do. for his Assistant Accounting the Aforsaid Sums to Comprehend their Wages and Expenses for Each Days Service

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Done by the Committees Order and the Commander of Each Party that was Sent out by the Committee Shall be Allowd, the Same Wages as was Allowed to Capt Wilson vizt Seventeen Shillings pr Day

Capt James Wilsons Account ----- £5"0"0

Amounted to £5"0"0

John Gage Commander of of a party Exhibited an Account and is Allowed the Sum of Seventeen pounds 4/ for him Self & his [part]----17"4"0

Lieu't John Seten Allowed his Account-----2"0"0

Jno. Gage Allowed Sixteen Shillings - for him Self and Assistance for bringing Nich's Sickle before the Committee----0"16"0

James NewComb Allowed for Citeing Seven Men before the Committee ---- 1"12"0

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Lieu't Silas Husted's Account of five pounds four Shillings is Allowed for him Self & Guard with him in Bringing together Slays----£5"4"0

Jaimes Winchel Allowed Twelve Shillings for Citing John Houghtailing-----0"12"0

Wheras Several Persons have been Cited before this Committee to answer to the Severall Charges Exhibit'd Against them (as may Appear of Record of this Com'tee) and it Likewise Appears that Severall have been Fined in Several Different Sums - it is therefore agreed on & Resolved by this Committee that James Newcomb be Appointed to Notify all those Persons that have been fined that Live west of Youngs Tavern in this Presinct and that he Shall be Allowed Three Dollars for this Service and that Stephen Atwater be Appointed to Notify all those that Live to the Eastward of Youngs

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Tavern, the forgoing Persons are to be Notified to to pay the Monies to them or to the Chairman of this Committee and that the Aforsaid James Newcomb and Stephen Atwater make a Return of these [Doing] to the Chairman of this Committee who is to pay them for their Trouble Three Dollars Each for their Service

Resolved that if any Person or Persons that have been fined by this Committee Shall Refuse (after having been properly Notified) to pay their Respective Fines - Then in Such Case the Chairman of this Com'tee is

hereby Authorized to Grant out a [Strain] Warrant Directed to the Constable or Other Person that he shall think Proper --- and such Constables or Other Person Shall be fully Impower'd to Levy on the Good or Chattles of such Delinquents and after Six Days public Notice make Sale of the Same

Resolved that The Constable or Other person that Shall Collect the Aforsaid Fines by Warrant Shall be Intitled to Lawfull Fees-

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Wheras John Burnett Andrew Guffin & Burt Soper have been fined by this Committee (as may be Seen in the Records of this book) and Resolved That the Aforsaid Fines as Soon as Collected Shall be Disposed of as the Law Directs

Ezra Perry Cited before this Committee on Complaint of Sam'l Egleston for Secreting his Horses & Slay when Impressed to go to Albany said Perry Say that one of his Horses was Lame in the Stable-- that Egleston told him his Horse must go if he Could find no Other that would Do as well and that he said Egleston Came Next Day After the Horse but that he had Sent the Horse to Sallisbury --that he told Egleston it was hard his Horse Should be taken - that he had a Child very Sick – likewise sthat his other Horse was very Young that he had Engaged to Carry a [Plate] for the Clothing Business to Danbury and his Honour

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was at Stake for the Performance of it &ca This Committee having heard the Reasons given by Mr. Perry - why he did not furnish a Horse & Slay as he was ordered & this Committee are of Opinion that his Reason are Insosicient and do Fine him in the Sum of Eight Pounds ---£8"0"0

Resolved

That the Extra Cash the Committee was at in Notifying one another to Conveen on this Extraordinary Occasion Shall be paid

Paid by George Morehouse to the Chairman the Sum of Twelve pounds Eleven Shillings and Eight pence Which he Rece'd of the Q.M.G.

Resolved that the Chairman of this Committee be and is herby Appointed Appointed to Receive all the Fines when Collected that have been Laid on the Several Delinquents before Nam'd

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and that he Likewise be Impowered to pay out of the Same all such Sum as have been Allow'd for Guards and the Costs that have been Allow'd for Citing Persons and all Other Costs & Sums Allowd and Ordered to be paid by this Committee wherof Record is made and that a True and Regular Account be kept of the Same and that the Residue and Reminder of said Fines if any Should be Shall be kept Safe in Bank for the Use of the Presinct - and to the Poor Masters or the Legislative Power of this State when Required

Resolved

That the Sum of Five pounds, Six Shillings be Allowed to Men that were Sent in a Terible Storm Notify the Members of this Committee when they Met to Consult About Collecting the Sleigh for Use of the Q.M.G.----- £2"6"0

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Resolved

That this Committee be & are herby [Intitled] to Receive the Sum of Ten Shillings pr Day for Each Member that has Served on this Excha: Business previous to this Sessions and to be paid out of the fines &c

Resolved That this Committee be [Intitled] to the Sum of Four Shillings for Each Member has Served at this Presint Sitting Executive of all Just & Reasonable Cost

Resolved that the Bill of Cost [Owing] at this present Siting Shall be Allowed & paid out of the Fines as beformentioned -- which is Twelve pound, Eleven Shilling [6] pence for Victuals and Horse keeping & Two pounds Thirteen & Eight Pence for Liquor-----£12:11:0

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11 March 1778

Resolved

That this Committee Stand Adjourned from this day untill the first Tuesday in Appril Next to meet at at Eight O Clock at the House of James Young on the Pine Plain

by order of Committee

Casper Rouse Ch'n

Warrant Granted out against Andrew Stickle, and Jacob [Louke] [Mohse] Rowe 23d March 1778

March 31st Day 1778

Committee met on an Especial Occasion

Members Present

Casper Rouse Chairman

James Heady

Sam'll Crandle

Jno. Seton

Stephen Atwater

Jer'h Gifford

Sam'll Egleston

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Wheras the Fines have not been Duly Collected From Jacob Loukes, Andrew Stickle & Mathew Rowe Acording to a former Resolution of this Com'tee Therfore, Resolved that David Saint John Immediately [Execute] the Warrant he Has Obtained from this Committee Without Delay in Collecting Said Fines---

Wheras it Appears to this Committee that there is a Small Quantity of Wheat in the Custody of Geo: [Conkright] and Joseph Higgins in Jno Burnets Barn belonging to a person that having been gone to the Enmy Resolved therefore that Mr James Heady & Samuel Crandle be Appointed to take an Inventory of said Wheat and Secure & make Return to the Comisioners of the Same -

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Wheras John Gage did not make Returns of Mr [Couses] Boy & Slay Carrying the Guard to Nich's Stickle and the Service of Edward Edgett Two Days and Henry Mead one day Resolved that Mr Couse be paid Twelve Shilling and Edward Edgett the Sum off One pound four Shillings

Resolved that this Committee be Adjourned to the Seventh day of April to Meet at Six OClock in the Morning to meet at James Youngs &c

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April 3rd 1778

Committee of North East precinct met on a Speciall Call at the House of Casper Rouse --

Members Present

Casper Rouse Chm

James Heady

Sam'll Crandle

Stephen Atwater

Jeremiah Gifford

Wheras it Appeareth to this Committee by a Letter from the Committee of Frederick Borough and other Evidence and Circumstances that their is a Number of Disaffected persons Combined together in a plot in the Northeast Presinct Manor of Livingston and Elsewhere to take and Carry of all Commission Officers and Committee Men to New York and to Burn and Destroy the Inhabitants as much as lay in their power & in Order to Detect Such Infidels or Conspirators.

Resolved

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Resolved

Therefore the Good People and Friends to the United States in their Presinct be Imediately Ordered Under Arms To parade at the House of Stephen Atwater on Tomorrow the fourth of Inst. April at four OClock in the Morning their to Reserve their Orders from the Committee or Some Proper Officer

This Committee paid Sixteen Dollars to the Guard that brought Ezra Perry (a Prisoner) from Philips Patten

Resolved that this Committee be Adjourned untill the Fourth Day of Instant to meet at four O Clock at Mr Stephen Atwaters-----

Stephen Atwaters House

April 4th Day 1778

Com'tee Met according to Adjournment & Present the following Members (vizt)

Casper Rouse Ch'm

James Heady

Sam'll Crandle

Jno Collin

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George Morehouse

Stephen Atwater

Jerimiah Gifford

Israel Thompson M. C. Com'tee

Resolved

That the Chairman and Two Members of this Committee Shall Constitute a House to proceed upon Business from time to time untill the Seventh Day of this Instant

Resolved in Committee that Lieu't S. Crandle Detach a Sufficient Guard and March from this place to Lewis [Boyan] and Elsewhere and Detach Every Friend to the Country to his Assistance with their Arms & Amunition on the Refusall of Any to Aprehend them. Immediately with their Arms and Ammunition and Conduct them under a sofficient Guard to this Committee at the House of Stephen Atwater in wherever they Shall be Setting by order of Committee Casper Rouse Chair'n

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This Committee Stand Adjourned by order of Com'tee untill Tomorrow 5th of April to meet at Eight O Clock in the Morning by order of Committee

Dr. Geo Morehouse Clerk

Stephen Atwaters House

5th of April 1778---

Committee Met According to Adjournment & Present the following members vizt

Casper Rouse Chair'n

Ja's Heady

Sam'l Crandle

Jer'h Gifford

John Seton

Stephen Atwater

George Morhouse

Israel Thompson M.C.C.

6th

Committee Met at Same place and Same Members Present -----

Resolved that the Chairman pay the Expenses of this Meeting out of the Fines Colected from persons who Neglected to furnish Slays in Feb'y According to the Re-

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-solution of the Senate and Assembly

April 7th Met

Members Present

Casper Rouse Chairman

James Heady--

Sam'll Egleston---

Jeremiah Gifford

Col. Thomson M. C. Com'tee

Wheras Andrew Pulver Complaineth & Saith that he Lost a Horse in the Service worth One Hundred Pounds

Joshua Dakin Complaineth to this Comm'tee & Saith he Lost a Horse that he Gave Forty Eight Pounds on purpose for him to [gain] the Continental

Service Resolved that this Committee Apply to proper [Bond] to [Attain] pay for said Horses

NEW PAGE

Committe Of Safety N.Y.

[upside down]

Cap'n [Husted's] Compapny

1 [1st] Lieut. 4. Days

1 [2'd] [Lt.] – 3 Do.

1 Ensign – 4 Do.

1 Sergt-- 1 Do.

3 [Do]—2 Do.

3 privates 4 Do.

1 Do. – 3 Do.

19 Do—2 Do.

8 Do--- 1 Do.

Cap'n H[iram] [Jorge] Company

1 Ensign – 3 Days

1 Serg't 1 Do

13 Privates 2 Days

NEW PAGE

Paid by the Chairman Casper Rouse

Persons by order of Committee vizt.--

To Capt Talmadge for Powder ---- £7"12"0

To Casper Rouse for going on Publick Service to git Some [writings] done £2"15"0

Paid To Stephen Atwater ----- £15"5"0

Paid to Henry Mead ----- £0"19"0

Do to Ed'd Edgett ----- 1"4"0

Do to Jn'o Gage ----- 19"4"0

Do To J Newcomb ----- 2" 16"0

Do E Edgett -----1"4"0

Do E Crow----- 0"6"0

Do C Rouse ----- 0"16"0

Do To George Morehouse --- for Making out the Records the [Gov'r] [1]" 8"0

Do to Casper Rouse for paper ----- 0"10"0

Do to Geo Morehouse for Do ----- 0"12"0

Do To James Winckel for Service 0"[12]"0

Do To Geo Morehouse for [Inking] Record 2"0"0

Do To L Seton for Service----- 2"8"0

Do To Stephen Atwater for Expenses 24"12"10

Do To the Committee for Service 12"[?]"0

Do To Stephen Atwater for Service 1"4"0

Do To [Evidences] in Burnets Case 0"7" {?}

Do pd to James Heady for going to Poughkeepsie----- 1"12" {?}

Do pd to Husted for L{?} 5" {?}

NEW PAGE

Paid to Capt James Willson The Sum of Five pound Twelve Shillings [to] John[tea] Couse