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AN

EPITOME

OF THE ACTS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY,
OR THE COMMITTEE OF WAR, CALLED BY THE GOVERNOR,
AND HELD AT DIFFERENT PLACES, FROM THE 7TH DAY
OF JUNE 1775, UNTIL THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1778.

AT a meeting of the Governor and Council, or Committee of War,
called by his Honor, and held at Lebanon, Wednesday, June
7, 1775.

PRESENT.

His Honor, the Governor.

The Hon. Deputy Governor, GRISWOLD.

The Hon. Jabez Huntington, William Williams, Nathaniel Wales,
Jedediah Elderkin, Joshua West, and Benjamin Huntington, Esq'rs.,
Council of Safety.

William Williams was appointed Clerk.

THE Governor laid before the Board, letters from the Committee of War, the Committee of Safety, and of Supplies, from Massachusetts, and from Generals Spencer and Putnam, at the camp near Boston, all earnestly requesting a quantity of powder to be sent them forthwith. The Governor and Council ordered 50 whole barrels of powder to be sent to the care of Generals Putnam and Spencer, containing 100 pounds each, the property of this colony; to be packed into common barrels, and the vacant room filled with rye or other grain.

Col. Parsons, with the company under his immediate command, and the company under Capt. Chapman, were ordered to march and join the Connecticut troops, at the camp near Boston. Giving the officers in said camp authority to purchase such quantity of fish and lard for the troops at said camp, as should be necessary.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) June 17. (Samuel Huntington added.)

The Governor laid before the Committee, letters from Congress, from Generals Spencer and Putnam, &c., for a further supply of powder, at the camp near Boston, &c.

Ordered 50 gun locks of Uri Hanks, at \$2 each.

The six companies of Col. Parsons' regiment, at New London, under Lieut. Col. Tyler, were ordered forthwith to march to the camp near Boston, and to be supplied with ammunition out of the colony stores.

Ten additional barrels of powder were ordered to be sent to Generals Putnam and Spencer from Norwich.

IN SESSION, (according to adjournment,) June 19.

The news of the Charlestown engagement was received at Lebanon, on the night of the 18th inst., at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Bissell was ordered to send to the army all the cloth he had, for tents, (sufficient for 40 tents); and Commissary Trumbull, to procure the remainder, and get them all made by the poor tent makers who escaped from Boston, (i. e.) enough to supply Gen. Putnam's regiment.

A letter from Col. Wolcott, requesting a supply for Col. Hinman's regiment, at Ticonderoga, was approved. A letter in answer to Col. Hinman's was also approved.

Our troops near Boston, were directed to have fresh beef three days each week.

The company under Capt. T. Perritt, were ordered to remain at Boston, unless the generals should suppose their continuance unnecessary.

The Governor was advised by the Board, to give orders to the officers and soldiers, to yield obedience to the general commanding officer of the troops of Massachusetts, while they acted in that province, until further orders.

The Assembly of New York, made a request for Gen. Wooster's and Col. Waterbury's regiments, to march within five miles of the city of New York, as they expected troops from Great Britain.

Gen. Wooster was ordered to send two of his companies to New London, and with the remaining seven companies, and Col. Waterbury's regiment, to march to within five miles of New York.

The powder expected from New York, was stopped at Stamford; it was ordered to be sent for, and immediately forwarded to Boston.

IN SESSION, July 13.

The Governor laid before the Council various letters; and one he had prepared, congratulating Gen. Washington on his appointment,

&c. ; another line hinting at Gen. Spencer's uneasiness, &c., on being overlooked, and with a small alteration to gratify Gen. Spencer, after he came in, &c., to have him remain at Roxbury, &c.

Samuel Huntington and William Williams, Esq'srs., were desired to wait on Gen. Spencer, at Gray's Inn, and confer with him on his uneasiness, and endeavor to remove his dissatisfaction, and reconcile him to pursue the service ; which they did.

IN SESSION, (at the Governor's house,) in the afternoon, July 13.

In the afternoon, Gen. Spencer attended at the Governor's house, when a long conference was held on the subject of his being superseded by Gen. Putnam, which he thought to be hard and resented it. At length, however, he was persuaded to return to the army ; and returned to camp with letters to Gen. Washington.

An Indian, by the name of Cognahue, brought despatches from the Indian country.

Capt. Potter, from Coos, came with a written request for powder, but was refused by the Board.

The two companies of Gen. Wooster's regiment, stationed at New London, (the one of them was then at New Haven,) were ordered to march directly to the camp near Boston.

Surgical instruments were not to be included in the £30, allowed for the purchase of medicine for the 8th regiment.

IN SESSION, July 24, (9 o'clock. A. M.)

A post by the name of Judd, had arrived with letters from Ticonderoga, informing the Council that the troops there were destitute of tents, &c. The Governor was advised to write the Congress of New York to provide and send Col. Hinman's regiment at Ticonderoga, a suitable number of tents.

Two thousand barrels of flour were sent to Norwich, by Congress, for the army near Boston, and desired by Gen. Washington to be forwarded to the army ; the freight of which was paid by this colony.

William Williams, Nathaniel Wales, Capt. Deshon, and Capt. Hall were appointed to enquire at Norwich, New London, New Haven, Middletown, Hartford, &c., for proper vessels to be used for armed vessels, and the terms on which they could be procured, &c., and report on the 2d of August (then) next.

At the request of Gen. Washington, the Council advised to order the colonels of the 7th and 8th regiments, to march their regiments as soon as possible, in whole or part companies, to the camp near Boston, and be placed under the commander-in-chief of the continental army.

IN SESSION, August 2.

The committee appointed to view vessels, &c., for armed vessels, &c., made a verbal report, that many vessels could be had on good terms, but that no one of them was perfectly accommodated for a vessel of war; that people differed about the policy of the measure; some thought we could not compete with the British ships; that it would provoke insult, and expose our sea coasts and vessels inward bound to greater danger; and others that it would be a protection. The Council ordered a brig, called the *Minerva*, owned by Capt. William Griswold, of Wethersfield, of 108 tons, to be prepared for an armed vessel, according to a resolve of the Assembly. Also to charter some small vessel, a fast sailer, of about 20 or 30 tons, and prepare her with such warlike materials as would be needed, to be used chiefly as a spy vessel, to run from place to place, to carry intelligence, discover the enemy, &c. Capt. S. Niles, of Norwich, was appointed captain. B. Huntington, Esq. and Capt. Deshon were appointed to find and fit out and furnish said small vessel.

IN SESSION, August 3.

Giles Hall was appointed captain of the brig *Minerva*, at £7 per month; Thomas Horsey, of Derby, 1st lieutenant; James Hopkins, 2d lieutenant; Timothy Larrabee, steward; S. Backus, cook; 1 carpenter, 1 pilot, 40 seamen, and 40 soldiers or marines. Capt. Hall was directed to raise the men, and to be paymaster of said seamen and marines or crew, and the Governor desired to grant the commissions and warrants for the officers. Said brig *Minerva* was chartered at 4 shillings, lawful money, per ton, per month, and pay for the extra damage.

The Council ordered two companies, viz: Maj. Latimer's and Capt. Shipman's, to be stationed at New London.

It was ordered, that four of the 6 pound cannon at New London should be delivered to J. Huntington, of Norwich, for the defence of Norwich.

IN SESSION, August 7.

Mr. Huntington, &c. reported, that they had not yet found a suitable small vessel to be fitted out as a runner and cutter:—they were ordered to make further enquiry.

The news of three or four men-of-war, and eight or ten other ships appearing off New London, (on the 6th of August inst.,) by express; and being further informed by Col. Huntington, that they were bearing for Fisher's Island, with the design of taking the stock, &c. The

Council believed they had reason to apprehend danger and hostile attacks from the ships and others that might be sent to distressus; they judged it of great importance to all, but more especially those at or near the sea coast, to be in a good posture of defence, and therefore desired the Governor to order the colonels of the 3d, 8th, 20th, 7th, and 2d regiments of militia, forthwith to enroll one-fourth part of their regiments, and be equipped with fire arms, powder and balls, &c.; the powder to be taken from town stocks, the cartridges made and lodged with the captains, ready for delivery on any emergency, and the men to be in readiness as minute men, to march at the shortest notice, when attacked by sea or land; and the field officers to appoint the officers for said companies. The Council ordered one other company in Col. Webb's regiment, to march and be stationed at New Haven, and that two cannon at New Haven, should be mounted for field pieces; and ship carriages be prepared for four cannon marked by Williams and Wales, and appointed David Austin, Jonathan Fitch, and William Greenough to see the preparation immediately effected, and to improve Mr. Rice.

Mr. Skinner brought a letter to the Governor from Gen. Washington, requesting the purchase of all the tow cloth that could be procured, for shirts and short coats for uniform dress, &c. for the army; and sent a sample, with a cape ruffled: Accordingly letters were sent by the Governor to all the commissaries in the colony to procure all the tow cloth they could purchase.

A letter was sent to Col. Hamlin, to inform the Governor and Council of his progress in collecting and sending salt petre and sulphur, to New York, to be made into gun powder.

IN SESSION, August 14.

Capt. F. Shaw, of Goldsborough, by order of said town, applied for leave to purchase in this colony about 1,500 bushels of corn and rye, and 50 barrels of pork, for the necessary use of the people of Goldsborough. The Governor and Council granted him license, and the Governor gave him a written permit, the embargo notwithstanding.

One Rensselaer, by an order from W. Livingston, a commissary for the New York department, asked the Board for liberty to purchase 450 barrels of pork for the troops at Ticonderoga, as it could not be had at New York,—which was granted to be purchased in the counties of Litchfield and Fairfield.

Col. Saltonstall wrote a letter to the Governor and Council, asking advice, on the propriety of taking stock from the islands, &c., which they declined giving, as it was out of the colony limits; but remarked

that great care should be taken to prevent provisions, &c. (near the water) from falling into the hands of the enemy.

Mr. Huntington reported, that he found but one small vessel, suitable to be a small armed vessel, and that could be purchased at £200, of Hancox, of Stonington, and her sails and rigging were unfit for service. It was ordered by the Governor and Council, that said schooner, (called the Britannia,) should be purchased for the colony, and B. Huntington, Esq., Capt. Deshon, and Capt. Niles, were appointed to purchase her at said price, and have her rigged and fitted out as speedily as possible; they also appointed Robert Niles, of Norwich, to be her commander. Capt. Deshon was directed forthwith to put the cannon, small arms, pistols, and every warlike instrument then at New London, which were suitable for armed vessels, into proper condition for immediate use, and to advise with Capt. Hall of the larger armed vessel (then) fitting at Middletown.

IN SESSION, August 17.

The 450 barrels of pork purchased by Mr. Rensselaer, in the colony, were for Gen. Schuyler's army at the northward, and the Governor and Council considered the danger too great to carry it by water to New York; therefore sent him positive orders not to ship any pork purchased in this colony to New York, but to transport it by land to the Hudson river, and from thence by water to Albany, which order was sent by Mr. Skinner.

Gen. Washington ordered Gen. Schuyler to send a quantity of lead balls, found at Ticonderoga and Crown Point to Gov. Trumbull, &c. The Governor wrote Gen. Schuyler to send the same to Commissary Phelps, at Albany, and said Phelps to be advised of it, and directed to forward them in the most safe and expeditious manner to Gen. Washington.

Orders were sent to Maj. Latimer, commander of the troops at New London, to keep regular watches and guards about his camp, and see that his soldiers were properly exercised, instructed, and kept clean, and free from idleness and bad practices.

Capt. Lyon was ordered to remain at Norwich Landing, until further orders, and assist the people there, by one half of his company at a time, in building a redoubt, at Waterman's Point, &c., and allow them spirits when in said service; and that the captain should see that proper watches and guards were kept, and the exercises be kept up in good order.

The vast quantity of pork, and other provisions used by the army, rendered provisions extremely scarce; therefore the Council advised

to continue the embargo until the 20th of October, 1775; and the Governor was desired to issue his proclamation accordingly.

The Governor and Council granted an order to pay for 18 blankets and 9 guns, lost at Bunker Hill; to pay Samuel Hunt £3:8:9; to pay David Trumbull for going as an express three times to the army, £8:19; to John Alden for going as an express to Killingly to recall troops on their march to Cambridge, by advice from Gen. Washington; also to pay for a horse, purchased for the Indian Cognahue, to ride to the Oneida Indians, &c. £5.

New Haven selectmen were ordered to prepare carriages for four 6 pound cannon.

IN SESSION, August 21.

Letters had been received from Gen. Schuyler and Col. Hinman, informing the Governor of the great danger of delays from New York, &c., relating to the northern expedition, &c.; also a letter from Maj. Brown, who had been in Canada, and gave a favorable account of the country. A secret letter was shewn to the Council by the Governor, from one Brook Watson to President Livingston, which had been intercepted,—(an ill concern.)

Mr. Hazard, of Edgartown, was permitted to purchase £100 worth of rye and corn, and carry out of the colony.

A letter was sent to President Livingston, of the New York Congress, expressing the Governor's anxiety at their not having provided and sent the tents they engaged for Col. Hinman's regiment, and urging the danger of delays, &c.

A letter was also sent by the Governor and Council to Commissary Phelps, as to the lead to be sent him from Ticonderoga, for the use of the army near Boston, by the desire of Gen. Washington.

IN SESSION, August 24.

A permit was granted James Church, of Hartford, to send to Providence, by water, 300 bushels of wheat, to be ground for the army near Boston; which was done with great doubt of its expediency, lest it might fall into the hands of the British.

Benjamin Huntington and Ephraim Bill were appointed a committee to oversee and direct the building a battery, &c. at Waterman's Point, in New London river.

Various accounts were offered for guns, blankets, &c., which had been impressed by the Governor's order, to supply the loss of our soldiers at Bunker's Hill. N. Frink, 6 guns and 10 blankets, procured at Pomfret, £20:14; Wales & Bissell, 10 guns and 25 blankets, for

Windham, £40 : 1 ; Mr. Chandler, of Woodstock, 6 guns and 10 blankets, £19 : 13 ; Capt. Bacon, of Canterbury, for guns and blankets, £20 : 1 : 6 ; Mr. Leffingwell, of Norwich, 20 guns and 40 blankets, £67 : 9 : 6.

IN SESSION, September 4.

The Governor laid before the Council, a request of the General Assembly of Massachusetts, communicated by the Hon. J. Otis, President of their Council, informing the Governor and Council, that the gaols in that colony were crowded with prisoners, and wishing to send some of their prisoners into Connecticut. Although our own prisons were much wanted for our prisoners from the northward, and Tories at home ; yet for the great affection for the common cause, the Governor and Council did not refuse to receive some of their prisoners, on condition that they should apply to Rhode Island and New Hampshire Assemblies for like favors, and send as sparingly to Connecticut as possible ; and that such as they should send, should be sent to the gaols in Hartford and Windham.

Col. Saltonstall and Capt. Deshon were present as a committee from New London, and Maj. Smith and Capt. Palmer, from Stonington. The latter stated that Stonington had been lately attacked and fired upon, and asked the Governor and Council for some military companies to be stationed at Stonington ; and both committees prayed for aid to erect works for defence, &c.

Two companies, viz. : Capt. Bostwick's and Capt. Tyler's, and a part of a company under Capt. Lieut. Hubbard, were ordered to be stationed at or near Stonington harbor ; and the other companies to remain at New London, under Maj. Lattimer ; and the soldiers at both places were directed to make such intrenchments and works of defence as should be directed by the civil authority and field officers in those towns. It was also ordered that Capt. Rowlee's company should be sent to Lyme, under the direction of the Deputy Governor and civil authority of that town, and keep proper watches and guards.

Information was received from Maj. Lattimer, that one of the vessels taken by Capt. Wallace, of the *Rose* man-of-war, &c., at Stonington, was by stress of weather driven back to New London, with one white man, a petty officer, and three negroes on board, who were in his custody ; and he asked how to dispose of them. Two of said negroes had been robbed and taken by Capt. Wallace from Deputy Governor Cook, of Rhode Island, the other from Capt. Collins. The Governor and Council ordered Maj. Lattimer to deliver the vessel to the actual owner ; send the white man to gaol in Windham ; and the three

negroes to be employed by Capt. Niles, at Norwich, until notice should be given to their masters.

IN SESSION, September 8.

Ezekiel Williams, Esq., reported the armed brig *Minerva* nearly ready, and wished the officers all appointed. James Hopkins was appointed 1st lieutenant, instead of Horsey, declined; Jehial Tinker, 2d lieutenant, instead of Hopkins; Andrew Jehonnot, steward, instead of T. Larrabee; Wm. Plummett, master; Wm. Warner, mate; Benjamin Cranston, gunner. And she was ordered to be supplied with five barrels of powder and suitable balls, from New London, and 300 pounds of lead, from Wethersfield.

Three companies, under Col. Webb, at Greenwich, were ordered to New Haven, to erect intrenchments at five mile point, or elsewhere, as Colonels Webb and Hall should advise; on condition that if the report in circulation, of the troops coming to New York, should appear to Col. Webb to be true, that he should remain at Greenwich until farther orders.

As this colony, at the time aforesaid, was greatly in advance as to men and money to sustain the war, and as Congress had resolved, that all expenses of the war should be borne by the united colonies in just proportions, and had emitted a continental currency to aid in the expenses; yet this colony had loaned the colonies £15,000 lawful money, (i. e.) to Gen. Schuyler, on the request and credit of Congress; and had also advanced large sums to carry on the war; it therefore became necessary to apply to Congress for £50,000 of said continental money, in addition to the amount paid Gen. Schuyler. Wm. Williams and Nathaniel Wales, were appointed agents, to proceed immediately to Philadelphia, to procure said sum of £65,000. £2,000 was voted to be paid to N. Shaw, to purchase gun powder. £100 was voted for Capt. Niles, of the schooner *Spy*, to prepare the vessel and pay his men.

IN SESSION, September, 14. (Six of the Council present.)

A letter from Gen. Washington, requiring peremptorily and unconditionally, that all the last raised troops in this colony should be sent to him, at the camp near Boston, was laid before the Council. On this there was great consideration. The troops were much wanted in the colony at their stations in New Haven, New London, and Lyme, to throw up and build works of defence against the British ships that were hovering about the eastern coast of the colony. These but a short time before, had cannonaded Stonington, and threats repeatedly made

after that attack, rendered it probable that some other places on the coast would soon be attacked by the British, and therefore that the removal of the troops to Boston would greatly endanger the towns on the coasts in the colony; but, fearing, that should they refuse to send said troops, advantage would be taken against the colony, and though they would not be as useful at the camp, as they would be in their employments at their stations, yet it was thought most prudent to comply with the demand; and they were immediately ordered to march to the camp near Boston. And that our towns near the sea board (that were then left naked and defenceless, and the works of defence dropt, or at least stayed,) should be protected, and provided; it was ordered to enlist 50 men, under Maj. Oliver Smith, for the defence of Stonington, and for carrying on the works began there, until the 20th of October, 1775. And 70 men were ordered to be raised in the same manner and for the same purposes at New London, under Col. Saltonstall; and 20 men to be raised at Lyme, to watch and guard at Black Point, Black Hall, &c., where the cattle and stock were the most exposed to be plundered, under Lee Lay, as ensign; also to raise 50 men at New Haven, to be employed there for defence, and to erect works of defence, if thought advisable by the people at New Haven,—to be under such officers as should be nominated by Wm. Williams and Nath'l. Wales. A half ton of powder was ordered to be sent to Gen. Washington.

A letter was received from the Deputy Governor of Rhode Island, proposing that this colony should join them in sending to Bayonne, for powder, by a French ship, manned with French sailors. An answer was given, that the colony had expended their money so largely in the article of powder that their funds were nearly exhausted, and though they expected a supply, they refused the offer, but recommended to him to propose the measure to Gen. Washington.

Thompson Phillips was appointed 2d lieutenant, instead of J. Tinker, a commissioned officer in the armed brig *Minerva*.

Widow Smith, of New London, stated that the prisoners who had lately been driven back to New London by stress of weather, in a vessel piratically taken from Stonington, by Capt. Wallace, of the *Rose* man-of-war, were confined at Windham; and prayed that said prisoners might be exchanged for her son, Amos Smith, B. Green, and N. Comstock, who had been taken by said Wallace in New London harbor; which was agreed to be done, and so ordered.

IN SESSION, September 22.

Granted Gov. Trumbull £32 : 4 : 9 cash paid for postage of letters, &c.

IN SESSION, October 4.

Penuel Cheeny was appointed surgeon to the 3d regiment of forces raised for the defence of the colony, at £7 : 10 per month.

IN SESSION, October 9.

Capt. Hall, of the brig *Minerva*, was ordered on a cruise with said brig, by a request from the Continental Congress, as appears by President Hancock's letter of October 5, 1775; and J. Wadsworth was directed to supply said brig with her provisions and warlike stores, for a six months cruise, and to provide 600 pounds of powder for said brig.

One hundred and fifty pounds of powder were ordered for the schooner *Spy*.

Hon. M. Griswold was appointed to meet, in behalf of the Governor, a committee of Congress, and others, to consult with Gen. Washington, at Cambridge, on the 12th of October, 1775, on matters of great importance, and in pursuance of an appointment of Congress.

The sum of £2,000 in continental money were loaned Capt. Wadsworth 2d November, 1775. Doct. John Waldo was allowed £13 for his services, &c., as surgeon two months in Col. Huntington's regiment. £100 was paid David Trumbull for repairing 180 guns sent from Crown Point.

When the brig *Minerva*, which had been ordered on a cruise to the northward on an important enterprise, attempted to set sail; all her hands, except ten or twelve, refused to obey orders, and perform the cruise. In consequence of this disobedience, the expedition wholly failed. The Governor and Council ordered the disobedient hands to be discharged from service, and their wages and titles to be suspended for an after consideration.

Hon. M. Griswold, S. Huntington, and B. Huntington, Esq'srs., were appointed to go to Lyme or Saybrook, and discharge the disobedient marines on board said brig, and to empower Capt. Hall to enlist others to supply their places.

It was stated by the Governor that he expected an engineer from Gen. Washington, to view the harbors at New London, &c., and report such places as should prove the most proper for fortifying against the enemy. The Governor and Council appointed Col. Elderkin and Maj. Dorr, of Boston, (then at Norwich) to assist the engineer in the service.

The Governor wished to be advised as to the propriety of recommending Mr. Moses Cleveland to Gen. Washington, for an officer. It was referred to the Governor's discretion.

IN SESSION, November 3.

This meeting was specially called on the receipt of a letter from New Haven, by Mr. Babcock, to provide for the safety of the inhabitants of that town; stating the alarming intelligence that orders had been received by the British to destroy all the sea port towns. The Governor and Council resolved and ordered that 20 men should be enlisted by Capt. Thomson in addition to the 30 men raised by order of the Assembly, and continued until the 1st of December (then) next, and employed under Capt. Thomson in building a breastwork and battery, to repel any hostile attack from any of the British ships, at Black Rock, on the eastern shore of the harbor, under the direction of a committee appointed by the town. The Governor was requested to write to the committee of the city of New York, in favor of New Haven, for the loan of eighteen pieces of iron cannon, 18 and 24 pounders, or of less size, viz. : (of 12 pounders) if larger ones could not be obtained, (at the risk of the colony, if spoiled or lost.) 100 of the colony arms were ordered (for New Haven,) from the counties of New Haven or Litchfield, and to be returned.

Letters were laid before the Council, by the Governor, which stated that the Pennites, on the west branch of the Susquehannah river, were about to come, 500 in number, armed, to drive off the Connecticut settlers from the Wyoming country. The Council viewed it as having a most dangerous tendency, to break the union of the colonies, and esteemed it a plan, probably concerted by enemies with that view. The Governor was desired to address Congress on the subject, and endeavor to have the matter quieted.

A letter was sent by the Governor and Council to the committee at Hartford, who had the charge of prisoners of war, which informed them of a number of men that were coming from Chamblee, and advised them to be distributed in Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, &c., and to keep families together.

IN SESSION, November, 22.

Dr. Church was sent by Gen. Washington, to Lebanon, under a guard of Capt. Putnam, and a sargeant with 7 men, by a resolve of the General Congress, that Dr. Church should be closely confined in some secure gaol in the colony of Connecticut, without pen, paper, or ink; and that no person should be allowed to converse with him, except in the presence and hearing of a magistrate, or a sheriff of the county where he should be confined, and in the English language, until further orders from Congress. Signed per order of Congress, Philadelphia, November 6, 1775, by John Hancock, President. Accompanying the

above was a letter requesting the Governor and Council to comply in every particular with the words of the resolution, signed by Gen. Washington. The Governor and Council directed said Church to be confined in the gaol at Norwich, as required by the resolution, until further orders from Congress.

Six hundred pounds of powder were directed to be sent to New Haven, to the care of Col. John Fitch, &c. ; 200 pounds of which were ordered to Norwalk.

By a request of New Haven, the troops at New London, New Haven, Stonington, and Lyme, whose time of service would expire on the 1st of December, were ordered to be continued until the next session of the General Assembly, or until farther orders.

The Governor was desired, by the Council, to write to and employ sundry persons in the western towns in this colony, to provide persons to be in readiness at a moment's warning, to convey any intelligence of alarm or invasion to any town or place, as occasion should require ; and advise the Congress of New York of the provision made.

Col. Elderkin, who had been appointed, &c., reported, that it would be expedient to erect fortifications at New London harbor, at Mannacock, Winthrop's Point, and Groton Hill. And the men stationed at New London were ordered to erect proper works of defence at Groton Hill, at Winthrop's Point, or at Mannacock, under the direction of Col. Saltonstall, Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., John Deshon, Nathan iel Shaw, Jr., P. Avery, and Josiah Watrous.

The Governor and Council were requested, by this colony, to apply to the Continental Congress, for a number not exceeding 50 cannon, from 12 to 32 pounders, some brass, from St. John's, or any other northern posts (then) lately taken by the northern army, to be used at New London.

The Governor and Council recommended to the county court of New London county, to erect immediately, a high and sufficient yard to enclose the gaol, to prevent communication from without with the prisoners ; which had been requested by Congress and by Gen. Washington, particularly in the case of Dr. Church, who was confined in said prison.

Capt. Niles, of the Spy, informed the Governor and Council, that a vessel at Sag Harbor, Long Island, was loading with provisions, bound for Nantucket, and without a permit, and he suspected the provisions were designed for the British troops. The resolution of Congress, passed on the 6th of November, 1775, was ordered to be sent to Capt. Niles, to instruct him how to proceed.

Several prisoners, at Farmington, from Chamblee, in Canada, were turbulent and disorderly, and refused to abide faithful prisoners, &c. It was suspected that they wished to be imprisoned, to complain of harsh treatment on their return. The Governor and Council ordered a vigilant watch kept over them, even at an extra expense, to prevent their escape.

IN SESSION, December 6.

It was voted, that the vessel of the captain and other officers and sailors of the armed vessel (then lately) taken near St. John's, (said officers, &c. then at Canaan,) should be disposed of for the benefit of the towns in Litchfield county, for taking care of prisoners.

Capt. William Hunter, Lieut. John Smith, Dr. Thomas Sundon, John Kent, William Kent, and a Sarg't. Smith, who were taken prisoners at St. John's, were sent to this colony to be quartered and kept. The Governor and Council directed them to reside within the town of Wethersfield upon their parole of honor not to depart from the town until further orders; and the committee for taking charge of prisoners, were ordered to take charge of and provide for them.

A letter was received from Gen. Washington, informing the Governor and Council, that several of our soldiers, under Gen. Putnam, had deserted the army, (by claiming their time of service had expired;) that he had sent after them, and highly resenting their conduct, and asking for them to be made examples of, &c. The Governor and Council considered their conduct very reprehensible, and considered them deserters, though their time had nearly expired; considered it a critical time to form a new army, and doubted their power to act upon the subject, and therefore referred it to the next General Assembly; and wrote to Gen. Washington on the subject.

IN SESSION, (at New Haven,) December 22.

An order of £100 in favor of Capt. Niles, was drawn on the pay table, for the use of his men on board the armed schooner *Spy*.

The sum of £115:8:6 was allowed Messrs. Greenough, Fitch, and Austin for carriages for cannon at New Haven.

Capt. Thomson and his company, (through the severity of the weather) were discharged from further service in erecting works of defence at Black Rock. £3 was given Capt. Thomson for extra work in cold, severe weather, at Black Rock.

The sum of £8:15:5 was allowed Capt. J. Lester, for ship carriages.

IN SESSION, January 5th, 1776.

(The Council the same as on the 22d December, except Jedediah Elderkin and Joshua West, in the places of Samuel Huntington and the Deputy Governor, who were absent.)

It was ordered, that one row galley, lately ordered by the Assembly should be built at Norwich, one at East Haddam, and the building of the other two postponed.

Silas Dean requested, by letter, in behalf of the naval committee at Congress, that Capt. Niles, of the Spy, should be sent to carry recruits from New London to Philadelphia for the navy; which was refused by the Governor and Council for the reason, that the Spy could not be spared with safety so long at a time.

A letter from Mr. Shaw, informed that Capt. E. Hinman had brought in two tons of powder for the colony, and had landed it at Bedford, near Dartmouth. Mr. Shaw was desired to send the powder to Providence, to the care of Gov. Cook.

The time having expired for which the men of the schooner Spy had enlisted; the Governor and Council directed Capt. Niles to enlist 20 men, such as he could confide in, to serve on board said schooner Spy, for one year; to pay for able seamen, 48s.; for seamen, 40s. per month.

Col. Mott was appointed to view the works of defence at New London, Groton, and Stonington, erected at those places, and report to the Governor as soon as might be.

IN SESSION, January 9.

The subject of building or purchasing, to be armed for defence, a vessel, under a resolve of the Assembly, was before the Board. It was voted, that such vessel should not be less than 200 tons burden. And Benjamin Huntington and Capt. Seth Harding were appointed to go to Middletown forthwith, and to other towns on the river, and find where such warlike vessel, fit and suitable for the service, could be purchased, and the terms of sale, &c., or where, by whom, and on what terms one could be built at the least expense.

Col. J. Elderkin was appointed to attend to some business at Suffrage and Salisbury, and procure the casting of cannon, &c.

IN SESSION, January 26.

Col. Burrall, (and Nathaniel Buel appointed major in the regiment for Canada) were before the Council, and said Buel refused the appointment of major, because Lieut. Col. Mott was placed above him. Col. Burrall represented to the Board, that Col. Mott lived remote (in

the eastern part of the colony,) distant from the regiment in Litchfield county; that it caused great uneasiness in that county where the men were raised and to be raised, and would retard the enlisting there, &c. When Lieut. Col. Mott was informed that his appointment was like to impede the enlisting of men for the Canada service, he at once generously resigned, and Nathaniel Buel, of Salisbury, was appointed lieutenant colonel of said regiment, in the place of said Mott.

Letters and resolutions were received from Congress by express, directing the keeping up nine battalions in Canada; that one regiment should be raised in this colony, and the commissions sent blank, to consist of eight companies.

The Governor and Council gave orders to the pay table, to examine and settle the pay rolls of the officers of the (then) late northern army.

Passed an order for Capt. Harding to go to Saybrook, and assist in forming the plan of the ship to be built.

A proclamation was drafted on the Congress plan, for raising a battalion for Quebec, and passed; to consist of eight companies, 90 men in each, including officers.

IN SESSION, January 29.

Capt. Lester reported his views of the row galleys, at Philadelphia; and Mr. Winslow of those at Providence, and shewed the plans, &c. The Governor and Council ordered two row galleys to be built, one by said Lester, and one by said Winslow, with 60 feet keel, 18 feet beam, and 5 feet hold, four inches dead rising; and stipulated to pay them as master builders, \$1 per day. Capt. Lester moved to be allowed for the use of his tools and yard room; liquor was to be allowed their workmen, as they had been allowed when at work for themselves.

Col. Elderkin reported the condition of the Salisbury furnace, and the works at Colebrook, &c. It was deemed necessary to purchase a lot of wood land, at Salisbury, of 200 acres, which was owned by the wives of Col. Hamlin and the Rev. Mr. Whittlesey; for which purpose, Elijah Hyde, of Lebanon, was appointed to procure the terms of sale of said land, or the wood on it, separately.

Col. Saltonstall being present, a long discussion took place on the question, how the fortifications at New London and Groton should be made and carried on.

Dr. Robert Usher, of Chatham, was appointed surgeon, &c. for Wadsworth's regiment, in the recruits (then) raised for Cambridge, and Dr. Elias Norton, surgeon's mate; Dr. Elisha Perkins, appointed surgeon, &c. for Col. Douglass' regiment, and Dr. Thomas Gray, surgeon's mate, and Rev. John Fuller, chaplain of said regiment. Each

officer and soldier was to be allowed 1s. 6d. for each gun and bayonet used in the service, and for the use of each blanket 3s. ; and if either be lost without default of the soldier, the owner to be paid for it, if appraised before used in service. If unable to provide themselves with arms, &c., the towns to supply them.

Capt. Uriah Hayden was employed to build a ship-of-war, with 80 feet keel, 27 feet beam, and 12 feet hold ; to be paid 6s. per day, he keeping himself, and discharge every part of the duty with the greatest fidelity, care, and despatch ; to obey all directions, and consult Capt. Harding. Benj. Williams, of Saybrook, was employed to do all the necessary iron work for the ship-of-war to be built by Capt. Harding, including deck nails, at 20s. per hundred, in a workman-like manner, and in due season, as fast as they might be wanted, (the colony to find the iron.)

The dead rising for the row galleys, to be built by Lester & Winslow, was afterwards ordered to be about seven inches, instead of four inches.

Mr. Harpin applied to have fortifications erected at Milford, but as no orders had been given by the Assembly, except that they ought to have six cannon, (from New Haven, &c.) The Council negatived the application.

Adonijah Strong, Esq., was appointed to make all necessary preparations, provisions, &c., for the march of the regiment (then) raising under Col. Burrall, for the relief of the continental army, in Canada, as far as Albany, by the request of Gen. Washington, made to the Governor—and keep his account and vouchers.

IN SESSION, February 1.

Congress requested that a ton of powder should be sent to Canada. The colony having at that time but a small quantity of powder on hand ; the Governor and Council ordered to be sent 728 pounds to the army in Canada, to be forwarded by the Governor.

It became necessary that the bounty, wages, and pay for blankets, &c., provisions for the march of the battalion (then) raising to reinforce the northern army, &c., under the proclamation of the Governor, of the 27th of January, 1776, by a resolve of Congress, should be paid. Congress had ordered \$12,500 to be placed in the hands of the delegates of this colony, to be forwarded with all expedition for the use of said battalion ; but in case said money failed to arrive in season, it was ordered that the committee of pay table should draw on the Treasurer of the colony for the sum. It was farther ordered, that said sum should be put in the hands of Wm. Lawrence, Esq., of Hartford ; and

that as soon as necessary, he should repair to Canaan, or elsewhere, and pay off each officer and soldier of said battalion the sums due them, before marching; for which service said Lawrence was ordered to be paid \$26 67 per month, and his expenses.

Jesse Root, Esq., was added to the committee of prisoners of war, sent to this colony. Said committee of prisoners, were ordered to make out a clear and full account of the charge and expense that had been incurred for the support of all prisoners in the colony, from the time of their arrival into the colony, to the 1st of February, 1776, and transmit the same to the Governor, to be forwarded to Congress for payment.

Upon the request of commissaries Fitch and Squire, for directions and orders for money necessary to make provision for the march and support of the men raised to aid Gen. Lee, in his expedition to New York, &c.; an order of £500 for each, was drawn by the pay table on the Treasurer of the colony in favor of said commissaries, to be by them improved in the most careful and frugal manner; to make the necessary provisions for that purpose, and keep exact accounts, with vouchers, and transmit the same to the Governor, and by him to be laid before Gen. Washington for reimbursement.

Capt. Isaac Sears was appointed to purchase a suitable quantity and assortment of duck for a ship of 260 tons, then building for the use of the colony, and 7 tons of iron for said ship; and deliver the iron to Capt. Benj. Williams, and the duck to Capt. Hayden, of Saybrook.

IN SESSION, February 2.

Col. Wadsworth asked for direction respecting three prisoners in his care, who thought themselves unjustly detained. It was ordered, that the Governor should give them a permit to return to Gen. Schuyler, at Albany, and at his discretion to suffer them to return to their several homes.

Col. Dyér and Mr. Wales were appointed and instructed to repair to New London and Groton, to examine the ground where fortifications were proposed to be erected and some were begun, and form their best judgment as to the best places where the same could be built to the greatest advantage, and report how many men ought to be employed to do the work at each place; how soon the works would be undertaken, and under whose direction, &c.; of the expediency of removing some, and how many of the cannon, the ball, powder, &c., from New London, to the works erected or to be erected on Groton Hill; whether any company at New London should be discharged; of the safety of the colony's powder and military stores remaining in a

magazine near the water in New London, and how much ought to be removed, and where it would be best to deposit it. And report to the Governor and Council as soon as practicable.

Mr. Bushnell, by request of the Governor and Council appeared before them, and gave an account of his machine for blowing up ships, &c. ; which he explained. After he retired, the Governor and Council voted that they were under obligations of secrecy respecting the machine, and that the Deputy Governor should reward Mr. Bushnell for his trouble and expenses for attending, and inform him that the Governor and Council fully approved of his plan, and would like to have him proceed, and make every necessary preparation and experiment about it, with expectation of proper public notice and reward.

The Governor and Council had been authorized by the Assembly to supply the batteries at Groton, Stonington, New Haven, &c. ; to effect this was extremely difficult, except they should be cast in the furnace of Mr. Smith, in Salisbury. It was therefore determined to improve said furnace to cast the cannons and cannon balls of proper sizes ; and coal, ore, and all necessary implements for the purpose were ordered to be immediately procured. Col. Elderkin was appointed to go immediately to Salisbury, and give the proper orders and directions ; make provisions, and prepare every necessary for carrying the same into full operation ; and improve and use the wood on 50 acres of land there owned by Messrs. Hamlin and Whittlesey, &c., or so much as should be wanted.

The Governor and Council were informed that the treasury of the colony was exhausted, in the support of the common cause, and particularly by paying the Connecticut forces, under Gen. Washington, at Boston, to quiet the soldiers and have them re-engage in the same service ; and there being many pressing demands upon the treasury for large sums, to fit out the battalions to reinforce the army in Canada, and 3 regiments to recruit Gen. Washington's army, without which funds, &c., said troops could not be sent. It was finally determined, and so ordered, to send any one of the committee of pay table, viz. : either William Pitkin, Thomas Seymour, E. Williams, or Oliver Ellsworth, Esq'rs., forthwith to Gen. Washington, and inform him of the necessity of the colony, and request him to replace the sums of money the committee had advanced from the treasury towards the pay and wages of the forces in his camp.

A letter had been received from Col. Burrall, greatly complaining about Mr. Strong's appointment to supply his regiment to Albany, &c. ; but the Governor and Council adhered to their appointment.

Capt. B. Gallop moved to have the command at Groton. Capt. Troop asked advice as to his company for Canada.

Letters were received from Gen. Washington, Gen. Lee, and Gen. Schuyler, and were laid before the Council.

On Gen. Washington's pressing request for powder, it was ordered that about three tons (then) lately imported by Mr. Shaw and Capt. Hinman, into Dartmouth, and sent by the Governor's order to Providence, should be forthwith sent from Providence to Gen. Washington. Three thousand pounds of it to be on account, and for Maj. Thomson, a committee of supply for Massachusetts; and the other 3000 pounds on account of this colony, to be paid or replaced as the Council should choose.

Gen. Lee signified to the Council, by letter, that he was not only admitted into New York, but that they had resolved to take strong possession of the city, to prevent the enemy from getting any possession; and desired Col. Ward's regiment, which had been released on the discouraging prospects at first, to be sent back; this regiment was ordered forthwith to return to New York, under the command of Gen. Lee, and their wages to be continued as though they had not returned.

A letter was sent Capt. Swift, of the northern expedition, confirming Murray as lieutenant, in the room of Lieut. Grant, declined.

Letters were sent to Gen. Washington, shewing the directions of the Governor and Council respecting powder; and a copy of Gen. Lee's letter.

Mr. Ellsworth, who had been to Gen. Washington to obtain the money our committee had paid to the soldiers, returned unsuccessful. And being in great want of funds, the Governor and Council considered what could be done; but finally ordered that the committee of pay table should prepare, as soon as possible, the pay rolls of the troops, which they had paid, and repair to the Continental Congress, and apply for the re-payment of said sums.

IN SESSION, February 13.

David Lathrop was allowed £11 : 10 : 8, for going as an express to Stamford, to stop the troops, in August, 1775; for going express to New Haven, in October, 1775; for do. express to warn the Assembly, in December, 1775; for do. express to the Lieutenant Governor; for do. to Cambridge.

A letter was sent Governor Cook, of Rhode Island, desiring him to forward our powder to Gen. Washington.

The Governor and Council considered, that the forts at Groton Hill, at Winthrop's Point, and at Mannacock, or Shaw's Point, were of great

importance, not only for the defence of New London, but to render the harbor a place of safety for all friendly shipping of any of the States ; they therefore ordered three companies of men to be raised by voluntary enlistment, consisting of 90 men each, including officers, for the term, and until the 1st of December, 1776, unless sooner dismissed by the Assembly. These were to be employed as laborers in erecting works of defence, as they should be ordered, at the three places mentioned above, and to act as soldiers, if required, in those parts. They were to be exercised by their officers in the use of arms, of cannon, or any other military exercise ; and they were ordered to be stationed at the three places aforesaid, under the command of Capt. Saltonstall, at Winthrop's Point ; under Capt. Mott, at Groton Hill, and under Capt. Ely, at Mannacock, or Shaw's Point. They were liable to be called from their stations to do any duty ; and if any soldier should be deficient in his labor, such deficiency was to be deducted from his wages ; and they were to be ever subject to an act, passed May, 1775, regulating and ordering the troops, &c., and were to receive the same pay as troops in the continental service near Boston. They were to be furnished with good rations and provisions, and one gill of rum per day, when on fatigue, 3s. for the use of blankets, and furnished with arms, by the colony. The Governor and Council directed one barrack to be erected for a single company, on Groton Hill ; that the pest house should be removed and used as a barrack for the company, at Mannacock, if New London charged nothing for such removal.

The Governor and Council ordered 3 stone sledges, 3 hammers, 30 shovels, 30 spades, 10 iron crow-bars, 20 pick-axes, 2 draught chains, 1 long log chain, and 1 cart, with 2 pair of oxen, to be purchased to use on the works aforesaid ; and said troops to be put in the care of the commanding officer. Col. Saltonstall was appointed to provide timber and necessary materials at Winthrop's Point ; Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq. to do the same duty at Groton Hill ; and Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. to do the same for the works at Mannacock.

IN SESSION, February 16.

Gen. Washington sent a pressing and urgent request by Col. Gay, to the Governor, for more powder. The Governor and Council voted to send him 2 tons of the 4 tons (then lately) imported into New London by Mr. Shaw, in the Macaroni, to be replaced by Gen. Washington.

£100 was voted Mr. Lester, builder of a row galley, to aid him in his work.

£150 was ordered to be paid to David Trumbull, towards his charges for repairing guns sent from Crown Point.

£460 was ordered to be drawn on the pay table out of the continental money sent for the purpose of paying advance wages, bounty, &c., of Capt. Throop's company, destined to Canada.

Letters were received from the authority, &c., of Fairfield, from Col's. Silliman and Burr, setting forth their exposed situation, and necessity of defence, &c. ; and requested cannon, balls, and powder, and at least 25 men, &c. The Governor and Council ordered 25 able bodied men to be raised, by voluntary enlistment, under a lieutenant and 2 sergeants, to be employed in erecting works of defence, as the authority, &c., of said town should direct, and for watching &c., as should be necessary ; and to continue until the 1st of November, 1776, (unless sooner discharged,) and to receive the same pay and wages as the army near Boston ; and allowed 8d. per day for their provision and support during said term.

Voted, that on sending to Gen. Washington the 2 tons of powder, a letter should be written to him, informing him that 4 tons of powder were desired to be replaced by him out of that which he expected to receive from Philadelphia ; to lodge 1 ton at Fairfield, 1 ton at New Haven, and 2 tons at Middletown.

General Washington wrote to the Governor and Council urgently for a supply of fire arms. The Governor and Council ordered 30 stands of arms, fitted out from the gun barrels sent from Crown Point, and to be sent to Gen. Washington.

It was ordered, that Lemuel Bryant, of Middleborough, Mass., a founder by profession, and David Carver, Zebulon White, and David Oldman, from the same State, who were moulders by trade, should be employed at Salisbury ; and that Bryant should procure if possible, four moulds for shot.

IN SESSION, February 17.

Sheriff Williams represented to the Governor and Council the great difficulty of managing the prisoners at Hartford ; and moved to have an addition made to the committee of prisoners, as four of the committee were in the army, and on other business. B. Payne, Esq. and Capt. J. Wadsworth, were added to the committee.

Voted an order on the pay table of £9 : 13 : 5 for Mr. Torry, for going with a wagon and the Indian chiefs on the 14th of January, 1776, to Cambridge ; 6s. to Daniel Throop, for going to Windham with him ; and £2 : 7 : 9 to Capt. Hyde, for three journeys to New Haven concerning Salisbury furnace, for the colony ; also £2 : 5 : 2 to Jude Alden, for a horse twice for John Walker, the Congress post.

Edward Mott was appointed captain of the company to be raised and stationed at Groton fort, and commandant of said fort. Dr. John

Ely, of Lyme, was appointed captain of the company to be stationed at Mannacock fort. Samuel Mott and Josiah Waters were appointed engineers, to superintend the building of works of defence and forts at New London and Groton.

IN SESSION, February 23.

Another letter was received from Gen. Washington, complaining of his deficiency of powder.

Maj. Smith, of Stonington, urged an addition to be made to his men in Stonington, for the defence of the town and harbor. The Governor and Council ordered said company of 40 men to be augmented to 90 men, by voluntary enlistment, and to be continued in service until the 1st of December (then) next, unless sooner discharged; and to be stationed at or near the fortification at Stonington. Nathan Palmer, Jr., was appointed 1st lieutenant; John Belcher, 2d lieutenant, and Clement Miner, ensign, of the company above mentioned, under captain or Maj. Oliver Smith, who was authorized to enlist said men with all speed. Nathaniel Miner, Esq., was appointed commissary to provide supplies for the company at said fort. The provisions to be procured according to the regulations on that subject near Boston.

Simeon Davis, who was authorized by Gov. Cook, of Rhode Island, to go to the foreign West Indies, after a cargo of powder; asked leave of the Governor and Council of this colony, to purchase certain articles in this colony, to carry with him. The Council advised the Governor to permit him to purchase and ship 2,000 pounds of cheese; 2,000 pounds of lard; 60 barrels of pork, and 30 barrels of beef.

Col. Saltonstall was appointed captain of the company to be stationed at Winthrop's Point, to be raised by enlistment; and Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., was appointed commissary to provide for the company, to be stationed at Groton Hill. Capt. Deshon was appointed a commissary for the two companies, to be stationed at Winthrop's Point, and at Mannacock, in New London.

Seth Harding was appointed captain, of the brig-of-war Defence. Jehiel Tinker was appointed captain, of the row galley, then building at East Haddam.

IN SESSION, February 24.

(The Governor, E. Dyer, J. Huntington, and Nathaniel Wales, Esq's., were all of the Council that were present.)

The Governor and Council appointed Ebenezer Bartram, of Fairfield, 1st lieutenant; James Hopkins, of Middletown, 2d lieutenant, and John McCleave, master of the brig Defence.

Martin Kirtland was appointed 1st lieutenant, and David Platt, 2d lieutenant, of the company to be stationed at Mannacock.

Oliver Coit was appointed 1st lieutenant; Wm. Latham, 2d lieutenant, and William Whiting, ensign, of the company to be stationed at Groton fort.

IN SESSION, February 27.

Adriel Ely was appointed ensign, in the company under Capt. John Ely.

IN SESSION, February 28.

It was voted, that Nathaniel Green & Co., of Rhode Island, might purchase in this colony, three cargoes of produce, (under the direction of the Governor,) to be transported to the West Indies, to purchase war-like stores, in pursuance of a contract made between the said Green & Co., and the committee of secrecy of the Continental Congress, for the benefit of the united colonies. One cargo to be shipped in a brig at Norwich, owned in Rhode Island; the other two cargoes to be shipped in vessels owned in this colony.

Capt. Ephraim Bill was ordered to Saybrook, to inspect the colony ship-of-war, at Capt. Hayden's yard, and urge the work in the best and most speedy manner. And the builders, riggers, blacksmiths, sail makers, &c., were directed to consult Capt. Bill, in their several branches of work.

It was voted, that the Governor and Council should take up the matter of the taking of Ticonderoga, &c., and adopt some measures to represent the same to Congress, that those to whom rewards were due for service, should receive it; and that those who had received money to disburse in that service should be called to account. N. B. One Thomas Lusk, who was a captain at St. John's, was to be remembered for a reward.

Col. Saltonstall, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., and Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq's., were directed to provide teams and tools for the use of the fortifications at New London and Groton.

The Governor was requested to write to the northward for as many gun barrels as could be obtained, to be repaired.

IN SESSION, March 5.

£150 was voted to be paid to Capt. Uriah Hayden.

Col. Sears was ordered to send 3 tons of iron to Capt. B. Williams, or Capt. Hayden, at Saybrook.

An order was given J. Fitch, Esq., to furnish provisions for the brig Defence, for a cruise of nine weeks.

IN SESSION, March 14.

John McCleave, of New Haven, was appointed 2d lieutenant of the brig Defence, instead of Lieut. Hopkins.

Capt. Joseph Thomson was appointed as a lieutenant, to enlist 30 men, to finish the work at Black Rock, in New Haven, and to serve as troops under him at said works, or wherever they should be ordered in the colony, until farther orders; said Thomson to appoint two sergeants to assist him in said service.

The Treasurer of the colony doubted the propriety of receiving continental bills in payment of colony taxes; but the Governor and Council considered it necessary to support the union of the colonies in the free circulation and credit of continental bills; and ordered that they should be received in all payments; and ordered the Treasurer, so to advertise in the newspapers. Voted unanimously.

Capt. Edward Mott was ordered to repair with his company to his station at Groton.

E. Dyer and William Williams, Esq'srs., were a committee to repair to the Congress, in Philadelphia, and apply for a remittance of continental bills due to Connecticut; to inform the Congress of the situation of the two regiments sent to New York, and take directions concerning them; to ask the loan of cannon from New York; and also request the colonels of the two Connecticut regiments to remain there until further orders; to confer with the Connecticut delegates, &c., relative to the state of the united colonies.

J. Huntington and B. Huntington were appointed to take advice as to the mode of rigging the row galley then building by Capt. Lester, and order accordingly.

IN SESSION, March 18.

A special session of the Governor and Council was called, upon receiving advices from Gen. Washington, with information that the British troops were withdrawing from Boston, as he supposed bound for New York, entreating the Governor and Council to send 2,000 men from the frontiers of Connecticut, forthwith to New York, until he could march his army there.

Samuel Bryant was, from the necessity of the case, allowed as cannon founder, \$2 per day; and Zebulon White as moulder, was allowed 8s. per day, if they succeeded at Salisbury, but if they failed of success, they were to have their board only. Col. J. Porter was appointed chief provider and overseer of the men and furnace, at Salisbury.

A letter was received from Gen. Washington, by the Governor, dated the 14th of March, 1776, which informed him that the enemy had embarked their troops, and were making a shameful retreat from Boston, and probably were destined to New York,—a place of infinite importance to the British and ourselves; also shewing the advantage of a priority of possession of the place, &c. The Governor and Council unanimously resolved that the present was a very important crisis, and might determine the fate of America: Therefore the Council advised the Governor to give immediate orders to the colonels, or commanding officers of the 4th, 9th, 16th, 2d, 7th, 10th, and 23d regiments of militia, forthwith to assemble their respective regiments, in whole or part as they should judge proper, and unless a suitable proportion should freely and forthwith voluntarily, (as was hoped they would) offer themselves, that they should immediately detach from the 4th regiment, 360 men; from the 9th regiment, 360 men; from the 16th regiment, 180 men, inclusive of officers, to be formed into a regiment of ten companies of 90 men each, including officers, under the command of Col. G. S. Silliman, Lieut. Col. John Mead, and Maj. John Chandler, under such company officers in the militia, or such as had lately been in service, as the field officers in the regiments from which they should be drafted, should appoint. Also from the 2d regiment, 270 men; from the 7th regiment, 360 men; from the 10th regiment, 180 men, and from the 23d regiment, 90 men, including officers, or near that number, but not to exceed it; and formed into a regiment as aforesaid, under the command of Col. M. Talcott, Lieut. Col. Jabez Thomson, and Maj. Sylvanus Graves; and when formed, forthwith to march, by land or water, to New York, and place themselves under the commander-in-chief there, and assist in securing and holding New York, until Gen. Washington should arrive with his army from Boston, and be dismissed by him; and to be entitled to the same wages, &c., as the other New England troops in service were. J. Fitch, Esq., and Capt. S. Squire were appointed to make proper provision for the march and transportation of the troops ordered to New York.

IN SESSION, March 19.

(Mr. Wales being sick with the gout, not present.)

Mr. Babcock, of New Haven, moved for liberty to erect a powder mill in behalf of Jeremiah Atwater, J. Doolittle, David Austin, and himself immediately, for manufacturing gun powder, at New Haven.

Mr. Lane, of Killingly, was despatched with letters as to raising said troops.

Mr. Waters, an engineer, urged to be excused from the service, apprehending that Col. Mott and himself should disagree ; which was not granted, but was advised to go directly and assist, in the best manner he could, in erecting said fortifications.

IN SESSION, March 22.

A letter was received from Col. Talcott, which shewed his insuperable difficulties in procuring guns, and want of money to march his troops to New York. It was voted, that Mr. Hosmer should furnish Col. Talcott for his regiment, such number of guns and bayonets, (which belonged to the colony,) as should be found indispensably necessary for his regiment ; and Col. Fitch was ordered, (as there was no money in the treasury,) to provide for the march, &c., and advance or borrow money, if necessary, to march the troops.

Sims Edgerton, gaol keeper, in Norwich, was allowed for keeping Dr. Church, from the 24th of November, to the 22d of March, £30 : 4. Seth Miner, for building a yard and pickets about said gaol to secure Dr. Church, £19 : 13 : 10. The sheriff of New London county was directed not to suffer Dr. Church to go out of a close prison but once in a week, and then only with the sheriff in person.

E. Dyer and William Williams, Esq's., were empowered to solicit the convention of New York, or in their absence the Council of Safety of that colony, for the loan of such a number and such size of cannon as they could spare ; to urge the necessity of the measure, and if they succeeded, to forward them, and report to the Governor and Council. Also to consult with the commander-in-chief at New York on the necessity that the two Connecticut regiments under Col's. Waterbury and Ward, should continue in service ; also that the two militia regiments (then lately) ordered there, should remain to see the colonels and consult them, and to order them, if needed, to continue in service until advice could be received from the Continental Congress, &c., and report to the Governor and Council.

E. Dyer and William Williams, Esq's., were appointed to repair to Philadelphia, and apply to the Continental Congress for a remittance of continental bills for this colony, and forward the same, if obtained, to the Treasurer of the colony, and to urge upon Congress the necessity and expediency of such a supply ; to give information of the state and number of Connecticut battalions in continental service, and particularly of those (then) lately sent to New York ; also to shew the number and circumstances of these troops, and ask directions respecting the prisoners of all denominations in this colony, and report to the Governor and Council.

The same committee were authorized and directed to confer with our delegates in Congress, and others, respecting the state of the united colonies, on all things needful for our defence and safety; on the subject and manner of treating the commissioners sent from Great Britain; and inform what they find necessary for the safety and security of New York. &c., and make report to the Governor and Council.

E. Dyer and William Williams, Esq'srs., were ordered to purchase in New York or Philadelphia, a sufficient quantity of rigging for the colony ship then building at Saybrook, or sufficient hemp for the same, and forward, if in hemp, to James Tilley, at New London; but if in rigging, to Capt. U. Hayden, at Saybrook; and pay for the same out of the money they might receive at Philadelphia. Also to pay Col. Sears for sundries which he purchased for the colony, &c.

David Trumbull was ordered, as soon as possible, to send all the colony arms in his hands to Mr. J. Huntington, in Norwich, to be by him forwarded to Capt. John Ely, who was stationed at New London; and Col. Williams to deliver five arms in his hands.

Col. Huntington was directed to procure four hand carts for the works at New London.

John Mills was appointed a lieutenant of the troops for defence at the fortifications, at Fairfield.

Samuel Smedley was appointed lieutenant of marines on board the brig Defence, of this colony.

The guard of 30 men, at New Haven, were augmented to 50 men; and Joseph Thomson appointed captain, with the liberty of one lieutenant for said company; the lieutenant to be appointed by Col's. Dyer and Williams on their way to Philadelphia, (the next week).

Voted, that the guns, barrels, and gun-locks, imported into New Haven, by Col. Sears, should be purchased for the colony, if suitable, and at a reasonable price. Col's. Dyer and Williams going that way, were desired to enquire and purchase them if they thought advisable.

IN SESSION, March 23.

Capt. Theophilus Stanton, of Stonington, was appointed captain of the row galley (then) building at Norwich.

It was voted, that the men enlisted, stationed on the sea coast of the colony, through the (then) ensuing year, who found their own arms and accoutrements, by having them appraised, should be allowed 3s. for the use of each gun, and if lost or damaged by inevitable Providence in the service, should be paid such loss or damage.

The Governor, was desired by the Council, to direct the committee of the lead mine at Middletown, to forward one ton of lead to Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, of New London, for the use of the colony.

Elijah Backus, Esq., was ordered to be employed as soon as possible, to manufacture two ship anchors, of 1,200 weight each, for the colony.

Voted, that the row galley, then building at New Haven, should be called the Whiting.

IN SESSION, (at Norwich,) March 27.

The Governor and Council ordered Mr. James Tilley to purchase what rope yarns he could of Mr. Evan Malbone, and what yarns might be wanted to furnish the colony ship with cordage for rigging, and manufacture the same at the cheapest rate possible.

IN SESSION, April 1.

The guard of 15 men, at Lyme, was increased to 30 men, including officers, under Lieut. Lee Lay, with three sargeants, to be posted at different places on the coast, by direction of the Lieutenant Governor.

The company under Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, at New London, was augmented to 90 men, by enlistment.

It was ordered, that two companies of 90 men each, (officers included) should be raised or drafted, to go to New London harbor; one of which was ordered to be raised out of the 3d regiment, the other out of the 8th regiment of militia, with a captain, two lieutenants, and an ensign to each company, observing the ranks they sustained in the militia.

The colonels and commanding officers of the 5th, 1st, 11th, 12th, 19th, 21st, and 22d regiments in the colony, were directed forthwith, to draft one-fourth of their men in their respective regiments, (exclusive of those who were enlisted into the continental service for the then current year,) and see them perfectly equipped with arms, &c. 2 pounds of balls for each, fit for his gun, 6 flints, and hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice, to any invaded place. And that the colonels or commanding officers of the 3d, 8th, and 20th regiments should detach one-third of their men, (exclusive as aforesaid,) and see them equipped and in readiness, in the same manner as aforesaid, and for the same purpose. That the company to be drafted out of the 3d regiment, and the one drafted from the 8th regiment, should be immediately employed at the fortifications at New London. The pay, wages, &c., were to be the same as continental troops in the army.

IN SESSION, April 2.

An order was drawn on the pay table, of £350, in favor of U. Hayden, to aid him in building the colony ship, at Saybrook.

Also an order in favor of Capt. Ephraim Bill, for £350, and another of £200, to enable him to complete the building and rigging of the colony ship, at Saybrook.

Capt. Richard Dickinson, of Saybrook, was ordered to deliver the several articles in his hands that belonged to the brig *Minerva*, (then lately) commanded by Capt. G. Hall, to Capt. Ephraim Bill, and take his receipt therefor.

Capt. Seth Harding, of the brig *Defence*, was complained of to the Governor and Council for his intemperance. The Governor and Council found no cause of removal.

James Tilley was directed to purchase 2 tons of flax for cordage, for the colony ships.

An order of £500 was drawn in favor of Col. Joshua Porter, of Salisbury, to carry on the furnace.

The selectmen in the towns in the county of New London, on the east side of Connecticut river, and the selectmen in Windham county, and of East Haddam and Colchester, were ordered to collect the salt petre that had been or might be manufactured in their several towns, (by an act of the Assembly,) and deliver the same to Col. Elderkin and Nathaniel Wales, Jr. Esq.

Capt. John McCleave was appointed captain of the row galley, *Whiting*, and was ordered to take the charge of her; and Israel Bishop was appointed lieutenant of the row galley, *Whiting*.

An order was drawn in favor of Job Winslow, for £300, to build a row galley at East Haddam.

An order was drawn for £200, in favor of Capt. J. Lester, for building the row galley at Norwich.

Capt. Josiah Burnham, of Lyme, was appointed master of the brig *Defence*, under the command of Capt. Harding.

IN SESSION, April 10.

An order was given by the Governor and Council, on Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., to deliver to Capt. S. Harding, 8 of the swivel guns, and 1,500 pounds of gun powder, and 400 swivel shot, in part of what said Shaw had provided for the colony. The order was delivered to Capt. Bartram.

Ebenezer Bartram was commissioned a lieutenant of the brig *Defence*, the 3d March, 1776; Samuel Smedley, 2d lieutenant of said brig *Defence*; Joseph Squire was commissioned as lieutenant of marines of the brig *Defence*, dated 10th of April, 1776.

It was voted, that Capt. Harding should proceed up the sound with the brig *Defence*, as far as Stamford, if need be, to enlist men for said

brig, and take in some shot in New Haven, and return with all convenient speed to New London.

£200 was voted to be paid Capt. Harding for the use of the brig Defence.

An order on the pay table was given, of £250, in favor of Capt. Edward Mott, for the pay and rations of his company.

An order was delivered Capt. Bartram.

An order of £250, in favor of Capt. John Ely, was given to pay the men in his company.

The men to be enlisted in the row galley, Whiting, were to be held in service until the 1st day of December, 1776.

An order for the sum of £700 was drawn on the pay table, in favor of William Greenough, and the rest of the committee, for fitting out the brig Defence, and building the Whiting.

An order of £400 was drawn on the pay table, in favor of Col. J. Fitch, as commissary, to furnish provisions for the brig Defence.

An order in favor of Daniel Lyman, of £9, was given for boarding Capt. Harding.

Voted, that Capt. James Rice, of New Haven, should be joined with Capt. J. Sears, William Greenough, and Michael Todd, for fitting out the brig Defence, and building the Whiting.

An order was given Nathaniel Miner, Esq., for £150, as commissary to the troops at the fort at Long Point, in Stonington; the order was delivered to Nathaniel Gallop.

Capt. Hezekiah Bissell and Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., were appointed to go to New London and consult with Commodore Hopkins, respecting the measures to be taken in disposing of the continental prisoners in his custody. Also to apply to him for some cannon, of different sizes, to mount on the forts at New London and Groton; and consult with the commanding officers and engineers in those forts as to the number and sizes of the cannon wanted. Also for cannon suitable and sufficient for three row galleys.

The committee to take care of prisoners at Salisbury, were permitted, at their discretion, to remove the prisoners in Salisbury to any other place in Litchfield county.

IN SESSION, April 15.

Mess^{rs}. Doraison, Gowrridge & Co. were permitted by the Governor and Council to purchase a vessel capable of carrying 40 horses, and load the same with horses and stores for them, 15 barrels of pork, 30 barrels of flour, 40 barrels of beef, 40 firkins of hog's lard, and the residue of the cargo in lumber, staves, heading, and hoops, and carry

the same to Cape Francois. And to bring for return cargo into this colony as soon as possible, every kind of military and naval stores, molasses, sugar, sulphur, blankets, linen, and any kind of coarse cloths.

An order was drawn in favor of Capt. Niles, of £400, for the use of the schooner *Spy*. Nathaniel Backus and B. Huntington were appointed to liquidate the accounts of the schooner *Spy*.

Capt. Harding, of the armed brig *Defence*, of this colony, was ordered forthwith to enlist as many men as he could, at New London, to finish his complement of 120 men. Capt. Harding was further ordered, on the request of Admiral Hopkins, to join the American fleet, under his command, and proceed with him on a short cruise against the British, and obey his orders, the same as others of the continental fleet, during the cruise; subject, however, to the orders of the Assembly or Governor and Council.

Also upon the request of Admiral Hopkins, the Governor and Council ordered Robert Niles, captain of the armed schooner *Spy*, to join the American fleet, under his command, on a short cruise against our enemies, and obey the orders of the admiral during said cruise; subject at all times to the orders of the Assembly or Governor and Council.

The Governor and Council directed to furnish Capt. Grennel, Thaddeus Burr, Esq., Capt. Samuel Broom, and Maj. David Dimon, of Fairfield, with 500 pounds of gun powder, to send forth an armed vessel against the enemies of America; said powder to be replaced, or paid for by them in cash in a reasonable time, at the election of the General Assembly or Governor and Council.

Col. Elderkin and Nathaniel Wales, Esq., were directed to employ persons to procure 400 pounds of black lead, at the lead mines at or near Union, for the use of the cannon foundry, at Salisbury.

David Brooks, of Haddam, was appointed lieutenant of the row galley, under the command of Capt. Tinker.

Col. J. Elderkin and N. Wales, Jr., Esq., were appointed a committee to take care of the continental prisoners who had been brought into this colony by Admiral Hopkins; and ordered them to be kept in Windham county gaol; and to order and direct said prisoners in the most prudent manner, until further orders from Congress, the General Assembly, or Governor and Council.

Each row galley in the colony, was ordered to be furnished with 20 lances and poles, and 20 hatchets, by those persons appointed to furnish said galleys.

Col. Elderkin and N. Wales, Jr., were directed to take charge of, and provide for Gov. Brown, and Messrs. Irving and Babbage, brought in as prisoners from New Providence, and to treat them with that

humanity and kindness which were shown to other continental prisoners of their rank.

Prosper Wetmore, Esq., sheriff of New London county, was directed forthwith, to send to the town of Windham, all the prisoners committed to him, by order of Capt. Bissell and Jonathan Trumbull, and deliver them within the gaol at Windham, to the Sheriff of that county; who was ordered to keep them in safe custody, in said gaol, until further orders.

IN SESSION, April 22.

An order was given to Col. Samuel Abbott, of £2 : 8, for purchasing guns for the troops in continental service.

Benjamin Huntington received an order of £29 : 17 : 3, New York currency, for duck which he purchased for the colony.

The Council desired the Governor to write to Isaac Sears, to meet the drafts of Capt. E. Bill, for building and furnishing the colony ship for service.

Allowed an account of Edmund Badger, of £1 : 12 : 6 lawful money, for a journey to Providence.

An order of £400 in favor of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., was given for the erection of fortifications at Groton.

Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., was appointed to contract with Jonathan Chester, of Groton, for the engineers to survey as much of his land as should be wanted for the fort at Groton, &c.

Prosper Wetmore, Esq., sheriff, was directed forthwith, to transport Thomas Russell, David Arnott, Wm. Cook, and Wm. Willson, continental prisoners in his custody, to Windham, and deliver them to the keeper of the gaol there, for him to keep safely until further orders. Ordered, that Col. J. Elderkin and N. Wales, Jr., should take care and provide for four continental prisoners, then in the custody of P. Wetmore, Esq., sheriff, who had been ordered to Windham gaol, by the Governor and Council.

An order in favor of Capt. Deshon, for the support of the troops at New London, was given.

IN SESSION, April 29.

E. Dyer, J. Elderkin, N. Wales, Samuel Gray, and Constant Southworth, Esq's., were appointed by the Governor and Council, to take care of, oversee, and direct the prisoners of war from on board Commodore Hopkins' fleet, who were confined in prison at Windham; at their discretion to take the parole of any officers there, and suffer them to be at large; to dispose of the men at labor, and on their refusal, or

ill conduct, to imprison them, and to deal with them at their discretion, according to the orders of the Governor and Council.

£35 : 7 : 5 was allowed to Simeon Gray, for entertaining the Governor and Council from their first meeting, and for services as an express.

Mr. Miner, the commissary for the company at Stonington, moved for a further sum of money ; and the sum of £250 was allowed him, to provide for said company.

A sum was allowed William Lax, of Norwich, for iron and labor, in building carriages for cannon.

Mr. Alden was allowed 13s. 4d. for entertaining Col. Dyer and Col. Elderkin, several times, when attending the Council, &c.

Adam Babcock, of New Haven, was permitted to purchase of Elderkin & Wales, 200 pounds of gun powder, for his privateer then fitting out. And Col. Fitch was authorized, if needed, to lend Mr. Babcock some powder out of the colony stores, to be restored from Elderkin & Wales' powder manufactory.

£400 was allowed Capt. James Rice, of New Haven, for his expenses in fitting the colony brig, and building the row galley Whiting, and for expenses in the colony service.

Zadock Brewster was appointed lieutenant of the row galley, under the command of Capt. Theophilus Stanton. Capt. Stanton was directed to select four cannon at New London, for the row galley under his command, and to see them properly bored and fitted for service.

IN SESSION, May 6.

The Governor received intelligence from the committee of the Assembly of Massachusetts, that a large army of foreign troops, *hired* by the ministry of Great Britain, to lay waste and destroy this country, were in fact on their passage to execute their bloody orders, and in all probability were near our coast, and might be daily expected, which rendered it necessary that immediate preparation should be made for defence. Therefore the Governor and Council resolved, that the men that had been (then lately) ordered to be enlisted or detached out of the 1st regiment, and other regiments east of Connecticut river, should be forthwith furnished, and completely equipped, armed, &c., and be fitted for an immediate march on any emergency. And the commanding officers of said regiments were required, without any delay, to direct the commanding officers appointed to command said companies of said minute men, forthwith to assemble their men, and carefully examine their equipments, and see that they were forthwith furnished ;

and if arms and balls could not be otherwise obtained, they were to be furnished out of the town stocks, as far as practicable; and to impress arms, if necessary, of such householders, &c., as would be the least able or likely to use such arms. And each non-commissioned officer and soldier who should be equipped with every requisite, to the acceptance of his captain, was entitled to one dollar, and in proportion for the value of such articles as they should furnish themselves with; and all such officers and soldiers were to be allowed a reward for the use of their arms, ammunition, blankets, &c., if called into actual service, and for the time necessarily spent in meeting together for exercise, &c., at the rate of wages, &c., of the continental army; and if called into actual service, to be paid from the day of their march, as the troops in the army were paid. And it was provided, that if the guns, &c., impressed, should be lost, the owners should be paid for them the value of said guns, &c. And the captains of each company were to see that the arms and ammunition of their companies were deposited in some central place of each company, and that it be a place of rendezvous for the company when called into service; and make return of the rolls of each company, with all their doings, forthwith to the Governor.

IN SESSION, May 11.

The wood on a 50 acre lot, in Salisbury, of Col. Newton's, purchased for making coal for the furnace, to be improved for casting cannon, was appraised by James Landon and Hezekiah Fitch, Esq'rs., at £82: 10; and an order was given to J. Hamlin and Rev. C. Whittlesey for the same.

IN SESSION, May 13.

Adam Babcock was authorized to receive 200 pounds of powder, to be immediately replaced.

IN SESSION, May 14.

An order of £300 was drawn in favor of Nathaniel Shaw, as commissary and provider of teams, timber, &c., for the use of the troops, stationed at New London, to erect forts, &c.

William Griswold was allowed £125: 12 for the use of the armed vessel Minerva, the last year.

IN SESSION, May 16.

An order of £500 was drawn in favor of Capt. Hayden, on account of service in building the ship of war, at Saybrook.

IN SESSION, May 22.

An order, (in part payment,) was drawn in favor of James Rice, of New Haven, for fitting the colony brig Defence, and building a row galley, at New Haven.

IN SESSION, May 27.

An order for £776 : 3 : 6 was allowed in favor of Col. Isaac Sears, for purchasing iron, cordage, &c., for the brig Defence, a row galley, and a ship at Saybrook. Another order was given said Sears of £2 : 4 : 6 for sending expresses with orders of the Governor, and raising two regiments to go to New York with Gen. Lee, in January, 1776.

An order in favor of Samuel Olcott, of Hartford, was given of £72 for 240 gallons of Jamaica spirits, for the use of the laborers at Salisbury furnace.

IN SESSION, May 28.

An order of £300 was drawn in favor of Ebenezer Ledyard, provider for a company stationed at Groton fort. Also an order of £25 to Elderkin & Wales, to pay for gun powder, by them manufactured.

Hezekiah Lane, of Killingworth, was allowed 26s. for sending expresses to Col. M. Talcott and Col. J. Fitch, &c., concerning the raising of two regiments for New York, by the request of Gen. Washington.

The following orders were paid, viz. : one by Seth Harding, (captain of the brig Defence) on Capt. Samuel Squire, in favor of Lieut. Smedley, of said brig, for so much as was necessary to pay the marines the first months pay, received by said Smedley, being £61. Orders also to said Squire, Thaddeus Burr, Edmund Barlow, Hezekiah Sturgis, and Ebenezer Hubbell, small charges for the brig £6 : 7 : 8 $\frac{1}{4}$.

IN SESSION, May 30.

All captains of companies and ships or armed vessels, who were pay masters of their companies and hands or crews, were ordered to find sufficient bonds with sureties.

An order of £400 was drawn on the pay table in favor of Col. Saltonstall, captain of a company stationed at New London, to pay said company, (without orders, £500.)

Orders were given to the overseer of the furnace at Salisbury, respecting the size of the swivels to be cast, viz. : to one and a half inch bore, or one pound shot.

IN SESSION, May 31.

(Titus Hosmer, Richard Law, and William Hillhouse, were added to the Council, and present.)

It was moved, that measures should be taken to man and fit the three row galleys. The captains of said galleys were notified to appear before the Governor and Council, to receive their orders as to manning, officering, and fitting out said galleys; and inform the Governor and Council how much money would enable them to pursue their business; and give their bonds, with sureties, as pay masters of their several vessels.

Oliver Welles, of West Hartford, presented his account for seventeen days with a wagon, to transport the baggage of Capt. Bigelow's company of artillery, in Col. Burrall's regiment, and expenses. Allowed £9 : 14 : 6.

The row galley, commanded by Capt. Stanton, built at Norwich, was named "the Shark." Capt. Tinker's row galley, at East Haddam, was called "the Crane."

IN SESSION, June 6.

Capt. John Ely had an order of £154; Capt Ely and Samuel Shepher, also of £30.

Capt. McCleave and Tinker, of the Whiting and Crane, were before the Governor and Council; and it was ordered, that the three galleys should be furnished and manned with 50 men each, including officers. It was voted, that there should be 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 master, 1 gunner, 1 mate, 1 steward, 2 sargeants of marines, 2 corporals of marines, 1 boatswain, 1 drummer, 1 fifer, 1 cook, 1 carpenter's mate, 1 surgeon or mate.

IN SESSION, June 7.

Wages of the officers of the row galleys, viz: captain £7 per, month; lieutenant, £5; 2d lieutenant, £5; master, £5; gunner, £4 : 10; gunner's mate, £3 : 4; boatswain, £3; clerks, £3 : 12; steward, £3, &c. Wages of officers per month, £128 : 16. The officers and marines to receive 1 months advance wages on enlistment. £129 : 12 was advanced to the captains of said galleys, to pay said advanced wages to each galley. Capt. Stanton was directed to proceed, without delay, on board his galley, and carry such stores as Capt. Bill should ship to Saybrook, for the ship at Hayden's yard, and return immediately to enlist his men, and fit his galley.

An order of £200 was voted for Nathaniel Shaw, on Capt. Harding's account.

An order of £200 to Ephraim Bill, towards building the ship at Saybrook.

An order of £500 to Capt. Deshon, as commissary of a company at New London.

IN SESSION, June 19.

An order of £400, given Capt. U. Hayden towards building the ship.

£700 was voted to be paid James Tilley, for rigging, &c., purchased by him for the use of the colony.

Ebenezer Peck was appointed 2d lieutenant, and as lieutenant of marines under Capt. McCleave, for the galley Whiting; William Plymate appointed master of said galley; Amos Stanton 2d lieutenant, and as lieutenant of marines of the galley Shark, at Norwich; William Wilber master of said Shark; 6s. to be allowed the marines on board the vessels and galleys, for finding themselves a gun and cartouch box.

Four of the colony's cannon, in the custody of Col. Fitch, at New Haven, taken from the Minerva, and a proportion of shot, and about 12 cannister shot, were ordered to be delivered to Capt. McCleave, for the use of the galley Whiting, and 25 pounds of powder of Col. Fitch. And that the remainder of the colony cannon, at New Haven, should be placed at Black Rock, in the care of Capt. Thomson; and the 2 without carriages to be mounted. Also directed said Thomson to build a cheap barrack near Black Rock, for the company there; to do the labor with his soldiers, the expense of which was ordered not to exceed £25.

£74: 10: 8, allowed Capt. Thomson towards expenses in building the fort at Black Rock. Also an order in his favor of £200, for his company. Also an order for James Rice, of £200, for services about the galley, &c.

IN SESSION, June 20.

Six tons of 9 pound ball were ordered to be cast at the furnace, in Salisbury; two and a half tons of 1 and 1½ pound shot, sorted to the swivels; and the pig iron cast there, to remain on hand.

Capt. Tinker of the galley Crane, was ordered to proceed directly to New London.

Col. Sears was allowed £1,298: 10: 8, lawful money, to close his whole account.

An order to Col. J. Fitch, to balance his account, for articles, &c., for the brig Defence, £141: 5: 11.

IN SESSION, June 26.

Lieut. Col. Johnson, appeared before the Governor and Council, for

directions. Lieut. Col. Danielson appeared, to resign his appointment. James Stedman appointed captain instead of Ripley, resigned.

Capt. Tinker, of the Crane, was ordered to receive provisions, &c., of Capt. Dickinson, at Saybrook, taken from the brig Minerva, to supply his galley with bread, &c., and Capt. Bill to deliver the same to Capt. Tinker. Mr. Shaw was directed to deliver to Capt. Tinker two of the continental 9 pound cannon, at New London, for his row galley. Calvin Ely was appointed master, and Elias Lay, 2d lieutenant of said galley. The drummer's and fifer's wages to be the same as in the land service. All the common powder made at Elderkin & Wales' mill was ordered, forthwith, to be sent to Col. J. Huntington.

IN SESSION, June 28.

An order was given for 200 pounds of powder, on Col. Pitkin.

IN SESSION, July 2.

The price of powder manufactured in Connecticut was established at 5s. 4d. per pound. Maj. Griswold and Capt. Marsh, who were a committee for 12 towns in the Coos country, were present, and urged the Governor and Council for powder, and stated their apprehensions of an attack from Canada. The Governor and Council allowed them to purchase of Elderkin & Wales, 800 pounds, at 5s. 4d. per pound, for cash or good security on short payment. Also to receive at the furnace, at Middletown, 1000 pounds of lead, at 6d. per pound.

Samuel Dunn, an agent for the town of Blanford, was allowed to purchase at Col. Pitkin's mill, 67 pounds of powder, at 5s. 4d. per pound.

The price of lead was established at 6d. per pound.

Capt. J. Lester was paid £861 : 16 : 6, for building the row galley Shark, being his whole account.

An order of £50 was drawn in favor of Capt. Lester, advance pay, for him and 25 carpenters under him, employed to go to Crown Point, at the request of Gen. Schuyler, to build batteaux, (to be refunded by the general government.)

It was voted, that a quantity of lead owned by Jonathan Kilbourn, Esq., of Colchester, and used by him on the water wheel of his saw mill, should not be taken from him, for public use, until actually wanted; and then only by the selectmen of Colchester, without further orders.

500 pounds of gun powder were ordered for the town of Fairfield, to be delivered by N. Shaw at New London.

It was voted that the owners of the privateer sloop Broome, might

receive of N. Shaw, Jr., 500 pounds (mostly) of cannon powder, at 5s. 4d. per pound.

Lieut. Col. S. Mott was appointed colonel of the the 1st regiment, then raising for the northern service, in the place of Col. Douglass, resigned.

Oliver Smith was appointed lieutenant colonel of the regiment at New London, instead of Col. Mott, promoted. And Capt. John Ely was appointed major of said regiment.

Maj. Giles Russell, of Col. Sheldon's regiment, was appointed lieutenant colonel of Col. Sage's regiment, instead of Lieut. Col. Danielson.

Capt. Waterman Cleft was appointed major of Col. Sheldon's regiment, instead of Maj. Russell, promoted.

Edward Mott was appointed major of Col. Gay's regiment, in the place of Maj. Gallup.

A letter was received by the Governor and Council from General Washington, dated June 28, 1776, which stated that he had been advised, that a fleet of 130 sail, left Halifax the 9th ult., bound for New York; and that Gen. Howe had already arrived at the Hook; and pressing in the most earnest manner, that not one moment's time should be lost in sending the militia of this colony to New York, &c. Other letters had been received by the Governor and Council from the President of the Continental Congress, which urged the same movements, in strong and pressing terms. At this critical time, it was found by the Governor and Council that the several battalions ordered by the last General Assembly, to be raised out of the militia, for the relief of the army at New York, by inevitable difficulties were not, and it was feared could not be ready so as to arrive at New York in season for the expected attack of the enemy; and believing that should that be the case, the event might prove fatal to the liberties of America, that the soldiery of this country had so long and severely struggled to support and defend; and feeling the critical situation, resolved that no efforts on their part could be too great, and that nothing should be unattempted which might tend to strengthen and serve a cause on which the *all* of America depended. Therefore the Governor and Council resolved, that the three regiments of light horse, on the west side of Connecticut river, should forthwith, march to New York, well equipped for the assistance of the army there, and place themselves under the commander-in-chief in that department, and remain there until the battalions ordered by the General Assembly for that service should arrive, and no longer than the general should judge necessary. And to encourage said troops in their immediate and ready exertion, the Gov.

ernor and Council assured them that they might expect such reasonable pay and wages, as the Continental Congress, or the General Assembly, in their justice should allow; assuring them further, that they need not fear but that the same would be just and satisfactory to them. And it was further resolved, that the sum of £1,000 should be advanced out of the public treasury, and placed in the hands of Lieut. Col. Seymour, to assist said troops in their march, and be properly distributed for that purpose, and accounted for on the settlement of their pay rolls. It was further resolved, that Lieut. Col. Thomas Seymour, (chief officer of said light horse, in the absence of Col. Silliman,) was ordered to transmit his orders to the several majors of said regiments, and other officers, and to use his utmost efforts in conjunction with them, to hasten the preparation and march of said troops, to lead and conduct them under their proper officers in said service.

IN SESSION, July 3.

Letters of marque, &c., granted for Capt. Thorp, part owner of the privateer Broome.

An order for the balance of E. Ledyard and P. Avery's account, for building the fort at Groton, £265 : 7 : 9.

By a request of Capt. George Elliot, of Killingworth, 150 pounds of powder was delivered to the selectmen of said town, by N. Shaw, at 5s. 4d. per pound.

On application of Lieut. John Mills, commander of the men stationed at Black Rock fort, in Fairfield, for an account of billeting, premium for guns, &c., an order was given for £200.

Oliver Coit was appointed captain of a company at New London, in the place of Edward Mott; William Latham, 1st lieutenant; William Whiting, 2d lieutenant; John James, ensign in said company.

Martin Kirtland was appointed captain of a company at New London, in the room of Capt. Ely; Daniel Platts, 1st lieutenant; Adriel Ely, 2d lieutenant; Daniel Kirtland, ensign in said company.

Adam Shaply was appointed captain of a company at New London, in place of Capt. Saltonstall, resigned; John Hempsted, Jr., was appointed 1st lieutenant; Richard Chapman, 2d lieutenant; Nathaniel Richards, ensign in said company.

Nathan Palmer was appointed captain of the company stationed at Stonington, in the place of Col. Smith, promoted; John Belcher was appointed 1st lieutenant; Clement Miner, 2d lieutenant; Moses Palmer, 2d, ensign in said company.

William Ledyard was appointed captain of an artillery company, to be raised at Groton and New London, to serve in the forts there.

Nathaniel Saltonstall was appointed captain of another company of matross for said forts.

An account of Col. S. Mott's, of £48:14, for examining harbors, &c., was allowed.

N. Shaw was ordered to deliver to the commanding officer at New London, or to Col. Smith, for the use of the fort at Stonington, 500 pounds of cannon powder.

An order of £330 was given Capt. Samuel Mather, for the pay, allowance, wages, &c., of his company at New London.

The committee of inspection for New London and Groton, were ordered forthwith, to remove the horned cattle, sheep, and swine from Fisher's Island to the main land; but to leave necessary working oxen, cows, sheep, and swine for the use of the families there, at their discretion. That said committee should cause them to be appraised, by judicious, indifferent men, under oath, at their (then) value in money; and to pay out of the colony treasury to the owners of said stock, such appraisal. And said committee were ordered to sell and dispose of said stock, at a reasonable price, in behalf of this colony, and render an account to the Governor as soon as might be. Also to advise Col. Champion, deputy commissary, of the time they should remove said stock, that he might purchase such part of said stock as should be fit for the use of the army.

IN SESSION, July 4.

Capt. Herrick was before the Governor and Council, and represented the great fears and distress of the frontier towns, and asked for some relief for said towns; and the Governor and Council concluded upon the propriety of writing to Gen. Washington upon the subject, and move him to have a continental regiment raised there.

Capt. Joseph Marsh, of Hartford, on the frontiers, a member of the New York Congress, came from New York, and was before the Governor and Council, and gave large accounts of the conduct of affairs there.

Capt. Thomas Stanton received two orders, amounting to £229:11:8, for rigging, &c., provisions, &c., for the Shark.

Six barrels of Montserat sulphur ore, in the hands of Thomas Mumford, on account of the General Congress, was ordered to be delivered for the use of Elderkin & Wales' powder mill, and they to account to Congress therefor.

Information was given to the Governor and Council, that vessels loaded with provisions, often passed down Long Island Sound, and went to sea, at that critical time, when the coast was lined with British

ships, and our enemies on board of them in great need of our provisions, and without which, it was supposed they would be unable to carry on their hostile designs against this country. It was also found that many of our provision vessels had already fallen into their hands, by which they had been supported, and the danger of being captured daily increased. It was therefore ordered, that Capt. Niles, of the armed schooner *Spy*, then at New London, or any other armed vessel of the colony, should seize, and bring into port, any such provision vessel that they should discover about said harbor, offing, or sound, bound to sea, and detain the same; and report the circumstances, cargo, and destination of such vessel, the name of the master, place of abode, owners' names, their license to sail, &c., to the Governor, and take his directions. Provided, that if any vessel so taken, should be found furnished with legal clearances from Congress, such were not to be detained.

Capt. Stanton, of the *Shark*, was permitted to receive a supply of salted beef, pork, flour, &c., of Capt. Deshon, for the men on board the row galley *Shark*. And Capt. Stanton was directed to deal out the same to his men prudently, without spoil or waste, and keep an account of his expenditures, and render his account to the Governor, at the end of two months. Said Stanton was also directed to call and receive of N. Shaw, at New London, all such shot, powder, and military stores, for said galley, as said Shaw should judge necessary. And said Stanton was ordered to make Stonington harbor his general place of rendezvous, until further orders, and cruise from thence through Fisher's Island sound, as far westward as New London harbor, and east and south of Fisher's Island, when he could prudently do so; and obey such signals as Capt. Harding, of the brig *Defence*, and Capt. Niles, of the *Spy*, should make to him.

Samuel Wheat, of Norwich, was allowed £3 : 18, for carting four guns and one load of carriages to Norwich, for the use of the schooner *Spy*.

IN SESSION, July 5.

Gov. Franklin, of New Jersey, (son of Dr. Franklin,) was brought to Connecticut, on the 4th of July, 1776, taken by a convention of his province, as a virulent enemy of the colonies; to be confined here, in such manner and place as Congress should direct. He was sent to Gov. Trumbull, with the following resolves, viz.: "Whereas the Convention of New Jersey have declared William Franklin, Esq., a virulent enemy to this country, and a person that may prove dangerous;

and that the said William Franklin be confined in such place, &c., as the Continental Congress shall direct.

“Resolved, that William Franklin, Esq., be sent under guard to Gov. Trumbull, who is desired to take his parole; and if Mr. William Franklin refuse to give his parole, that Gov. Trumbull be desired to treat him agreeable to the resolutions of Congress respecting prisoners.”

A letter and resolve were brought before the Council last evening, by Thomas Kenny, Esq., officer of the guard of escort. In the morning, (5th) a parole was prepared, and said Franklin moved by letter, for an alteration in said parole, and for liberty to return to New Jersey, on his parole, which was answered in writing by a refusal. Gov. Franklin, on finding he could not return to New Jersey, moved the Governor and Council, by the said officer, to be permitted to go to Stratford. He was informed he might go to Wallingford. Franklin returned his message, that Gov. Trumbull might do as he pleased with him, &c. Franklin finally consented to go to Wallingford, and signed his parole accordingly.

Job Winslow was allowed the balance of his account for building the galley Crane, being £313:6:10; £700 having been before paid him.

IN SESSION, July 6.

Capt. Niles, of the Spy, (being present,) was directed by the Governor and Council, carefully to attend to the duties of his station, and keep a careful watch for any and every hostile ship or vessel which might be hovering about the coast; to take any that he could, and give every signal and intelligence concerning them in his power; to prevent all smuggling and clandestine management that should be contrary to the laws and the embargo of the colony, or prohibitions of Congress, and gave him a warrant for the same.

Instructions were given by the Governor and Council to Dr. John Ely, to visit the army at the north, who were infected with the small pox. Two battalions were then raising to reinforce the northern army, but as very few of the people of this colony, had had the small pox, then so prevalent in that army, it greatly impeded the recruiting for that service; and such as would otherwise have enlisted, fearing that should they enlist, that the disease would immediately seize upon them, and spread among the new troops as fast as they should arrive in camp. It was therefore considered absolutely necessary to remove this impediment to the recruiting service, and save the lives of the army. To do which, they appointed Maj. John Ely, an eminent physician and surgeon, of great experience in that disease, to repair, forthwith,

to the northern army, report himself to the general, &c., and learn the true state of the troops with respect to that infectious disease; to consult with the general, &c., on the proper methods to cleanse and remove said infection from the army, and prevent its further ravages; and render his best advice, and do all in his power to contribute to the health of the army; and report his proceedings to the Governor, and the circumstances of the army, from time to time, until he should return.

The selectmen of Westmoreland, were allowed to receive of Elderkin & Wales, 200 pounds of powder.

IN SESSION, July 9.

Col. Mott presented his resignation of colonel in a northern regiment.

The pay table were ordered to adjust and pay Capt. Edward Mott's account and pay roll.

Jesse Brown, (the government post rider to the northward,) was allowed £10 towards his expenses.

£60 was allowed Maj. John Ely, in part payment of his company's wages, &c.

On motion of Dr. Ely, Peter Granger, (a French neutral) a good nurse in the small pox, was permitted to accompany Dr. Ely in his northern mission.

Voted, that Capt. N. Saltonstall's companies of artillery, should consist of 40 men each, exclusive of officers, with 1 captain, and 3 lieutenants for each company, with 8 gunners for each, and pay at 44s. per month.

Capt. Niles was allowed $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on his purchases, and payment of his crew of the Spy.

Col. Mott appeared to settle the affair as to his command at the north, who had nearly resigned, but who finally accepted.

IN SESSION, July 10.

Jonathan Chester, of Groton, appeared and claimed pay for his land on which the fort in said town was built, and for special damage; which was agreed to be appraised by men mutually chosen. It was agreed that Luke Perkins, of Groton, William Witter, of Preston, and William Manwaring, of New London, should appraise said lands taken, and such as should be necessarily wanted for the use of the fort.

Royal Flint, of Windham, was appointed pay master of Col. Ward's regiment.

Capt. Tinker, of the row galley Crane, was directed to take two

3 pounders at the old fort, at New London, for the galley, and to receive eight swivel guns, as soon as they could be obtained; also ten muskets of Col. Williams; and receive of N. Shaw, Jr., such powder, ball, &c., and military stores as said Shaw should judge necessary; and that he should receive of Capt. John Deshon a supply of salted beef and pork, bread, flour, &c., sufficient for the officers, sailors, and marines on board said galley. And said Tinker was ordered to provide all other provisions for them, and to deal it out prudently, without spoil or waste, and such fresh fish as they should take; rendezvous at New London, and cruise from Stonington to the mouth of Connecticut river, and southward as far as Montauk Point, with precaution and prudence. That his officers, men, &c., in the sea service, should be under the rules, &c., of the continental fleet, until further rules should be adopted.

Capt. McCleave, of the galley Whiting, was directed to receive his supply of salt provisions, &c., from Capt. Deshon, for his officers, &c., on board his galley; and other necessary provisions, to be provided by himself, &c., and render his account at the close of two months; and receive his military stores of N. Shaw, Jr., at said Shaw's discretion; to have 8 swivels as soon as they could be obtained; to receive 5 muskets of Capt. Mott, or the officer of his late company, and rendezvous at New London, and cruise from Stonington to New Haven, and south as far as Montauk Point; and be under the same rules as the galley Crane.

An order in favor of Capt. Niles was drawn, of £477:6:9, for the balance of the schooner Spy's account, to the 8th day of June, and £200 more for the use of the Spy from that time forward.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., of New London, was appointed agent for this colony, for naval supplies, and taking care of the sick seamen sent on shore.

The purchasers of pork, by order of the Assembly, were ordered, as soon as possible, to inform the Governor the quantity obtained, the price paid, and where stored.

Orders were drawn in favor of McCleave and Tinker, for £100 each, to purchase necessaries for their crews.

IN SESSION, July 11.

Twenty-five guns repaired by D. Trumbull, sent from Crown Point, were ordered delivered to Capt. Huntington, for the use of his company.

William Latham, Jr., was appointed captain-lieutenant of Capt. Ledyard's company of artillery; John Leeds, lieutenant, and Achus Sheffield, 2d lieutenant, of said company. For Capt. Saltonstall's

company, Nathaniel Coit, Jr. was appointed to be captain-lieutenant of said company; Daniel Starr, lieutenant, and Samuel Champlin, Jr., 2d lieutenant.

The Declaration of Independence, by Congress, was received in a letter to Governor Trumbull, from Col. Trumbull.

Col. O. Wolcott, who by reason of ill health, had returned home from Congress; it was the opinion of the Governor and Council, that it was of great importance that the colony should be fully represented there, and all attend; and by a letter from Col. Wolcott, desiring that another member should attend in his place; the Governor and Council appointed William Williams, Esq., as soon as might be, to repair to and attend said Congress as a delegate. (Mr. Hosmer and Mr. Williams having discoursed and partly agreed which of them should attend.)

William Coit was appointed captain of the ship, then building at Saybrook; Timothy Parker, 1st lieutenant, and David Hawley, 2d lieutenant. Capt. Coit was in town, and called in before the Governor and Council; and the Governor gave him advice, instruction, and admonition as to his conduct, &c.

IN SESSION, July 12.

A letter was received from Col. Pitkin, expressing his apprehensions of the danger of his powder mills being destroyed by enemies, as such an act had been threatened, &c. The Governor and Council ordered guards to be allowed at said mills; and also at Elderkin & Wales' powder mills; and allowed the owners of said mills 4s. for each night they should keep such guard, until further orders.

Letters were received, by express, from Congress, dated July 6, 1776, containing information of the passing of the Declaration of Independence, and a copy of it, and required the same to be duly published.

Letters were also before the Council, from Gen. Washington, of the 7th and 9th of July, 1776, with the advice, that Lord Howe, with 1,500 men, were on their passage. Also concerning the colony regiment of horse, approving the measure, yet expressing his opinion of the difficulty of keeping horses, &c.

The publishing of the Declaration of Independence was largely discussed, and postponed.

Dr. Usher, of the New London regiment, was allowed to purchase medicines for said regiment of Dr. Lathrop, or Dr. Dyer, to the amount of £10.

IN SESSION, July 15.

Capt. Harding arrived from Boston, and gave an account of his cruise, and taking the ships and brigs, &c., and his reasons for leaving

the port without orders; and was justified by the Governor and Council for so leaving:—Asked directions about cleaning, graving, and refitting; also about his men, who were probably infected with the small pox. He was directed to do what Mr. Shaw should advise.

The post from Hartford, and Brown, the Albany post, arrived with many letters from Gen. Schuyler, Mr. Trumbull, &c.

A representation was made by the committee of inspection, in Simsbury, of the dangerous situation of New Gate prison; that many tory prisoners had been committed; that people were alarmed for their own safety; that the keeper of it was uneasy in his situation, and applied for a guard about said prison. The Governor and Council allowed a guard of two men each night, and more if necessary, to watch and guard the prison, and all its avenues, to prevent the escape of the prisoners, and to prevent all access to them by suspicious persons.

IN SESSION, July 16.

Brown & Sons and Gardner, of Fisher's Island, applied for compensation for the stock taken from said Island. It was doubted whether the persons above, or Mr. Winthrop, were entitled to receive the money. Therefore a letter was wrote to a committee at New London, on the subject.

Mr. Mygatt, the captain of a provision vessel, had been stopped by Capt. Niles, agreeable to orders. He moved the Governor and Council to proceed on his voyage, which was considered unsafe, the coast being so infested with the enemy.

Engineer Waters moved for extra wages for the carpenters and masons at the fort at New London,—1s. 6d. per day was allowed extra to each master mason, master carpenter, and master blower; and 9d. per day for other workmen.

Engineer Waters was allowed for services from November 23, 1775, to 15th of July, 1776, £65 : 19 : 3.

An order on the lead mine committee, at Middletown, in favor of Joseph Webb, for 1,000 pounds of lead, was given, to be replaced by the selectmen of Wethersfield, and delivered to Capt. Wadsworth, for the army at Cambridge.

An order of £80 was given to William Lax, for building carriages used in the armed vessels, for cannon.

Gen. Washington applied to the Governor and Council for the row galleys of the colony to assist in the defence of New York, then attacked by the British. The Governor and Council ordered, that the row galleys Whiting and Crane, should proceed immediately to New York, and be placed under the command of Gen. Washington.

Governor Franklin applied to be removed from Wallingford to Middletown, which was granted, on the same parole. And the prisoners in Hartford and Wethersfield were forbid going to Middletown, without a special permit from the Governor and committee of prisoners.

A committee was appointed to purchase all the tow cloth, and other suitable cloth for tents, that could be procured in the colony, for our troops, for tents and clothing, by a request of Congress.

Capt. Deshon moved for £2,000, to procure provisions for the regiment at New London. An order of £1,500 was granted to purchase provisions, and a quantity of molasses, to be distributed for the soldiers.

Gen. Schuyler earnestly requested, that his army should be furnished with 1,000 felling axes; and an order was drawn of £150 to purchase said axes for Gen. Schuyler; also an order in favor of Titus Hosmer, of £150, was granted for the same purpose.

The selectmen of Lebanon stated, that they could not obtain guns for Capt. Clark's company, of said town. It was voted, that the Governor should deliver them 15 of the guns and bayonets in his hands, which had been fitted up from old barrels, received from Crown Point.

IN SESSION, July 17.

The pay master of Col. Ward's regiment was directed to pay, as a premium, to each soldier who should provide himself with a gun, 6s.; and 4s. for each bayonet, belt, cartouch box, and knapsack.

Andrew Huntington, Joshua Elderkin, Chauncey Whittlesey, Jonathan Fitch, Samuel Squire, and Lynd Lord, were appointed a committee, under a previous vote, to purchase all the tow cloth in their respective counties, and cause the same to be made into tents, in the most expeditious manner, for the use of the troops of the colony, and report to the Governor.

It was directed, (under a recommendation of Congress,) to purchase a quantity of homemade cloth, (or other cloth if that could not be obtained,) of a brown color, for 3,000 coats and 3,000 waistcoats, and as many blankets as could be obtained in the colony; 3,000 felt hats, check flannel or linen for 6,000 shirts, 6,000 pairs of shoes, to be collected and deposited in the proper stores in the several counties, proportioned to each county.

Timothy Larrabee was appointed pay master to Col. Mott's regiment. It was ordered, that the soldiers in Col. Mott's regiment should supply themselves with four bullets each; and Col. Pitkin to deliver Col. Mott one pound of powder for every eight men in his regiment, and the same quantity to Col. Swift's regiment.

Col. Porter informed the Governor and Council that eighteen 9 pound

and other cannon were cast at Salisbury furnace, (which were much wanted.) Col. Jonathan Pettibone was appointed a committee to procure teams and carriages to transport twenty 9 pound cannon from Salisbury to Hartford, and deliver them to Capt. W. Tyley, at Hartford, with all convenient speed. 800 pounds of powder were ordered from Col. Pitkin's powder mill, to be sent to Col. Porter, for the use of the furnace at Salisbury.

IN SESSION, July 18.

Mr. Root, in the name of the committee of prisoners and the county court, moved to have a yard erected around the gaol, at Hartford, to secure the prisoners, which had been resolved by the county court, that such a yard was absolutely necessary to be forthwith built. The Governor and Council directed the county court in said county immediately to erect such yard, with pickets or plank, in the best and most prudent manner; one half of which expense was directed to be paid out of the public treasury of the colony, and the other half by the county of Hartford.

The regiment raised in this colony for the continental service, under Col. Andrew Ward, were now ready to march, and orders had been given them by the Governor for their march to Boston; but intelligence was received, that Lord Howe, with a large body of troops had joined Gen. Howe, at New York, and the whole force of the enemy appeared ready to fall upon the city of New York, and the places adjacent; and at the same time the small pox was greatly prevailing in and about Boston, and would probably spread in Col. Ward's regiment, and disenable them for service, if they marched there. Therefore the Governor and Council directed Col. Ward to suspend his march to Boston, until orders could be obtained from Congress, or Gen. Washington.

The subject of publishing the Declaration of Independence, was again taken up by the Governor and Council, and referred to the General Assembly, at their next stated session.

Whereas tories were in the habit of wandering from place to place, to spy out the state of the colonies, and give intelligence to the British, formed confederacies, &c.; to prevent which, the Governor and Council resolved, that no person unknown or suspected, whether in the character of gentlemen, expresses, travellers, or beggars, should be permitted to travel, or pass from town to town in the colony, unless he should produce a pass from some Congress, Committee of Safety or inspection, some magistrate, general or field officer of the army, stating therein, from whence he came, to what place bound, that he was

friendly to the States, unless he was well known in the colony. It was made the duty of all officers, civil and military, selectmen, committees of inspection, sheriffs, constables, grand jurors, and tithingmen in the colony, to require all persons travelling as aforesaid, to produce such certificate, and to stop and examine them, &c. And it was recommended in the large towns in the colony, to keep proper watches and guards in the night season, and to apprehend any such persons, that might travel by night, and practice mischief against the States.

IN SESSION, July 19.

£14 was voted for Elderkin & Wales to build a powder magazine, in a dry sidehill near their powder mills, made of rough stone, and to belong to the colony.

Mr. Brooks, of Stratford, made a pressing application for a supply of powder. An order on Doolittle & Co's. powder mill, at New Haven, for 800 pounds, at 5s. 4d. per pound, was given.

After repeated applications from Gen. Washington for the galley Shark to be sent to New York; the Governor and Council ordered that the row galley Shark, under the command of Capt. Stanton, should immediately repair to Gen. Washington, at New York, and be placed under the directions of Gen. Washington.

Capt. Harding, of the brig Defence, was ordered immediately to cause the brig to be fitted and repaired, and cruise in Long Island sound, in proper places, for the best advantage of the colony.

The Governor was requested to give commissions to such officers as were returned, in such companies of men not by law obliged to do duty in the militia, as should associate in companies, and stand ready to serve the public under the Captain General.

IN SESSION, July 23.

Daniel Dee was appointed 2d lieutenant of artillery, under Capt. Saltonstall, at New London.

The Council approved of the Governor's selling to James Phelps, of Spencertown, New York, 50 pounds of powder, at 5s. 4d. per pound.

An order of £200 was drawn in favor of J. Elderkin, to purchase tents and clothing for the continental army.

IN SESSION, July 27.

The felling axes, requested by Gen. Schuyler, were ordered to be sent without delay, by trusty wagoners, to Skeensborough, for the use of the army.

On application of Mr. Jay, from the committee of convention of the State of New York, twenty cannon were loaned, viz. : ten 12 pounders,

and ten 6 pounders, at the furnace in Salisbury, to the State of New York, with a suitable proportion of shot for said cannon, and replaced or accounted for by said State; with iron trucks or carriage wheels for said cannon, and delivered to Mr. Jay, or his order.

IN SESSION, July 30.

Prosper Wetmore, sheriff of New London county, was allowed £12 : 2 : 10 for supporting, guarding, &c., twenty-two continental prisoners, taken by Commodore Hopkins, and transporting them with their baggage to Windham gaol; £11 : 4 for transporting Dr. Church, (by order of Congress) from Norwich to Boston, and from thence to Water-town, and £9 : 5 for his trouble and expense with said Church when a prisoner in his care, from November, 1775, until the 27th of May, 1776, and for waiting upon him abroad, by order of Congress, being in all £32 : 11 : 10 lawful money.

An order of £1,000 was drawn in favor of Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., for the use of the colony.

The Governor and Council directed Col. Huntington to proceed to New London, with all possible despatch, for the colony, in conjunction with his son, to purchase such necessary clothing for the troops as they could get upon the most reasonable terms. Also to treat with the owner of the Bermudian sloop brought into that port by the continental fleet, for the purchase thereof; and report his terms, &c., and lay an injunction against said sloop's leaving said port until further orders. Also to purchase all the swivels and the shot belonging to said guns; one third of the cannon and shot, and 100 stand of arms, and all the lead shot brought into said port, by a French sloop.

IN SESSION, July 31.

William Nichols, of Hartford, was appointed pay master of Col. Heman Swift's regiment.

Nehemiah Hubbard, Jr., of Middletown, was appointed pay master of Col. Charles Burrall's regiment.

Samuel Champlin, Jr., of New London, was appointed 3d lieutenant on board the colony ship, under Capt. Coit.

Azariah Whittlesey, of Saybrook, was appointed master of the colony ship, under Capt. Coit.

An order of £250 was drawn in favor of Capt. Coit, to enlist his men, and first months pay, and lodge his bond as pay master.

Mr. Law was desired, by the Governor and Council, to compile a code of laws for the naval service of the colony, in conformity to the laws of the naval service of the united colonies, as near as might be, and lay the same before the Governor and Council.

Capt. Coit was ordered to sail the colony ship to New London as soon as possible.

Mr. N. Shaw, Jr., was directed to provide supplies, arms, hammocks, &c. &c., and every needful thing to furnish said ship fit for sea, as soon as it lay in his power.

Eliphalet Roberts, of Hartford, was appointed captain of marines on board said colony ship.

John Prentice, 2d, of New London, was appointed 1st lieutenant of marines of said ship.

Six midshipmen were allowed said ship.

Capt. Coit's men on board said ship, were enlisted to be held in service until the 1st day of May, 1777, unless sooner discharged.

Gurdon Saltonstall was allowed his expenses, in building the fort at New London, being £176 : 12 : 10.

J. Elderkin, Esq., was directed to purchase what raven's duck he could in Providence, for the colony's use.

IN SESSION, August 1.

David Trumbull was directed to deliver Lieut. Wales, 12 guns and bayonets and belts, for the use of Capt. Stedman's company.

Letters were sent to all the towns, urging them to forward the enlistments.

Letters from the convention of New York, were sent by Mr. De-Payster, respecting the prisoners sent from New York to Litchfield gaol, were read; and thereupon ordered, that the Mayor of New York should be brought to Hartford, and there confined. Gilbert Forbes and William Forbes were directed to be confined in Litchfield gaol, and the other ten to be taken to Norwich gaol, and warrants sent to the respective gaolers.

£600 was ordered paid to Andrew Huntington, for the purchase of clothing, tents, &c., for the continental army.

IN SESSION, August 2.

An order was given Col. Pettibone on Col. J. Porter, to deliver to him for the use of the colony, 40 tons of pig iron, and 1 or 2 ton of 2 pound shot, to be by him transported to Connecticut river.

The Governor and Council had been informed of the great necessity of the northern army for an immediate supply of clothing, at Crown Point and Ticonderoga. Therefore ordered, that such part of the articles of clothing as had been procured in the State, under the order of Congress, should be forwarded to the army, without waiting for particular orders; and the Governor was desired to order the same forwarded to the army.

Capt. Deshon and N. Shaw, Jr. were instructed to purchase the New Providence sloop, owned by Charles Walker, (which lay at New London,) for this colony, and have it fitted as an armed vessel, at the cheapest rate in their power, and execute the contract on the part of the colony, and procure writings of conveyance to the State to be perfected; and that Capt. Harding should fit up said sloop as an armed brigantine, with the greatest despatch; and use the masts, sails, rigging, guns, &c., and the furniture of the brig Defence, under his command, for that purpose; and employ the men of said Defence in fitting said sloop. And Mr. Shaw was directed to furnish Capt. Harding with all things necessary for said purpose.

Eliphalet Dyer and Richard Law, Esq's., were directed to repair immediately to New York, and confer with Gen. Washington, on measures to be pursued by this State, for the defence and security of this and the other States, and to frustrate the designs of the enemy.

An order of £200, in favor of Dr. J. Elderkin, to purchase tents and clothing for the continental army, was given. The Governor drew an order in favor of Chauncey Whittlesey, of £1,000, for the same purpose.

IN SESSION, August 9.

An order was drawn for two months billeting, for the forces at Fairfield, under Lieut. John Mills. Liberty was given the selectmen of said Fairfield to take at the furnace, one 12 pounder and one 18 pounder, if to be had, if not, two 12 pounders; also a ton of shot suitable for the cannon in said fort, subject to the order of the Assembly.

IN SESSION, August 10.

A number of tory prisoners were sent from Albany, to be confined in the gaol at New London, and none of them to go at liberty without a trusty guard, (and by land only,) not more than a half-mile distance from the gaol.

An order of £10, in favor of Ensign John Fisk, of Col. Elmore's regiment, to support his party of tory prisoners, sent from Albany, to be repaid by said Fisk, or the Albany committee.

IN SESSION, August 11.

Isaac Doolittle & Co., of New Haven, were ordered to deliver 1000 pounds of powder to the selectmen of New Haven, as town stock.

The Governor, by advice of his Council, directed the commanding officers of the 1st, 2d, 4th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22d and 23d regiments of militia in this State, to march forth-

with to New York, and place themselves under Gen. Washington, until the (then) present exigency should be over.

Twenty shillings was ordered to be paid each militia man, by the pay master, towards wages, before marching for New York.

IN SESSION, August 12.

An order was granted to Jesse Root, of £3,600, as pay master of advance wages of the officers and men of the 2d, 4th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th regiments ordered on duty to New York, by him to be paid to the commanding officer of each regiment, at the rate of 20s. a man. An order of £300 was given to pay the 22d regiment.

Capt. S. Squire, of Fairfield, was ordered to procure for the brig Defence, 40 barrels of pork, 40 barrels of beef, 40 bushels of beans and peas, and 40 bushels of corn.

Capt. Harding, of the brig Defence, was ordered to cruise against the enemy, as soon as the brig should be fitted to sail, for about eight weeks, and use every precaution to cause any prize he might take, to be brought into some port of the United States, and there secured and condemned; and when his cruise should be closed, to return to his place of rendezvous.

An order was given in favor of Capt. John McCall, of the veteran guards of the 20th regiment of militia, ordered to New York, for 20s. advance pay for each soldier in his company, who should march to New York. He was ordered immediately to march and join the 19th regiment, and place himself and company under Gen. Washington.

Oliver Wolcott, Esq. was appointed brigadier general of the militia ordered to march to New York, to reinforce the army under Gen. Washington.

An order of £10 was given to aid Daniel Strong to pay his expenses, with his team with goods and warlike stores for the continental army, in the northern department.

IN SESSION, August 13.

An order of £180 was drawn in favor of Capt. Seth Warner, of Saybrook, to raise a crew of 40 seamen, for naval service on the lakes at the north.

IN SESSION, August 14.

Young Ledyard was appointed a lieutenant of artillery in the company at Groton, under Capt. William Ledyard.

An order of £150 was given in favor of Nathaniel Miner, commissary of the company at Stonington.

IN SESSION, August 15.

As medicines could not be obtained at the northward for the army, the Governor gave Dr. Thomas Russell, of Col Swift's regiment, a small quantity, and directed Smith & Coit, of Hartford, to furnish him with such medicines as were needful.

An order for Dr. J. Elderkin, of £400, was drawn for him, to purchase tents, &c., for the continental army in the northern department.

An account of 26s. was allowed Edmund Badger, for the hire of a horse, for John Vanaulin, an express from Gen. Washington to Boston.

John Munro and Henry Vanschaik, two of the prisoners sent from Albany into this State; the said Munro for enlisting soldiers for the British army, and being himself an officer; the said Vanschaik, for being a disaffected person, and corresponding with the tories in Connecticut, were sent to East Haddam, under their parole of honor, to continue there, and not depart more than two miles from Connecticut river, if placed within two miles of the same; hold no correspondence, by letter or writing, with the British or tories; do nor say any thing in prejudice of the United States, or their acts or resolves; hold no correspondence with any prisoners of war, &c., on penalty of close confinement.

IN SESSION, August 16.

£180 was ordered to be paid to Capt. David Hawley, to raise a crew of seamen for the naval service of the United States, on the lakes, for which service he was appointed captain.

The same sum of £180 was paid to Capt. Frederick Chappell, of New Haven, to raise a like crew for the same purpose, to which service he was appointed captain.

An order in favor of Capt. Walter Hyde, of £50, was drawn for the independent company under his command, of 20s. for each man, before marching.

The British had frequent intercourse with the people of Block Island, and there being danger of giving intelligence that might prove dangerous to the liberty of the country; the Governor and Council voted, that after the 20th of August, 1776, no boat from said island should enter any creek, inlet, or harbor, in this State; for a violation of which, such boats should be seized and kept in safe custody, with the persons on board. And the commanding officer of the troops at the different forts, on the sea coast of the State, all the captains and chief officers of any armed vessels in the State service, were required to carry fully into effect the provisions of said resolve.

An order of £2,168 was drawn in favor of Charles Walker, of New Providence, for a large sloop to be used as a ship-of-war.

Capt. Adam Shapley had an order of £63:8, for the bounty and first months pay of his men. Maj. John Ely had an order of £50.

The sheriff of New London county was directed to suffer the prisoners from the State of New York, confined at Norwich, to take the air one or two days each week for their health, under the sheriff's personal attendance and keeping, and to walk in the jail yard in the day time, at the sheriff's discretion.

IN SESSION, August 17.

An order was drawn in favor of one or two persons, as the Governor approved, to take the charge of an armed vessel or vessels, on the lake, agreeable to a request of Maj. Gen. Schuyler, for £180 lawful money each, to pay the bounty, premium for guns and bayonets, &c. And it was voted to allow the captains and recruiting officers for raising said crews of seamen on the lakes, 8s. lawful money, for each man enlisted, as a compensation.

Henry Billings, of Norwich, was appointed 3d lieutenant of the armed brig Defence, and first prize master on the cruise said brig was then ordered; and his wages to cease on the condemnation of the first prize, or at the end of said cruise.

IN SESSION, August 20.

An order was drawn in favor of Capt. James Chamberlain, for advance wages of 20s. per man for his company ordered to New York.

The Governor was authorized to furnish Capt. McCall and Lieut. Jacob Dewitt, of Norwich, with fire arms to supply their men, out of the colony arms in the hands of David Trumbull.

A company was formed of the men of the horse, under Capt. J. Chamberlain, and reported to the Governor, and approved. James Chamberlain was chosen captain; Noah Chapin, Jr., lieutenant; and Simon Chapman, ensign; which company and officers were established to serve as a foot company of militia in defence of the States.

IN SESSION, August 21.

A lieutenant, 1 sargeant, and 15 men were ordered to be detached from Capt. Thomson's company, at Black Rock, in New Haven, to go to Milford and assist in building a fort at that harbor; with liberty for the selectmen of Milford to take four colony cannon from Salisbury furnace, viz.: three 9 pounders and one 12 pounder, and one ton of shot, to be used in said fort. Isaac Doolittle & Co. were ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Milford, 300 pounds of gun powder, for their use in the fort.

Chatham also had an order for 300 pounds of powder.

Middletown had an order for 500 pounds of powder.

The committee of the lead mine had an order for 300 pounds of powder.

Bela Elderkin, of Windham, was appointed lieutenant of marines, on board the ship-of-war owned by this State.

James Jauney, Esq., of New York, was sent to Connecticut, by order of Gen. Washington, and on his parole to continue in Middletown. He applied to the Governor and Council for liberty to go to Westchester, in the State of New York, and to bring his and his son's families to Middletown; which was granted by the Governor and Council.

IN SESSION, August 27.

Doolittle & Atwater had manufactured at this date, 4,100 pounds of powder, at New Haven.

An order of £300 was issued in favor of J. Fitch, of New Haven, to purchase clothing and tents for the northern army; the order was given payable in continental bills, lodged in the treasury by Mr Sherman.

Capt. Michael Melally was appointed 1st lieutenant of the armed ship Oliver Cromwell; John Smith, of East Hartford, was appointed 3d lieutenant of the ship Oliver Cromwell; John Chapman, of New London, was appointed 2d lieutenant of the Oliver Cromwell.

Orders were given to forward camp kettles to the northward, as they were much wanted.

IN SESSION, August 28.

An order was drawn in favor of Ebenezer Ledyard, of £1,000, commissary of the troops of the fort in Groton, for supplies and buildings there.

An order was given N. Shaw, Jr., of £625 : 4, for money he advanced Capt. Harding, to furnish and fix the brig Defence.

An order of £600 was drawn in favor of Andrew Huntington, for the purchase of tents and clothing for the army at the north, to be paid in continental money.

An order of £500 was given in favor of Joshua Elderkin for the same purpose, payable in like money.

A like order in favor of Samuel Squire, was given for the same purpose, of £500.

The sheriff of New London county was directed to transport all the prisoners from Albany, then in New London gaol, to the town of

Preston, and deliver them to the committee of inspection of said town, there to be kept on their parole, viz. : William Pemberton, Alexander Campbell, Thomas Swords, Samuel Anderson, and Joseph Anderson, to be supported at their own expense. And William Scott, John Scott, Jacob Timmerman, Nicholas Weaver, Ralph Watson, John Duzenberry, Frederick Williams, Henry Wytenhousen, Dugall Campbell, Benjamin Grinman, Owen Conner, William McMullen, Israel Osborn, and Samuel Messenger, to be allowed to labor for their support, under the inspection of the committee of said Preston.

IN SESSION, September 1.

The Governor directed Samuel Squire to send to New York, 200 pounds of salt petre, to Gen. Wolcott.

The commanding officers of the 3d, 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 20th, 21st and 25th regiments of militia, were ordered forthwith, to call out their regiments, and see them equipped and marched to New London; from thence to embark for Long Island, and there land in the most convenient place, to march to the assistance of our army against the troops and mercenaries of the King of Great Britain on that island, or to be stationed at New London, as circumstances might require.

Erastus Wolcott, colonel of the regiment at the forts at New London, Groton, &c., was ordered, without delay, to put his officers and soldiers, stationed at said forts, in readiness to embark for Long Island; and to see the sound clear, that they might safely pass the same, and forthwith embark with them to Long Island, and there co-operate with our forces on the island, and command them in such manner as to secure and defend the inhabitants; assist to dispose of the stock with safety, and annoy the enemy as he should be able; to take with him six field pieces, and direct those who should follow him to bring the other cannons from the forts; to use prudence in engaging men, and take with him one of the captains, and a suitable number of officers, and 25 matrosses for the service. Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was ordered to supply the troops so ordered to Long Island, with stores of powder and transports, and employ a sloop of Capt. Jabez Perkins for the service. And Capt. Deshon was directed to supply the troops with bread, flour, and other provisions necessary for the troops.

IN SESSION, September 2.

Intelligence arrived by Col. Marsh, from New York, that our troops had withdrawn from the islands near New York, and that they were about to make a stand at some more convenient place. The Governor sent an order to Col. Wolcott not to embark for Long Island until farther orders.

An order was drawn of £300 in favor of Capt. Hayden, towards building the ship *Oliver Cromwell*.

IN SESSION, September 3.

Jabez Huntington, Richard Law, Jedediah Elderkin, William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Wales, Jr., and B. Huntington were appointed to repair immediately to New London, to observe the situation of our troops, the state of the sound, whether infested with the enemy; and to consider and direct what measures were best, with regard to the inhabitants and stock on Long Island; how to preserve them from the enemy, and determine on the propriety of sending troops to the island; to take care that suitable stores of ammunition, provisions, and every necessary, according to their determination should be made, and give their directions to Col. Wolcott; to give directions concerning the colony vessels, particularly the one *Capt. Harding* had sailed in, and order, if they saw fit, that she should be fitted for a guard vessel at New London, and on the sound; and report their doings to the Governor.

IN SESSION, September 5.

All the troop of horse in the colony, east of Connecticut river, were ordered forthwith, to march towards New York, as far as Westchester, and there to wait farther orders, to co-operate with the continental troops.

The prisoners at New London, that had been ordered to reside at East Haddam, were permitted to reside at Middletown, upon their parole, and Sherbrook to reside in Wethersfield, upon his parole.

The committee appointed September 3, 1776, to repair to New London, &c., reported, that they found Long Island in the hands of the British, and the people of the island in great distress, and removing themselves and their effects; and advised the committees of inspection of New London and Groton, to pursue the advice, and answer the requisitions of the Congress of New York, with regard to assisting the inhabitants of Long Island to go off with their effects to the main; and advised Col. Wolcott to put as many of his men on board the transports as should be thought sufficient to assist and guard them in their escape from the island. Also advised the armed vessels in the harbor to go as convoys to the transports without delay.

IN SESSION, September 6.

Voted £80 to William Lax, to aid him in making carriages, for cannon in this State.

An order was given to the 3d, 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 20th, 21st, 25th and 7th regiments of militia, and to the 2d and 4th regiments of horse,

forthwith, without delay, to call out their regiments, and see them equipped and march towards New York, and rendezvous at or near Westchester, and to remain there until farther orders; to be ready to co-operate with the continental army, and defeat the designs of the enemy, who appeared to be endeavoring to throw over a force upon the main, to cut off our communication with New York by land and water.

The militia of this State, east of Connecticut river, had been ordered to march to Westchester, unprovided for; therefore Jonathan Fitch and Samuel Squire were directed to make all necessary provisions for them.

It was ordered, that two companies of the regiment at New London and Groton, under Col. Wolcott, should be detached by Col. E. Wolcott, and marched towards New York, and join themselves to the regiment of militia under Col. Saltonstall; and Maj. John Ely, of Wolcott's regiment, was ordered to proceed with the two companies, and take command in the regiment under Col. Saltonstall, in his rank. And it was ordered that the vacancy made in Col. Wolcott's regiment should be supplied by men in Col's. Coit's and Saltonstall's regiments of militia, that could not at that time be equipped and armed for immediate service.

A guard of 15 men was ordered stationed at the mouth of Connecticut river, on the east side; and John Griswold, of Lyme, was appointed the officer of said guard; and was ordered to proceed immediately to enlist out of the militia, or other able bodied men, with the same wages as other troops of the State, and 9d. per day for billeting.

An order of £44 : 1 : 3 was drawn in favor of Capt. William Tyley, for a cask of Jamaica spirits purchased of Capt. John Chenevard, for the use of the State.

IN SESSION, September 7.

An order was given to William Morgan, Esq., to purchase 200 fat sheep, and drive them to the northern army, and deliver them to the commissary, by order of Gen. Waterbury.

IN SESSION, September 9.

Orders were given to Capt. Zebediah Smith, master of the prize schooner Elizabeth and Hannah, at Newport, taken and sent in by the armed schooner Spy; to embrace the first fair wind, when the coast should be clear of the British, and proceed with said prize to Norwich, and cause her to be condemned as soon as might be.

One of the committee of pay table was ordered to receive out of the treasury a sufficient sum to pay 20s. to each man ordered to New

York, and to go to New Haven, and there pay to the colonels of each regiment 20s. for each man in his regiment, and by the colonels to be paid over to the men.

Martin Leffingwell was ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Norwich, a chest of arms in his care, left with him by Mr. Lay, of Lyme.

The selectmen of the towns were directed to proceed, on the usual plan, for furnishing the men ordered to march; and those men who had balls fitted for their own guns, were ordered to use them.

Elderkin & Wales were directed to send one ton of Connecticut powder to Col. J. Fitch, at New Haven.

Two prisoners who were in the custody of Lieut. Col. Livingston, at Saybrook, (if on examination they should be found guilty,) they were ordered to deliver them to the committee of inspection at Saybrook, and by them sent to Colchester, to be kept on parole.

IN SESSION, September 10.

The military companies in the 1st and 3d societies in Saybrook, were excused from marching to New York with their regiment, but to remain at home, to assist in erecting the fort.

Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., was appointed brigadier general of the nine regiments of militia of this State, ordered to march to Westchester, in New York.

Oliver Smith was appointed lieutenant colonel of the 8th regiment of militia, for the expedition towards New York, and was ordered to proceed with said regiment towards New York.

The 1st and 2d companies of militia, in New London, were excused from marching with the regiment towards New York, but were permitted to remain at home, to defend the port and harbor of New London.

Dr. Thomas Gray was appointed surgeon's mate of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*.

An order on the pay table was drawn, of £500, in favor of Ebenezer Backus, major and commander of the 2d and 4th regiments of horse, ordered to march towards New York, to provide for, and support his troops on said expedition.

The pay table were directed to liquidate the accounts of the selectmen of the several towns, incurred in furnishing the militia with guns, &c., for service.

IN SESSION, September 12.

The selectmen of New Haven were authorized, at their own expense, to take three 12 pound cannon from Salisbury furnace, for their forts;

and one ton of assorted shot for the cannon at said forts, there to be used until farther orders.

Mr. Hosmer was directed, as soon as might be, to procure some person to go directly to Simsbury and Salisbury, if necessary, and forward the 6 pound cannons that were ready, to Hartford or Middletown, with shot for the cannon, (and to consult with Mr. Humphrey on the subject,) and procure carriages for them; also to bring the swivels and shot for them, and to have 20 of the swivels, swiveled at Hartford.

IN SESSION, September 18.

Col. Porter was ordered to cast proper wheels and bed for a powder mill for Col. Pitkin, for the powder mill at Hartford.

An order of £220 was given Col. Pitkin for making powder for the State.

Liberty was given to James Church, of Hartford, to export a cargo of the value of £70 to the West Indies, to purchase salt to be brought into this State for the inhabitants.

Col. Samuel Coit, by his age and infirmity, was excused from service in the expedition to New York.

An order of £1,000 was drawn in favor of Jonathan Fitch.

Asahel Case, of Norfolk, had an order for 40 pounds of powder, for the town.

An order of £50 was paid Capt. Elijah Hyde, for advance pay, in part of wages to his company of horse on their march to New York. Also an order was given on Lieut. Col. Livingston, for 8 guns for said company. And an order for 20s. per man was given for said company, to march under Capt. Andrew Lathrop.

A great number of the distressed inhabitants of Long Island, by the advice of the Convention of New York, had fled from the enemy into this State, and many others expected, in a miserable, destitute, and helpless condition, and required the aid of our inhabitants; and as there was no law of the State which applied to a case like theirs:—The Governor and Council resolved, that the committees of inspection in the towns, where such distressed islanders came, were advised to provide all things necessary for them, until the Assembly should sit, in October (then) next, and then lay the same before them for advice.

It was represented to the Governor and Council, that many of the troops from this State, were returning home sick and wounded, and had been exposed to suffer for want of accommodations and refreshments; the Governor and Council resolved, that convenient hospitals should be provided for the accommodation of the troops near New York, who were sick, on furlough, or discharged. And that one or

more such hospitals should be provided in each town, from New Haven to King's Bridge, in the State of New York; and a suitable person employed at each of such hospitals, to see them furnished with provision and refreshments for the sick or wounded soldiers, and properly attended and taken care of. And the selectmen in the towns from New Haven to Greenwich, were empowered in behalf of this State, to provide such hospitals, in their respective towns, and procure persons to provide for and oversee said hospitals; and examine into the state of sick soldiers of this State on the road home, and afford them such assistance as they should judge necessary. Elkanah Tisdale was appointed to provide such hospitals in the State of New York, to King's Bridge, and appoint overseers to furnish them, &c. And an order of £100 was drawn in favor of said Tisdale, to enable him to carry said resolve into execution; and to leave attested copies of said resolve with the selectmen aforesaid; and advise with and ask the assistance of the committees in the State of New York, and of Gen. Washington, in executing said resolve; for which said Tisdale was to be allowed 6s. per day, with his expenses and horse hire.

IN SESSION, September 20.

An order of £31 : 13 : 8, was given in favor of Noadiah Hubbard, of Middletown, for carting clothing to the northern army.

An order of £1,200 was drawn in favor of Chauncey Whittlesey, to enable him to pay for goods purchased for clothing for the continental army, and to continue his purchases for the same purpose.

On the 24th of September, 1776, Col. J. Huntington, Col. Jedediah Elderkin, Titus Hosmer, and Nathaniel Wales, Jr., Esq's., met and assisted the Governor in business of the public.

IN SESSION, September 26.

The same gentlemen aided the Governor in the same business.

An order of £600, lawful money, was drawn for Capt. Coit, of the Oliver Cromwell, for colony use.

Another order in favor of Capt. Ephraim Bill, of £300, lawful money, on account of the ship Oliver Cromwell.

Simeon Tucker, of Rhode Island, had an order for 10 pounds of powder, at 5s. 4d. per pound.

Benjamin Henshaw was allowed £31 : 6 : 10, for carting guns from Salisbury.

Col. J. Porter was allowed £500, for the furnace at Salisbury.

The overseers of the furnace were directed to cast 6 and 4 pounders until farther orders from the Assembly.

It was voted, that John Hudson & Co., from Long Island, should be encouraged, to depend upon purchasing four 4 pound cannon and four swivels, of this State, as soon as they could be cast, and finished, by their paying the customary price.

Also Lyon & Co., of East Haddam, to have two 6 pounders, and eight 4 pound cannon, of this State, for their privateer, as soon as cast, by their paying the usual price.

Also Capt. Jabez Perkins to have two 4 pound cannon as soon as cast, for his privateer, or letter of marque, on the same terms.

IN SESSION, September 27.

The overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, were ordered to deliver the agents for building the continental ship at Chatham, twenty-four 12 pounders, and six 6 or 4 pounders, by their paying at the rate of £3:10 per hundred weight for the 12 pounders, and £4 per hundred for the less cannon.

An order of £30 was given to one of the pay table, to enable him to go to Gen. Washington, with Gov'rs. Brown and Skene, to deliver them to his care, and render his account.

Ten pounds were voted in favor of Lieut. Thomas Bill, to enable him to apprehend deserters from Col. Burrall's regiment, and return them to their duty.

Dr. Joshua Elderkin, of Windham, was directed to provide a sufficient quantity of tow cloth for 140 hammocks, for the ship Oliver Cromwell, and forward such as he had on hand, and purchase 400 yards in the whole, and send it to Capt. Bill for said purpose.

IN SESSION, October 1.

The overseers of the furnace were ordered to cast a suitable proportion of 4 pound shot for the cannon cast there; and to cast for Capt. J. Perkins, of Norwich, about 40 or 50 shot for the two cannon he was to have.

Andrew Huntington was permitted to purchase at the furnace, two 4 pounders, and six swivels, with shot suitable, at the usual prices.

It was recommended to the committee of inspection of Norwich, to proceed, relative to the people, stock, &c. from Long Island, as had been done by the towns on the sea coast, in pursuance of the request of the convention of the State of New York.

Capt. Niles, of the Spy, was ordered to get ready, with all possible despatch, and cruise in the sound, between Montauk Point and Stamford, to watch the movements of the enemy, and give information in the best manner for the security of the navigation belonging to the

United States, and the towns particularly on the sound, and to annoy the enemy, until further orders.

Capt. Deshon had an order of £1,500 to provide for the troops at New London.

Sargeant John Spencer, of Capt. Wells' company, in Col. Wolcott's regiment, with 7 or 8 seamen or marines of the same, were permitted to enlist on board the ship Oliver Cromwell; and others enlisted in their room in said regiment.

The great cry and want of the necessary article of salt, threatened to disturb the public peace and safety of the State, rendered it necessary to supply the public and private necessities of the people in the most speedy manner, for the Governor and Council to act upon the subject. Therefore it was ordered, that a suitable number of vessels should be provided, at the public expense, and sent under convoy, to procure a quantity of salt; and Capt. Deshon was appointed to carry the same into effect.

Capt. Deshon's warrant:—"You are hereby authorized and empowered to take up or impress 500 tons of vessels, from about 60 to about 100 tons, good for sailing, and well found, and have them appraised by suitable persons, under oath, for public service; for which this shall be your warrant."

Capt. Deshon was instructed to impress said vessels, and cause the schooner Hannah and Elizabeth, which had been taken by Capt. Niles, of the Spy, of this State, and 500 tons more, as stated in the warrant; and see them all well manned, and supplied with provisions, and suitable cargoes to purchase salt; to sail at his discretion as to time and destination; which vessels were ordered to be protected by an armed ship, for which said Deshon was to advise with the Governor and Council for their orders. Said Deshon was directed to do the whole with the greatest secrecy and despatch.

The Governor was desired to appoint such persons as he should think proper, to be master of the ship Oliver Cromwell, and any other officer wanted on board; also to give orders for medicine on board said ship as should be needed.

Dr. Samuel Lee, of Windham, was appointed surgeon and physician on board the Oliver Cromwell.

Dr. Benjamin Dyer was paid £57 : 11 : 10, for drugs for the use of the State.

£171 : 6 : 10½ was allowed Jabez Huntington.

£300 was paid Dr. J. Elderkin, to purchase clothing.

£300 was paid Andrew Huntington, to purchase clothing.

Prosper Wetmore, sheriff, was allowed £8:17, for transporting Bazel Boudenot from Norwich to Worcester, in Massachusetts.

IN SESSION, October 11.

A consultation was had as to an expedition of Col's. Richmond and Livingston to Long Island. The Governor gave the necessary orders, with all possible secrecy, and Mr. Shaw was sent home with orders to forward said expedition as fast as possible.

IN SESSION, October 21.

£400 was drawn to enable Col. Porter to carry on the cannon foundry. And he was requested to borrow on the credit of the State 40 bushels of salt, for the use of said foundry.

IN SESSION, October 22.

Adam Babcock & Co. were permitted to export to Rhode Island 60 barrels of salt beef for their privateer.

Voted to sell Adam Babcock & Co., two of the cannon and carriages, taken on board the ship Guineaman, and brought in by Capt. Harding, to New London.

Mr. Hosmer was desired to give orders to Mr. Buel, for 40 fire arms, to be delivered to Capt. William Coit, for the ship Oliver Cromwell.

It was voted to appoint an ensign, with orders to enlist 20 men, at 40s. per month, to man the fort at Milford harbor, until farther orders, to serve until the 25th day of December (then) next, unless sooner discharged. Capt. Benjamin Hine was appointed ensign, (with the pay of an ensign.)

IN SESSION, October 24.

£400 was paid James Tilley for cordage.

£200 was paid Capt. Hayden, towards building the Oliver Cromwell.

£75 was paid B. Williams for iron work on the ship Oliver Cromwell.

Levi Young was appointed master of said ship.

Capt. Harding was ordered to sail on a cruise, with the brig Defence, for two months, against the British.

Capt. William Coit, with the ship Oliver Cromwell, was ordered to sail on a cruise, for two months.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was ordered to supply the ship Oliver Cromwell and brig Defence with stores of every kind, for a cruise of two months.

IN SESSION, October 26.

Capt. Elizur Goodrich, of Wethersfield, was permitted to export, in the sloop Betsey, (himself master,) 80 barrels of beef, 25 barrels of flour, 15 barrels of pork, 6 oxen, and 60 doz. of poultry, and make his returns in salt.

Capt. Joseph Thompson drew £300 to pay the wages, &c., of his company.

Col. J. Fitch was directed for the future, to supply the troops under Capt. Thompson, in New Haven, with provisions.

£33 : 12 was allowed William Greenough for services.

IN SESSION, October 30.

Jonathan Curtiss was accepted as a captain ; Timothy Pond, lieutenant ; and Samuel Scovil, ensign of a company in Northbury, in Waterbury, embodied under a late resolve of the General Assembly.

Accepted and established Caleb Jewett, captain ; Robert Stedman, lieutenant ; and Joseph Lord, ensign of a company in Sharon, embodied under said resolve of the General Assembly.

Capt. John McCleave, and his crew of the galley Whiting, were dismissed as of Saturday preceding.

Approved an order of £500, given Samuel Squire ; also an order for John Cotton, at the fort at Saybrook, for £50 was approved.

IN SESSION, November 4.

Andrew Martin was returned as captain ; Enos Hawley, lieutenant ; and Nathan Chapman, ensign of a company of householders, ready to march and join the regiment in whose limits they dwelt, (in Woodbury.)

Twenty-five tons of pig iron, (State property) was ordered sold to Aaron Elliott, at £7 : 10 per ton, at Salisbury, if it would not interfere with the cannon foundry ; said Elliott engaging to manufacture the same into steel, and dispose of it at a reasonable price in proportion to the cost of the pigs, to the inhabitants of this State, for their own use ; and Col. Porter was directed to deliver the same to said Elliott, and take the pay therefor.

Voted to supply Samuel Bird, Arthur Jarvis, John Lathrop, and Pierpont Edwards with ten 4 pounders, and twelve swivels.

Voted, to supply Stephen Thorp, Abel Gould, and associates, with twelve 4 pound cannon, eight small swivels, half a ton of round shot, and 100 pounds of grape shot ; and exchange with them 800 pounds of powder at Doolittle's mills, at 5s. 4d. per pound, for well refined salt petre, at the stated price.

Twelve cannon were ordered delivered to Isaac Miles & Co., (4 pounders,) and twelve swivels.

Also, Andrew Rowland and Samuel Broome & Co. eight 3 pounders double fortified, eight swivels, 500 pounds of gun powder, at 5s. 4d., 240 rounds of shot, and 100 pounds of grape shot, of 2 ounces each.

Also, Jonathan Osborn and Farrington & Putnam with four 9 pounders, six 6 pounders, six 3 pounders, and two cohorns.

Also, Luther Stoddard & Co., with four 6 pounders, ten 4 pounders, and twelve swivels.

Also, Messrs. Lyon & Co., with ten swivels, previous to the delivery of any of the foregoing guns.

IN SESSION, November 6.

Capt. John McCleave was allowed £428 : 9 : 5, for billeting and wages of the men on board the galley Whiting.

Col. William Pitkin was ordered to deliver all the State powder in his possession, to John Lawrence, Esq., Treasurer, who was directed to store and guard it in some safe place.

£1,000 was drawn in favor of C. Whittlesey, of Middletown, to purchase clothing for this State, for the use of the troops, &c.

IN SESSION, November 7.

Voted, to enter into partnership with the commissary general for importing 100,000 bushels of salt ; and ordered the writings prepared accordingly.

IN SESSION, November 14.

An order in favor of William Wheeler, of £24 : 10 was drawn for his services and expense, as commissary at the north end of lake George, in 1775, under Col. Benjamin Hinman,* for 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ months, at £6, is £34.

* Col. Benjamin Hinman was born in the town of Woodbury, in this State, in the year 1720. His ancestors came from England, in the early settlement of this colony. He served against the French in Canada, as early as 1751, under a commission as quarter master of the troop of horse in the 13th regiment, in this colony, under the hand of Roger Wolcott, then Governor of the colony. On the 19th day of April, 1755, he was commissioned, by Gov. Fitch, at Norwalk, a captain of the 6th company of foot, in Col. Elizur Goodrich's regiment, being a part of the forces raised in the colony for the defence and protection of His Majesty's territories from any further encroachments by the French, at Crown Point, and upon lake Iroquois, (called at that time by the French, lake Champlain,) to remove encroachments then made there; of which forces William Johnson was commander-in-chief. During the French war in Canada, on the 1st of October, 1755, Col. Hinman being stationed near a lake, walked out alone about three-fourths of a mile from his men, and stopped near the lake in the

Lieut. John Beedle was allowed £15:6:5, for his expense of a guard under his command, to bring a number of tories from Stamford to Lebanon.

The committee of inspection of the town of Lebanon, were ordered to take charge of the prisoners sent from Stamford, being persons dangerous to the State.

IN SESSION, November 15.

An order of £1,000 was given to William Coit, captain of the Oliver Cromwell, for the use of said ship.

woods; he heard a noise behind him, and turned briskly around, with his gun at a rest, and found a French soldier within six yards of him; the soldier was as much surprised with his company as was Col. Hinman; at once the soldier cried for quarters, and held out to the colonel the helve of his hatchet, in token of his submission, which Col. Hinman took from him, and marched him into camp, as a prisoner.

On the 30th day of May, 1757, he was commissioned major of said 13th regiment of foot and horse, by John Fitch, Esq., then Governor of the colony. In the year 1758, he was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the 3d regiment of foot, in the forces raised in the colony for invading Canada, to proceed under the supreme command of His Majesty's commander-in-chief in North America; and also a captain in the 2d company in said regiment; which commission was signed by Thomas Fitch, Governor of this colony. On the 31st day of October, 1767, he was commissioned by William Pitkin, Governor of the colony, a lieutenant colonel of the 13th regiment of horse and foot, under and in the eighth year of the reign of Lord George the Third, King of Great Britain, &c.

On the 1st of November, 1771, he was commissioned colonel of the 13th regiment of foot and horse, by J. Trumbull, Governor. Early in the war of the revolution, viz.: on the 1st day of May, 1775, he was appointed colonel of the 4th regiment of enlisted and assembled troops for the defence of the colony; and was ordered, by Gov. Trumbull, on the 20th day of May, 1775, forthwith to march with five companies, to rendezvous at or near Greenwich, in this State; and to send three companies, to take post at Salisbury, under Maj. Elmore, to be in readiness to march with them under such orders as Maj. Elmore should receive from the General Assembly, or the Governor. During the same year he was ordered to Ticonderoga, where he remained in command of a regiment for some time. In the year 1776, he was ordered, with his regiment, to New York; and was at New York at its capture by the British; after which he was stationed at Horse Neck, and other places on the sound, but returned home in ill health, in January, 1777, and did not again join the army. He died at Southbury, on the 22d day of March, 1810, at the ripe old age of 90 years.

NOTE.—There were more commissioned officers, during the war, by the name of Hinman, in Connecticut, than by any other one name, (being 13 in all); of whom originated in the town of Woodbury, 1 colonel; 5 captains; 4 lieutenants; 2 ensigns; and Elisha Hinman, (of New London,) captain of the Alfred, a ship-of-war, and 1 quarter master.

The committee of inspection for the town of Preston, informed the Governor and Council, that the prisoners in said town from the State of New York, were destitute of clothing, and other necessaries for the cold season. The Governor and Council permitted Alexander Campbell, William Pemberton, and Thomas Swords, to return to their respective homes, under the care of two of said committee to attend them on their journey and back to Preston, at the expense of said prisoners, under their parole faithfully to return with said committee, unless the authority who sent them to Connecticut, should release them; and to do or say nothing against the United States. And the said Walter Scott, Samuel S. Gardner, Henry Westenhausen, John Dezenbury, Owen Conner, Benjamin Greenman, and Jacob Timmerman, had liberty, at their own expense, to return to their families to get some sustenance; on their parole to wait on the authority who sent them, for farther orders, and faithfully to return to Preston within six weeks, unless released by said authority; and to say or do nothing against the States during the war.

An order of £1,000 was given to Dr. J. Elderkin, to purchase clothing, &c. for the State, and render his account.

An order was given by the Governor, of £2,000, to Capt. Deshon, November 9; also one of £2,000, to Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., for public use—(both approved.)

It was represented to the Governor and Council, that John Rapalji, in gaol at Norwich, was destitute of clothing and necessaries of support, and desired to return to his family to obtain the same at Long Island. Liberty was given him to visit his family on the island for the purpose aforesaid; with liberty to remove such of his family to Norwich as he pleased, by giving his parole of honor for his return within six weeks, and not to do or say any thing against the States, or give intelligence or advice concerning the affairs of said States; and said Rapalji was desired to supply Col. Samuel Selden, Capt. Jonathan Brewster, Lieut. Nathaniel Gove, Sarg't. Roger Coit, Lieut. Jabez Fitch, and such other prisoners of this State as he could, with cash, upon their giving him security for the same. He also had liberty to procure and bring to Judge Jones' with him, others, to Norwich, such supplies of clothing and sustenance as they might want.

Two prisoners who resided at Capt. Elijah Backus', in Norwich, were permitted to return home, at their own expense, to the State of New York, after supplies for the winter, on the terms stated in the other cases; to return within six weeks, unless suffered to remain at home by the authority who first sent them to Connecticut.

Col. Elderkin and Nathaniel Wales, Jr., Esq., were directed to

go to New London, and do all in their power to send out the ship Oliver Cromwell on a cruise.

The Governor and Council appointed Jedediah Elderkin and N. Wales, Jr., Esq'rs., to examine into the truth of a report, that Capt. Kennedy, of a ship loaded out from New York, with wheat, bound to France, was manned with captives and prisoners, taken by privateers; and that said Kennedy was of a suspected character, and it was supposed the ship and cargo would, in all probability, fall into the hands of the British. Said committee were to take such depositions, and such other evidence, as they might think material, and report to the Governor and Council.

Mr. Brown, of Providence, was directed to deliver Elderkin & Wales what sulphur they might want, in his care, owned by the country.

Orders were given for a quantity of engrossed cheese, in the hands of Nathan Stedman, contrary to the law against engrossing.

Dr. Samuel Lee was appointed surgeon of the ship Oliver Cromwell; and his two students appointed 2d and 3d mates under him, at £3 per month each.

Officers were appointed to supply the places of those who refused to serve in the eight battalions, then raising for the continental line.

IN SESSION, November 22.

The general officers from this State, with the colonels of the continental regiments for continental service, were desired to arrange the captains, &c., in due order, and report to the Governor.

IN SESSION, November 26.

William Cone was appointed captain; Nathaniel Sparrow, lieutenant; and Gideon Ackley, ensign of a company of householders, not in the militia roll, in the town of East Haddam.

IN SESSION, November 28.

Mr. Erwin, a prisoner taken by Commodore Hopkins, was permitted by the Governor and Council to go to Congress, on his parole for his exchange, or to return, as Congress should direct.

Justus Miles, a reputed tory, was assigned to the care of Mr. Chapman Grant, of East Windsor, who was authorized to keep and govern him in such manner as he should think prudent.

The names of the officers appointed to fill the vacancies of field officers, captains, &c., occasioned by refusals of like officers, in the eight battalions, should be made out in a list, and transmitted to Maj. Gen. Spencer; that the generals from this State in the service, should be desired, with the colonels, to arrange said officers into regiments, &c.

IN SESSION, November 29.

The Governor desired the commissaries that had purchased clothing for the soldiers of this State, in the continental army, to forward such clothing to the army, and deliver it to the quarter master general, or some other proper person appointed by the general officers. And the Governor was required to order the rum, and other refreshments provided for the soldiers of this State in the army, forwarded to the west part of Connecticut. Also to write to Gen. Washington, to advise with such general officers from this State, as should be near him, and point out a plan by which the resolve for supplying the soldiers from this State with refreshments and clothing, at prime cost, could be carried into execution.

IN SESSION, December 6.

At this time there was a large fleet of men of war and transports at anchor, a trifle westward of New London harbor, and the design unknown; the Governor and Council considered it prudent to remove the continental and colonial property, at New London, to Norwich, and to take a quantity of wheat on board a ship in New London, commanded by Capt. Kennedy, for public use; and Capt. Ephraim Bill, Jabez Perkins, and David Mumford, of Norwich, were appointed to assist Mr. Shaw in removing the wheat to the mills to be floured, and the continental and colonial ships, stores, &c., to the places of the greatest safety up the Norwich river, (Thames) and secure the same.

Orders were given to several regiments of militia, to march to New London, in defence of this country, against the invasion of the enemy. Also, letters were sent to Gen. Washington and others, for the needful assistance, and steps to be taken in that alarming time of danger.

Elijah Sharp was appointed captain of a company in Col. Ely's regiment, instead of Ebenezer Holbrook.

Capt. John Deshon was appointed a commissary of the militia, (then) marching to the defence of New London, with orders by all means to furnish supplies of continental or colonial stores, as might be obtained.

IN SESSION, December 7.

Intelligence arrived that the British fleet had sailed from New London harbor; and orders were given to stop the march of the regiments ordered for the defence of New London, and to hold themselves in readiness to march to any place that should be attacked.

The prisoners sent from Gen. Washington, when at New York, under a guard commanded by Capt. Eells, were permitted to return to

Long Island, on their parole, to give no intelligence to the enemy, nor take up arms, &c., and return back to this State when demanded.

The gentlemen sent by Gen. Washington from Long Island to Norwich, had liberty given to return home, for the time being, by giving their parole of honor in the usual form, and return when required.

Capt. Bill was required to cause two-thirds of the rum of the cargo taken on board the schooner Hannah and Elizabeth, gauged and stored for public use; and Capt. Bruce's adventure to be presented to him, as far as the State was concerned; and the schooner and remainder of the cargo to be sold at public vendue. Also, in the sale of the ship Sally, if there should be any *duck* or spare rigging, cordage, or sails, which belonged to said ships or cargo, that Mr. Shaw should bid off the same for this State, if to be had at a rate considered reasonable.

IN SESSION, December 9.

Intelligence was received, that a large fleet of the British, with many transports, were pushing up Narragansett Bay, towards Newport, and Providence; therefore orders were given to the eastern regiments to make ready and march to Rhode Island, to guard against any deprivations of said fleet.

Col. Champion was sent for, and ordered to make provision for the troops ordered to Rhode Island.

Col. Elderkin and Lieut. Col. Storrs not being in a situation to march with the 5th regiment, the command of said regiment was given to Maj. Brown.

IN SESSION, December 10.

An order of £1,400 was given Capt. Harding, for the use of the brig Defence.

Orders were given to P. Wetmore, sheriff, on Capt. Harding's producing to him his power of attorney from the officers and men of the brig Defence, in the capture of the prize ship John, taken by and brought into New London, by said Defence, and condemned; first to deduct charges of condemnation, and all other expenses, one-twentieth part of the nett proceeds of the avails of said ship and cargo being the admiral's part, as settled by Congress, and one-third of the remainder to be paid Capt. Harding for himself and crew, being their share.

Capt. J. Huntington, of Windham, was ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Coventry, 25 pounds of powder, for the use of the militia, then marching towards Providence.

IN SESSION, December 11.

An order of £674 : 2 : 3 was given Capt. Stanton, it being the full balance due of the account of the galley Shark.

Ralph Isaacs, Esq., who had been committed to the charge of the selectmen of Eastbury, in Glastenbury, by his ill health, &c., was permitted to be removed to Durham, under the restrictions of the authority and selectmen of said Durham.

IN SESSION, December 12.

William Howard was appointed lieutenant and commander of a company of militia in the second society in Windham, to march to Rhode Island, and be under the commander-in-chief there.

IN SESSION, December 13.

A letter of credit for £500, was ordered to be drawn by Messrs. John Rapalji and Miles Sherbrook, of the State of New York, in favor of Maj. Levi Wells, for the use of the continental troops in captivity (then) in New York.

The liquidation of the accounts of Capt. Jehiel Tinker, of the galley Crane; of James Rice, for the galley Whiting; the cost of the gaol yard at Hartford; and Lynd Lord's account for mustering soldiers, to the committee of pay table, were before the Governor and Council.

The six field pieces left at New Haven, by the Minerva, were ordered to be fitted with carriages, the cost not exceeding £10 for each.

Col. Thompson was directed to take effectual care that the militia of New Haven should be every way equipped, and in constant readiness, as directed by an act of the Assembly.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Esq., was instructed to negotiate an exchange of the following prisoners, taken on board the ship John, the ship Clarendon, and the ship Sally, for prisoners of equal rank as near as might be, viz.: Capt. Dunbar, of the John; James Watta, passenger on board. Capt. Jackson, of the Sally; John Wright, surgeon. Capt. John Deniston, of the Clarendon; Peter Hunter, passenger. Also, Daniel Crawford, mate; Thomas Moor, boatswain; James Deniston, a boy; Murdock McCloud, a sailor; and divers others, names unknown, and take their parole to give no intelligence, or do any thing against the States; and if such exchange should not be effected, that they return immediately to this State.

IN SESSION, December 14.

Nathaniel Miner was paid £100, for the troops at Stonington.

The pay table were directed to adjust the account of Matthew Curtiss, Jr., of Newtown, for taking John Shepard to Windham gaol; also the expense of an escort who conducted 17 prisoners, under the com-

mand of Capt. Ezra Starr, to prison ; and to draw for such sum as should be found justly due.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was authorized to draw letters of credit in favor of the captain of the ship Oliver Cromwell, to make repairs or for supplies for said ship in any foreign port, and be indemnified by this State.

The commissaries were permitted to transport pork and flour to Rhode Island, and deliver it to Col. Champion, Capt. Jared Tracy, or Asa Waterman, Jr., for our troops in the service of Rhode Island.

Col. E. Wolcott, (then) at New London, was directed to employ all his men, that he could spare, in cutting and making fashines as fast as possible, and to employ others in New London, &c., for said purpose, to have them prepared and brought to fort Trumbull as soon as might be, and place them on said fort, so that on any sudden occasion the back of said fort should be filled up with fades or fashines, so as to secure the men who should be in said fort, on any sudden attack.

Dr. A. Waldo was appointed chief surgeon of the ship Oliver Cromwell.

An order of £10 was given to Gamaliel Babcock, (to go as an express to Ticonderoga,) for his expenses.

Col. Phillips, Mr. Jauney and his sons William and James, Mr. Miller, Mr. Walton, Hugh Wallace, in Middletown, and Reed and Palmer, in Windham, all from the State of New York, were permitted to return home upon the usual parole, and to return to this State if requested, &c.

Also, Mr. Munro, sent by the Albany committee, was permitted to return to his family, on the usual parole, but to return to this State by the 1st day of March, 1777.

IN SESSION, December 25.

Bunting Waddle, Corsey Whitehead, and Betts, were permitted to return to the State of New York, on the usual parole given by tories, but to return on request.

Terrance McDermott, a prisoner of war, was permitted to go to New York, on his parole, for 31 days, and then to return, unless he should be exchanged for some one of equal rank.

IN SESSION, December 26.

Sundry officers were appointed in the continental service, to fill the vacancies of such as had refused or declined offices.

IN SESSION, December 30.

Capt. Deshon had an order of £3,500, (order delivered to Peter Christophers.)

IN SESSION, December 31.

An order was given for 20 pounds of powder to prove muskets.

IN SESSION, January 1, 1777.

On a memorial of the civil authority, selectmen, &c., of New London, to purchase some part of a cargo of wheat, which arrived in the continental ship at New London, for their families' use, on account of the scarcity of grain; Maj. Hillhouse was desired to take measures to supply the poor, from said cargo.

Henry Vanschaick, Esq., was permitted to return to Kinderhook, and there to remain within that district until the 1st day of March, 1777, upon his parole not to act, do or say any thing to obstruct or contravene the measures adopted by the American States to preserve freedom.

IN SESSION, January 2.

The Governor and Council consulted on sundry matters with regard to Gov. Franklin's memorial; and filled up the vacancies of officers.

IN SESSION, January 6.

A letter was received and read, from Gov. Franklin to Gov. Trumbull, on the subject of his being returned to his family in New Jersey, which he stated had been allowed to other gentlemen who had been sent to Connecticut as Tories; and remonstrated in terms more sharp than decent, against Gov. Trumbull's neglecting to answer a former letter he wrote him. The Council advised the Governor not to grant Gov. Franklin's request at that time of distress in New Jersey. And a letter was written by Col. Williams, &c., in answer to Gov. Franklin's letter, and informed him of the result by the Governor and Council.

IN SESSION, January 8.

Capt. Deshon was directed to examine a ship owned by Brown, Denison & Stewart, in Stonington, and if he should find her a suitable vessel for the importation of salt, to charter one-half of her for a voyage, under Geo. Coffin, to the Bahama Islands, &c., with such a cargo as would best suit the purpose; and to make use of all means in his power to import all the lead, sulphur, and flints he could obtain, &c.

An order was given on the overseers of the furnace, in favor of the ship Oliver Cromwell, for 200 hand grenades, and 1 ton of swivel shot, one-fourth less than those before sent from the furnace to that ship.

An order was given on the overseers of the Salisbury furnace, to the selectmen of Norwalk, for two 4 pounders, and four 3 pounders, to defend Norwalk.

Justus Miles was permitted to return to his family for two weeks, (in New Milford,) on his parole.

The State purchased of Capt. James Rice, two cannon, at New London, at £100 New York currency.

The sloop Catherine, (burden 100 tons,) navigated with eight men, was permitted to sail for Bourdeaux, with 300 casks of flax seed.

Also, the sloop William, of 95 tons, Peter Bontacue, master, with eight men, to sail for Bourdeaux, with 270 casks of flax seed. Also, brig Sally, of 120 tons, Christopher Hughs, master, to sail for France, with flax seed, and 5,000 staves. Also, the sloop Farmer, 70 tons, John Miller, master, to sail with 12,000 staves, to the West Indies.

IN SESSION, January 10.

Lieut. Samuel Bartram, of the brig Defence, was dismissed from service, for ill health.

Samuel Smedley was appointed 1st lieutenant of the brig Defence, instead of S. Bartram, dismissed. Henry Billings was appointed 2d lieutenant of said brig, instead of S. Smedley, promoted. Bebee was appointed master of said brig, instead of Josiah Burnham, resigned.

The brig Defence was ordered to sail on a cruise for three months, (and if Capt. Harding was unable to sail,) the command was given to the 1st lieutenant.

Orders of distribution of the last prize, taken by the brig Defence, were given.

Discretionary orders were given to the commander of the Defence, to join with other privateers, if he should think best, in an expedition against the vessels and wood cutters at Shelter Island.

The Governor was authorized to draw on a person in Bedford, who had sulphur, for one ton, in favor of William Pitkin and Mr. Doolittle, to be divided equally between them, and replaced by them.

Abraham Hand, Jeremiah Miller, and a negro named Jack, (owned by Col. Mulford,) in the care of Capt. Cockran, were permitted to return to Long Island.

IN SESSION, January 16.

Col. Ledyard received an order for £1,000, as commissary at Groton, for the support of the troops there.

A vote was passed to purchase all the blankets, and the suitable white linens, imported in the Dutch vessel at New London; also 15 pipes of wine, if to be purchased at a reasonable price; also shirts and stockings, and medicines chosen by the doctors, and such other as was necessary for the army, with arms, ammunition, &c., excepting gun-

powder. And Messrs. Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. and A. Huntington were appointed to make such purchases for the public, as reasonable as they could.

IN SESSION, January 17.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. was instructed to negotiate an exchange of the following prisoners, viz. : Robert Hunter, captain of the Gaspee sloop, Michael Stanhope, midshipman of said sloop, John Kent, clerk, William Kent, William Allen, John Shaw, John Birkley, James Cox, Duncan McFarthing, James Lilley, Charlés Patterson, John Barber, Frederick Roberson, and Peter Oring ; in case an exchange could not be effected, to take their parole, to return again to this State immediately, in the same vessel, without going on shore.

Barzillai Hudson was appointed ensign, and commandant of the guards about the gaol in Hartford.

The selectmen of Middletown were directed to deliver to Capt. Blackman 20 blankets, by them collected (on the list) for his company.

Hezekiah Fitch was appointed one of the committee to carry on the furnace, at Salisbury, with B. Henshaw and W. Whiting. Col. Porter was directed to deliver the possession of the furnace, at Salisbury, with all the utensils, &c., for cannon foundry, &c., with all the ware and stock owned by the State, into the hands of the aforesaid committee.

Joseph Osborn was permitted to return to Long Island, with his family.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) January 21.

Duncan Stewart, Esq. was permitted to return to New York, on his parole, to return in three months.

Ebenezer Hall, of Fairfield, was brought before the Governor and Council, being inimical to the States ; and after an explanation from the Governor, declared his belief in the justice of the American cause. The Governor and Council resolved, Hall should be permitted to return to his family, in Fairfield, and remain in his own business ; but to give a bond of £1,000 to return to said Fairfield, and there dwell, and not depart out of the limits, (i. e.) of Fairfield and Stratford, and say nothing against the interest or rights of any of the States, or hold any correspondence, or give any intelligence to the enemies of the States, and to repair to any other place directed by the Governor and Council.

Isaac Tomlinson, of Woodbury, was permitted to return to his family on the same conditions as was provided in the case of Ebenezer Hall aforesaid.

IN SESSION, January 23.

Letters were sent to Gen. Washington and others.

Eight 18 pound cannon, four 9 pounders, ten 6 pounders, seven 4 pounders, ten 3 pounders, were directed to be delivered, at the furnace, and shot in proportion, for Gen. Schuyler; and a letter wrote to the overseers of the furnace for that purpose.

A letter was received by the Governor and Council from General Washington, informing of his (then) late success in New Jersey; and directing the quota of forces filled in Connecticut, that they might be placed eastward of New York, to divert the force of the enemy apparently aiming at Philadelphia.

A letter was also received from President Hancock, urging the utmost despatch in filling our quota of the continental army.

A letter was sent to the Committee of Safety in the State of New York, concerning the embargo; and license given John Canfield, Esq. to permit West India goods, &c., to pass out of this State into New York, for the inhabitants or army.

A letter was sent to Gen. Washington, by Maj. Wyllys, concerning an exchange of prisoners, or a return of prisoners sent from Connecticut to Newport, for exchange.

IN SESSION, January 24.

William McDermot, a lieutenant in the 16th regiment in King George's army, a prisoner in Connecticut, was permitted to return to New York, on his parole, and to return here in fourteen days, unless he should procure the exchange of Lieut. Elisha Hopkins, of Hartford, to be made for himself; said Hopkins being a prisoner to the British in New York, and out on his parole.

Mr. Ralph Isaacs, of Durham, supposed to be inimical to the State, and it being considered dangerous to the American cause to suffer him to be at large in said Durham, and retail rum, &c.; the committee of inspection for said town, prayed that he might be confined within certain limits, in Durham. James Wadsworth, Jr., Israel Camp, James Arnold, Elnathan Camp, Phineas Spelman, Daniel Hall, and Stephen Norton, the committee of inspection for said Durham, were appointed to have the oversight of said Isaacs, and to limit the bounds within which said Isaacs should be circumscribed and kept, and report the same to the Governor and Council; and notify said Isaacs of said limits, to which he was strictly enjoined to conform, and carefully abide within the same, and to have no intercourse with the inhabitants of said town, except so far as should be necessary for his and his family's support. And said committee were authorized to seize any

quantity of rum said Isaacs might have in possession, or property in, that might be brought into said Durham for sale, and the same examine and safely keep and dispose of for the use of the State, &c.

Capt. Asa Kinne, Capt. Ebenezer Mosely, and Capt. Benajah Leffingwell, were appointed captains of companies to serve in the State of Rhode Island until the 1st day of April, 1777, according to the agreement of the convention of committees from the New England States, held at Providence.

Much time was spent in consulting how to supply the country with war stores, applied for by Col. Stewart, and provide for the batteries at New London; and the raising of troops to serve in Rhode Island.

Ralph Watson, a tory from the north, who was kept at Preston, was permitted to return home to Allenton or Arlington, on his parole, to return to Connecticut, if the committee of his town should so direct him.

IN SESSION, January 25.

Held a consultation on the tory convicts, &c.

Gave a letter of credit to Col. Stewart for ordinance, stores, &c., for Massachusetts.

The captains to serve in Rhode Island were sent for to take their orders.

John Betts, Nathaniel Fitch, Stephen Keeler, John Husted, Jacob Seville, Josiah Seely, Isaac Hubbard, James Smith, and Benjamin James, convict tories confined in Lebanon and Coventry, were permitted to return home, on the usual parole.

The sheriff of New London county was ordered, with the assistance of Ephraim Bill, to collect the expenses of condemnation, storage, and sales on the prize ship Sally, and schooner Hannah and Elizabeth, and their cargoes, and adjust and pay them; to deduct one-twentieth part of the net proceeds of each prize, and to pay one-third of the remainder of each, to the agents of the crews of the captors. The crew of the brig Defence and Spy to receive the same.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon) January 27.

Isaac Burr was appointed a lieutenant in the place of George Burr, declined.

Lieut. Burr represented to the Governor and Council that 20 men at Fairfield, was an insufficient number to manage their double fortified 12 pounders, and that he expected a visit from the enemy, &c. The Governor and Council allowed an addition of 5 men to be stationed at the battery for one year, in said Fairfield.

Ebenezer Holly, Elliott Green, J. Husted, J. Seely, B. James, J. Hubbard, J. Scofield, Nathaniel Fitch, J. Smith, G. Hait, S. Keeler,

and J. Betts, convict tories, were permitted to return home upon their bond of £1,000 each, to the Treasurer of the State for their good behavior, &c.

Dr. Benjamin Ellis was appointed surgeon of the brig Defence.

The Governor issued his proclamation to Capt. Ebenezer Mosely, to raise (under the resolve of the Assembly, held at Middletown,) 1,092 men in this State, to join the army at Providence, under Gen. Spencer, as the quota of this State. The Governor and Council resolved, to raise three companies of militia, to serve until the 1st day of April, 1777, by enlistment. Said Mosely was appointed one of the captains of said companies; and was commanded to enlist a company of able bodied men for said service of 76 privates; with orders given to the other captains to proceed with their enlistments, &c. Joseph Burgess was appointed 1st lieutenant, under Capt. E. Mosely, to serve in Rhode Island. Joseph Carew was appointed 1st lieutenant, under Capt. Benajah Leffingwell, to serve in Rhode Island.

IN SESSION, January 28.

Lazarus Beach, Andrew Fairchild, N. Lee, E. Lee, A. Burr, of Redding, and Thomas Allen, of Newtown, tory convicts, confined in Mansfield, to prevent their mischievous practices, made their escape, and were retaken and brought before the Governor and Council, to be dealt with. The Governor and Council ordered, that they should be confined in gaol at Windham, and there safely kept until released by due order of law; and pay the cost of arrest and remanding, &c., being £25:14.

John Sanford, a prisoner at Mansfield, was allowed to give his bond of £1,000, conditioned that he should truly return to Redding, and abide within said town, not to speak against the interest of any of the States, hold no correspondence with, or give any intelligence to the enemy, &c., and to repair to any place assigned by the Governor.

Robert Lewis was appointed captain; David Welles, lieutenant; and Phineas Sherman, ensign of a company of volunteers raised in Stratford, to join the continental army.

James Beard was appointed captain; Daniel Chatfield, lieutenant; and John Humphrey, ensign of a company raised in Derby, for the same purpose.

Orders were given Capt. Coit, of the ship Oliver Cromwell, to order all his officers and men on board his ship to their duty; and fit the same to sail with all possible despatch; to land 4 of the guns on board said ship, in the care of Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.; and make return, as soon as the crew should be collected, for further directions to proceed to sea.

£25 : 14 was allowed John Slater, of Waterbury, for his expense of guarding and transporting six run away tories, taken up at Waterbury, and returned.

£150 was allowed to Capt. Coit, to proceed on his cruise.

A reverend clergyman, of Fairfield, was sent to the Governor and Council as being dangerous to this and the United States; who was ordered to the parish of New Britain, in Farmington, under the care of Col. Lee, and not to depart out of the limits of the society.

IN SESSION, January 31.

Letters were read from the chairman of the Council of War, in Providence; from Gen. Green; Gen. O. Wolcott, and others.

An order was drawn on Prosper Wetmore, for £483, in favor of Capt. Niles, of the Spy, for the accounts of the schooner Spy.

The spreading of the small pox, and how to prevent it, was before the Governor and Council. The Governor was advised to issue his proclamation, and state the dangers of its spreading against the law, and particularly at that season of the year, &c.; to encourage inoculation in pest houses, under good regulations, &c. &c.

IN SESSION, February 1.

John Mix, of Farmington, was appointed ensign, under Capt. William Judd, in Col. Wyllys' regiment.

A letter from Gen. Washington was read, pressing the necessity of speedily filling our quota of troops, &c.

Daniel Allen was appointed captain of a company in Col. Durkee's regiment, in the place of Oliver Babcock.

Return J. Meigs was appointed major of Col. Wyllys' regiment, in the continental service.

IN SESSION, February 3.

An advertisement was ordered to be published in the New London paper, to notify those who wished to purchase flax at the west, for their own use, to apply speedily, lest the surplus of the article in the State, might be disposed of to others.

Charles Barrett, of New Ipswich, was permitted to purchase 1,800 pounds of flax in Fairfield county, and transport it out of the State.

Oliver Blood, of Ashley, in Massachusetts, was permitted to purchase 800 pounds of flax in Fairfield county, to transport out of this State, to said Ashley.

IN SESSION, February 4.

Ralph Isaacs, by his counsel, Chauncey and Ingersoll, applied to have his limits of confinement in Durham, enlarged; he complained

that the house was bad and shattered, and his limits unreasonably small, &c. The Governor and Council ordered him removed to Wallingford, to be under the civil authority and selectmen, and kept in one of the societies in said town, under the same regulations as at Eastbury.

IN SESSION, February 6.

A letter was read from Gen. Schuyler, expressing his great and almost certain expectation of an attack upon Ticonderoga soon, and pressing the Governor and Council for men, &c.

A letter from Deputy Quarter Master General Lovat, of Providence, was read, applying for 1,000 bushels of oats, to supply the army there; liberty to take 400 bushels was granted.

Thomas Grosvenor was appointed major of Col. Wyllys' regiment, in place of Maj. Bigelow, resigned.

Timothy Cleveland was appointed 2d lieutenant in Capt. Webb's company, in place of Abraham Wright.

Examined and allowed an account of Judah Alden, for going express to Gen. Washington, with letters concerning the exchange of prisoners, in November or December, 1776.

The Governor and Council were notified that several persons who had been detached in the 3d, 8th, 12th, 20th and 25th regiments, by a resolve of the Assembly, to be marched to and about New London, had refused to join their corps, or march to New London; and that Col. Throop, commander of said detachment, had sent a file of men, and by force taken and carried them to New London, which caused much dispute as to the legality of the procedure of Col. Throop. The Governor and Council decided that under all the circumstances of the case, the commanding officer was warranted in enforcing the order of the Assembly.

Ichabod Hinkley was established captain in the place of Capt. Peritt, (then in captivity) in Col. Webb's regiment.

IN SESSION, February 7.

David Trumbull was appointed to provide axes, augurs, &c., requested by Col. Stewart, by an order of Congress.

Lieut. Thomas Abbe, (of Swift's regiment,) was appointed captain, instead of Grosvenor, promoted; and Sylvanus Perry, 2d lieutenant in Chandler's regiment, was appointed 1st lieutenant, instead of Abbe, in Wyllys' regiment; Charles Mills, 1st lieutenant, instead of Lieut. Abbe, promoted in Swift's regiment; in Elderkin's company, Phineas Grover, ensign of said company, was appointed 2d lieutenant therein, and Richard Abbe, ensign of the same.

Josiah Child to be captain in Bradley's regiment, in the place of Capt. Benjamin Cutler, resigned; and Edmund Palmer, ensign of the same.

Lieut. Samuel Smedley was appointed captain of the brig Defence, for the cruise, instead of Capt. Harding, (who was in ill health.) James Angel was appointed 3d lieutenant of the brig Defence.

On motion of Lieut. Gov. Griswold, voted, that the guard of 15 men, near the mouth of Connecticut river, in Lyme, under Ensign John Griswold, be removed to attend duty at Black Point, in Lyme; unless the selectmen and authority in Lyme should judge best for a part of them to be stationed between Black Point and the mouth of Connecticut river; the men to be careful to prevent all communication between Long Island and the main; to seize and hold in custody all the boats and other water craft used for that purpose, (without a legal permit,) and arrest all persons in whose possession such water craft should be found, &c.

IN SESSION, February 8.

A permit was granted to Daniel Payne for 6 oxen, at Rehoboth; Nathaniel Child, 6 oxen, at Roxbury; a permit for 100 bushels of rye; Preserved Abel, a permit for 100 barrels of pork for Rehoboth, &c.

Letters were despatched to Congress, to Gen. Washington, Gen. Heath, Gen. Green, &c., by a Congress post.

Brown, the post, returned from Congress with letters, &c.; left Baltimore last Thursday week, with answers to letters sent from Hartford three weeks since.

Capt. Keene applied for arms for Providence. The selectmen of the towns where Capt. Keene's company was raised, were directed to provide arms and blankets for said company, where said soldiers belonged.

Lieut. Billings, of the brig Defence, resigned his office, and Nathaniel Shaw, Esq. was ordered to appoint a proper person to be 2d lieutenant in his room.

Gave an order to Sheriff Wetmore, to pay out of the money in his hands, (owned by the State,) as marshal of the admiralty court—Capt. Asa Keene, £80 towards paying his company.

Col. Wyllys moved the Governor and Council for arms and clothing for his battalion, &c. Chauncey Whittlesey, as commissary, was directed to deliver to Col. Wyllys, clothes made, or such quantity of cloth, &c., in his hands, for soldiers' clothing, as Col. Wyllys should need for the soldiers in his regiment. Mr. Whittlesey was also ordered to make soldiers' coats and trim the same in uniform, as Col. Wyl-

lys should direct, and send to this Board an account of all articles provided.

Fire arms were greatly needed for the continental regiments, (then raising in Connecticut;) therefore it was ordered, that Col. S. Wylls should take for the use of his battalion, all such fire arms as were in the hands of the State, which belonged either to the State or United States, not exceeding a sufficient number for said regiment, exclusive of the arms which belonged to the Governor's guard.

Ralph Pomeroy was appointed pay master of Col. Wylls' regiment.

Samuel Gray, Esq. was directed to hold in his hands all the continental cloth or clothing in his custody, until further orders; and to transmit to said Board an exact account of all articles lodged with him.

James Underwood, of Litchfield, in New Hampshire, was permitted to purchase in Fairfield county, 2,234 pounds of flax; and Capt. William Alld, of Merrimack to purchase in said county, 2,000 pounds of flax.

IN SESSION, February 10.

Phineas Gleason, of Westborough, in Massachusetts, was permitted to purchase in Milford, 600 pounds of flax, or in Fairfield county, the embargo notwithstanding.

IN SESSION, February 11.

A letter to Woodbury was written in answer to theirs, about the spreading of the small pox.

Letters were read from Danbury, in answer to letters from the Governor and Council, about sundry valuable officers, prisoners with Gen. Howe, &c., that all possible care and pains had been taken to obtain them, &c.

Selah Benton, of Milford, was appointed 1st lieutenant, in the room of Mr. West; Daniel Eldridge, 2d lieutenant, in the place of Bosworth; Asa Brownson, in Capt. Shumway's company.

A. Fairchild, A. Burr, L. Beach, N. Lee, E. Lee, and T. Allen, were adjudged tories, and committed to Windham gaol, were ordered released from said prison, by their paying the cost taxed by the Governor and Council at £25:14, and all costs that had arose afterwards, and to return to Mansfield, and there remain under the committee of inspection in said town until duly released. Nathan and Enos Lee were permitted to return home, by giving bonds for their future good behavior.

Seth Hall and Ebenezer Sturges, two prisoners confined in the town of Mansfield, were allowed to return home, under bonds for their good behavior.

John Marsh, 3d., of Litchfield, applied for liberty to take Mark Prindle, of Harwinton, (a tory at Mansfield,) and him have before the court at Litchfield, in discharge of his bail bond, given for said Prindle in another case; which was granted by the Governor and Council, with their order to return said Prindle, after his trial, to Amariah Williams, in said Mansfield.

The overseers of Salisbury furnace were directed to cast for Thomas Bidwell, (a manufacturer of sulphur,) 20 iron pots, and more if said Bidwell should wish.

Col. Hall, of Wallingford, appeared before the Governor and Council for directions concerning the tories in Wallingford.

As our army at home were in want of clothes, Capt. Squire was directed to send no more clothing towards New York; and to take care of a quantity of pork he had purchased, &c. Mr. Burr had the same directions as to clothing; Jonathan Fitch also.

Mr. Herpin, of Milford, had waited several days to be heard on an account for bringing cannon, building the fort at Milford, &c., and was allowed in all, £95 : 0 : 10.

Capt. Joshua Huntington, of Norwich, was appointed to superintend the building of a 36 gun frigate for the United States, (ordered by Congress.)

Salisbury furnace was greatly in need of sulphur, and the Governor and Council ordered Col. W. Pitkin to supply them with 2,800 pounds of brimstone; and Mr. Whittlesey to furnish 20 blankets for said furnace, and both to be delivered to Capt. Tiley, at Hartford.

Capt. B. Leffingwell applied for money to pay the premium of his company, raised for Providence, and received an order of £86.—Norwich, per order, furnished said company with fire arms, &c.

IN SESSION, February 13.

Capt. Grant applied for Justus Niles to return home, and permission was granted, by his giving a bond, &c.

Vacancies of officers in Col. Chandler's regiment, were filled.

IN SESSION, February 14.

Letters were sent by Capt. Mansfield, via Providence, to Livingston & Trumbull, (agents for the country,) at Boston, to purchase clothing for our soldiers, viz. : for four battalions, and the 1st regiment to be of a dark brown color.

Letters were sent to Mr. J. Trumbull, at Boston, to purchase fire arms, if to be had, for four regiments; and authorized said Trumbull to draw on the Treasurer of this State for any sum he should find necessary, to purchase any quantity of fire arms, accoutrements, and clothing he might purchase in any of the New England States, for this State.

Timothy Taylor was appointed 2d lieutenant of Capt. Hinkley's company, in the place of Lieut. Judson Whiting, deceased; and Rufus Prince, ensign of said company.

John Shumway was appointed captain, in the room of Capt. Bacon, in Col. Huntington's regiment. Henry Hill, 1st lieutenant in Richard's company, in the place of Abraham Wright, resigned. Joel Gillet, 2d lieutenant; Paul Piercival, adjutant in said Huntington's regiment. Martin Kirtland was appointed captain of a company in Col. W. Douglass' regiment, instead of Capt. Munson, resigned.

A permit was granted to Thomas Cooper, a commissary of stores, at Montreal; and his wife, to go to Gen. Schuyler, and be subject to his orders; on his giving his parole to the committee of prisoners at Hartford, in the usual form, to be endorsed on the permit, authorizing said committee, if they see cause, to permit eight Canadian prisoners, about Hartford, to go to Gen. Schuyler, and be subject to his orders.

A permit was given Mr. Monson Hoit, at Stratford, to pass to Jamaica, on Long Island, to visit his patron, Mr. Christopher Smith, and return to Stratford within 30 days, by his giving his parole to the authority to give no intelligence, &c., and to have the committee of Stratford endorse said permit.

Bildad Granger was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. Hall's company, in Col. Chandler's regiment; Paul Brigham was appointed captain in Col. Chandler's regiment.

John Halsted was permitted to purchase 6 hogsheads of sugar, 1 hogshead of rum, 1 chest of tea, and 1,500 weight of coffee, in this State, at the lawful prices, and carry the same to New Jersey; afterwards enlarged to 6,000 pounds of coffee.

IN SESSION, February 15.

Capt. Ledyard and Capt. Palmer were sent for to consult about raising artillery companies.

An order was given on Gen. J. Huntington, for a chest of broken fire arms, (he received from the Oliver Cromwell,) to William Williams, who was directed to see the same repaired for the use of the State.

Gen. Parsons was desired to draw on Col's. Huntington's and Dur-

kee's regiments at the posts and forts at New London, Groton, and Stonington, for defence at those places.

Lieut. Dyer Throop, with the advice of Gen. Parsons, was directed to dismiss the militia at New London and Groton, in such form as to retain a number for defence, until the continental regiments should arrive for that purpose. Capt. Nathan Palmer, at Stonington, was directed to dismiss his company as soon as Gen. Parsons should send to that place a sufficient number of continental troops for the defence of that post.

The Governor and Council voted to raise a company of artillery, to be stationed at Groton and Stonington, until the 1st day of February, 1778—with 1 captain, 1 captain-lieutenant, 2 lieutenants, 1 lieutenant fire worker, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer, 8 gunners, and 33 privates, &c. Capt. William Ledyard was appointed captain of said company.

Col. J. Huntington's battalions were ordered to be clothed with the red coats brought in a prize vessel, in the hands of Dr. Samuel Gray, of Windham, and in the hands of Col. S. Webb, at Wethersfield.

John Ripley, of Windham, was appointed major of four companies, under Capts. Ebenezer Mosely, Asa Kinne, Benajah Leffingwell, and Sanford Kingsbury, Esq'srs.

IN SESSION, (Monday) February 17.

Congress resolved, that two frigates should be built in Connecticut; one of 36 and the other of 28 guns. Gov. Trumbull and his Council were empowered to determine at what places said frigates should be built, and to appoint proper persons to execute and superintend the business. The Governor and Council decided that one of said frigates, (the one of 36 guns) should be built in the river Thames, between New London and Norwich; and appointed Capt. Joshua Huntington, of Norwich, to execute and superintend the building of the same. The Governor and Council voted to raise a company of matross, to be stationed at New London, in the service of the State, until the 1st day of February, 1778. Nathaniel Saltonstall was appointed captain of said company; Nathaniel Coit, Jr., captain-lieutenant; Daniel Starr, lieutenant; and Daniel Dee, 2d lieutenant of said company of artillery, and Blackney, lieutenant fire worker.

The Governor and Council voted, that Samuel Gray, of Windham, should deliver to Col. Jedediah Huntington, colonel of a battalion (then) raising for continental service during the war, or for three years, or his order, the 30 packages of clothing in his hands, taken in a prize ship, each of them numbered on the invoice.

IN SESSION, February 18.

The Governor and Council decided that the frigate of 28 guns, to be built in this State, should be built on the Connecticut river, at Chatham; and appointed John Cotton, of Middletown, to execute and superintend the building of said frigate.

Voted, to draw on Col. William Williams, of Lebanon, to deliver to Capt. Benajah Leffingwell, of Norwich, or order, 29 fire arms, with or without bayonets, for the use of Capt. B. Leffingwell's company; also to call on Col. Joshua Huntington, to deliver the selectmen of Norwich, 13 colony arms for Capt. Leffingwell's company.

A permit was given to Samuel Coburn for 100 pounds of flax, and George Coburn for 200 pounds of flax, and to one Blanchard for 200 pounds, to be by them carried to New Hampshire, the embargo notwithstanding.

Gideon Mills was appointed 1st lieutenant in Col. C. Webb's regiment, in Capt. Parker's company, in the place of Samuel Webb, absent.

George Hubbard was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. Hinkley's company, in Col. Webb's regiment, instead of James Betts.

Theophilus Munson was appointed captain of a company in Col. Chandler's regiment, in place of Stephen Hall.

IN SESSION, February 19.

John Lightbody had a permit given to transport 4 hogsheads of rum out of this colony to the State of New York, for the use of the people of Orange county.

Dudley Wright, Jr., was appointed 1st lieutenant; Solomon Tarbox, 2d lieutenant; and Prentice Hosmer, ensign in a company in Col. Wyllys' regiment.

An order of £108 : 13 : 4 was drawn to pay for 326 gallons of rum bought of Zabdial Rogers, &c., for the use of the men at the cannon foundry at Salisbury.

Hezekiah Ripley, Jr., had an order of £3 : 16, for his journey and expense to Boston, on continental business.

The committee of pay table were directed to deliver to the commissioner of the loan office for this State, the certificates of the continental loan office that had been, or should be sent to this State, for the loan office here; and that the pay table here receive of the commissioner of the continental loan office for this State, the contents of two orders, drawn on said loan office, by the continental Treasurer, in favor of this State—one dated January 6, 1777, of \$40,000; the other January 30, 1777, for \$33,333 34, in payment of the sum advanced to Col. Sheldon, at the request of Gen. Washington, &c.

An officer enquired of the Governor and Council whether he could enlist soldiers for the continental service, out of a company detached or enlisted for a short or a particular service? The opinion of said Board was, that any officer, appointed by this State, to enlist for continental service in the State, could enlist such soldiers from detached companies, or enlisted companies, for any short or particular service. And his premium or bounty deducted from the £10 bounty given by this State, in continental service, in proportion to the time he had served in said particular service.

Andrew Fitch was appointed captain in Col. Durkee's regiment, instead of Capt. Tyler, resigned.

A permit was given to Capt. Giles Mansfield, to transport 6 hogsheads of sugar to Peekskill, at the desire of Gen. Arnold, for the army.

IN SESSION, February 20.

An order was given on Christopher Leffingwell and William Coit, to deliver one hogshead of the molasses, called tory molasses, to Joseph Abel, for the furnace at Salisbury; and said Abel's receipt for it, deliver to Capt. J. Perkins and Rufus Lathrop.

An order of £2 was given the Governor for money he paid Benjamin Boss, of Baltimore, (who he redeemed from captivity,) for his expenses homeward.

Application was made to the Governor and Council, by Ezekiel Howell, Daniel Howell, and others, refugees from Long Island, and friends to the country; and asked relief in getting their effects from said island to Connecticut, as all intercourse was by law prohibited. Orders were given to the civil authority and selectmen of the towns of Saybrook and Stonington in their respective towns, on application, by any such refugees for boats or vessels, to bring their effects, after being satisfied of the integrity of the applicants to license any boats or vessels, and hands to assist to bring their goods, &c., from Long Island to Connecticut, or any friendly persons disposed to remove from Long Island to Connecticut; and to afford any such suffering refugees all reasonable relief, and aid to obtain such boats, &c., as their circumstances should require, at their own risk and expense, using prudence that no deceit be practiced under color of such license, by any concerned. The above authority to continue six weeks, and due return make to the Governor and Council.

Jonathan Stone and Elisha Keys were permitted to purchase and carry out of this State, 800 pounds of flax, to Shrewsbury.

The town of Hebron had an order on Elderkin & Wales for 200 pounds of powder.

Samuel Granger was appointed captain in Col. Webb's regiment, instead of Abiel Pease, resigned.

Benjamin Holcomb was appointed 2d lieutenant in the same company.

Elijah Backus was ordered to make another cannon, as the first he made, split in proving.

IN SESSION, February 21.

A letter received from Gen. Washington of the 10th of February, stated, that he found it impossible to prevent the small pox from spreading through the army, and that he had determined to inoculate all the new troops who had not had the disease; that he had given directions to Gen. Parsons to superintend the inoculation of the continental troops in Connecticut. The Governor and Council therefore ordered, that the new raised troops, in this State, for continental service, should be inoculated with the small pox as soon as might be, with as little danger to the inhabitants as possible; and Gen. Parsons was desired to consult with the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns, where he should have said troops inoculated; to provide suitable hospitals for the purpose, and provide surgeons, nurses, and attendants, and give orders for necessary bedding, utensils, food, medicine, &c., to be furnished for said soldiers; also to give orders for guards to be placed about said hospitals, to prevent all unnecessary communication with said infected persons from without, and to prevent said infected soldiers from wandering out of said hospitals and exposing the inhabitants. And when convalescent to be thoroughly cleansed in their persons and clothing—(all without any expense to this State.) The civil authority and selectmen of the several towns, were directed to render Gen. Parsons all necessary aid, and to take the utmost care that the small pox should not spread from the hospitals; and to make rules for the government of said patients in the hospitals. The families of such persons as should use their houses as hospitals had the privilege of inoculation therein, with the soldiers. Gen. Parsons was directed to report to the Governor from time to time, his progress in said business.

Erastus Wolcott, Jr., was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. Parson's company, in Col. Webb's regiment, in the continental service; Timothy White, 2d lieutenant; Noah Phelps, of East Windsor, ensign in said company.

An order was given on Dr. J. Elderkin, to deliver Col. W. Douglass, or his order, 300 blue coats in his possession, lappelled with ash colored cloth.

The Governor was desired to draw on President Hancock for \$25,000, in favor of N. Shaw, Jr., upon the credit of the State.

A bounty of £10 was offered to each non-commissioned officer and soldier who should enlist, and be accepted as of the quota of soldiers (then) to be raised in the State, to make up the sixteen battalions ordered by Congress to be raised in the United States, in addition to the eighty-eight battalions, for three years, or during the war; which bounty was to be in addition to the continental encouragement to be given said troops, as was done in the eight battalions ordered by Congress.

IN SESSION, February 22.

An order was drawn on Prosper Wetmore, Esq., in favor of Capt. S. Harding, for £1,000 : 15 : 6½, in full of Harding's account.

John L. C. Rome, Esq., of New York, confined as a tory at Norwich, was permitted to return to New York, on his parole, in the usual form, and to return on request of the Governor and Council.

IN SESSION, February 24.

A large number of tories appeared before the Governor and Council; and permission was voted to Job Bamlost, Enoch Warren, Joseph Olmsted, and Richard Partricks, of Norwich, (who resided in Coventry,) Frederick Dibble and Stephen Wilson, at Lebanon, to return home, and remain until recalled or sent back; each of whom signed a full declaration of the justice of the American cause, and their readiness to take up arms in defence of said cause.

Gardner Olmsted, of Norwalk, Nathaniel Munday, and Samuel Crissy, of Stamford, came in and signed the aforesaid declaration, and were also permitted to return home.

Gen. Spencer arrived from Providence, and moved the Governor and Council, if practicable, to have some further relief and assistance of men, &c., to enable him to carry into execution the proposed plan of making an attack upon the island of Rhode Island, with a view to dislodge the enemy's troops posted there, having made great preparation for that purpose; and stated that more men were wanted to make the attempt.

Maj. Wyllys, who had been to solicit an exchange of himself, and was not able to effect it, but had liberty to do so, if he could send Capt. Luke, a prisoner, into this State, &c.

Hubbard and John Wilson, tory prisoners, in Lebanon, had frequently visited houses infected with the small pox, and returned into company to expose those who had not been infected, which greatly alarmed the inhabitants of Lebanon; and had travelled over their limits to which they were confined, &c. The Governor and Council

ordered them, under the direction of the selectmen of said town, as to their residence and conduct, on pain of imprisonment, or other punishment, directed by said Board.

IN SESSION, February 26.

It was decided by the Governor and Council that the proportion of men to be raised by Connecticut, of the sixteen regiments to be raised in the United States, was 1,000 men. And directed the bounty money to be distributed as follows, viz. : to those under Col. Samuel B. Webb, to the number of 500 ; to those under Lieut. Col. R. J. Meigs, 250 ; those under Lieut. Col. Thomas Dyer, 250. And the committee of pay table were ordered to draw on the Treasurer for said bounty to be advanced to the captains in said battalions, in this State.

IN SESSION, February 27.

A consultation was held by the Governor and Council about the alarming accounts of extortion and evasions of dealers in all West India goods, and the great difficulties brought upon the people by means of such practices.

John Harris was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. Nathaniel Webb's company.

William Nichols was appointed pay master of Col. Swift's regiment.

Gen. Spencer appeared again before the Governor and Council, and was greatly disappointed in not obtaining the troops he had been encouraged to have received from Gen. Pars ons ; and thought it doubtful whether he could possibly get a sufficient number of men for his proposed expedition to Newport, &c. But Gen. Spencer concluded to return to Providence, and learn whether he could procure any aid from Massachusetts ; and if he could, he was authorized by the Governor and Council to call upon a number of officers at the eastern part of Connecticut to raise such a number of men as they could, to aid in said expedition, to be paid by the State.

\$60,000 was sent to Gov. Trumbull, by order of Gen. Washington, from Mr. Palfrey, pay master general of the continental army, towards the premium granted by Congress to the continental troops (then) raising in this State, to be delivered to the colonels of the battalions. The Governor and Council authorized David Trumbull to receive said money, and pay it to the several colonels of said battalions ; \$20,000 of which, had by an express request of Gen. Washington, been sent to Gen. Knox, of the artillery.

IN SESSION, February 28.

Benjamin Brown, of Fisher's Island, appeared, and moved for his compensation for stock taken from him in July, 1776. The amount of

said stock, appraised by E. Ledyard, E. Avery, Jr, and R. Mumford, was £570 : 3 ; which was allowed and paid. John Winthrop, administrator of John Still Winthrop, Esq., (then) deceased, certified that said Brown was under bonds for the performance of his lease of said island, and accountable to the heirs of said Winthrop, for the use of said island, the stock, &c., therefore an order was drawn for the same, in favor of said Brown.

A long consultation was held by the Governor and Council, how and in what manner they could check the extortion so prevalent.

Nehemiah Rice was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. David Smith's company, in Col. Chandler's regiment, and transferred Lieut. Baldwin from that company to Capt. Botsford's company, in Col. Swift's regiment.

Mr. Griffith, of Guilford, was permitted to go out with a vessel loaded with staves, &c., five barrels of pork and beef, including vessel's stores, and return with a cargo of salt.

Mr. Andrew Huntington, of Norwich, was directed to purchase 50 hogsheads of West India and New England rum, for a supply of the troops of the State, for a sum not to exceed the price fixed by law. Chauncey Whittlesey, of Middletown, was also ordered to purchase 100 hogsheads of West India and New England rum, for the same purpose. David Webb, of Stamford, was also directed to purchase 100 hogsheads of West India or New England rum, for said use, and each of them report their success.

The Governor prepared and had printed a proclamation, to enforce the law for regulating prices, &c.

IN SESSION, March 5.

A long consultation was holden by the Governor and Council, of the practicability, and how to effect an attempt upon Long Island, to destroy forage, &c., &c., according to Gen. Washington's proposal, in his letter to Gen. Parsons, who was present with the letter. [The letter is now in the hands of Enoch Parsons, Esq., son of Gen. Parsons.]

It was voted, to draw off Col. Ely from Providence, to march to New London with four companies of his men, to wait further orders.

Doolittle & Co. were ordered to deliver the selectmen of Milford 150 pounds of cannon powder, for the use of the fort in said Milford.

Eli Catlin was appointed captain in Col. Heman Swift's regiment, instead of Capt. R. Walker, engaged in the train of artillery.

IN SESSION, March 6.

Joseph Fisk was appointed 2d lieutenant in Capt. Lee's company, in Col. Durkee's regiment.

William Fitch, a tory convict, confined in Canterbury, was permitted to return to Stamford and back to Canterbury, within twenty days, by his giving a bond, &c.

Chauncey Whittlesey had an order of £540, to purchase clothing.

IN SESSION, March 7.

Sailing orders were given to Capt. Niles to go in the *Spy* to Maryland or Virginia, after flour, &c.

Isaac Sherman was appointed lieutenant colonel, in Charles Webb's battalion, in continental service.

Hezekiah Holdridge was appointed major of Col. C. Webb's regiment aforesaid; Mr. Webb was appointed pay master of Col. C. Webb's regiment.

Upon a memorial of Capt. John Nott and others, commander and owners of the brig of war *America*, then lying at Black Rock, in Fairfield, for a permit to take on board a sufficient number of men, and remove said brig to the port of New London; which was granted, with an order to dismiss, on arriving there, all the men, except enough to work on board and take care of said brig.

John Tuttle, of Southhold, on Long Island, who fled for refuge to this State, was permitted to transport, by land, from this State, to the State of New York, 13 hogsheads of rum, and 10 hogsheads of sugar, for the continental army.

David Munro was permitted to bring 3,600 pounds of flax, by him purchased in this State, to Hartford, and there deposite it with Capt. William Tyley, until further orders.

Capt. Bill was directed to deliver a barrel of rum to Capt. R. Niles, for the schooner *Spy*.

John Mills was appointed 1st lieutenant of a company in Col. Swift's regiment.

£16: 16 was paid John Mills, for money he advanced for expenses in defending Fairfield harbor.

IN SESSION, March 8.

Thomas Allen was confined as a tory, to the limits of the first society in Windham, under the care of Maj. E. Backus, &c., until further orders.

As the time of service of the militia, at New London and Groton, had nearly expired, the Governor and Council ordered, that one-fourth part of the 3d and 8th regiments of militia, in the State, should be drafted, and formed into companies, and officered by 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, and 1 ensign, to be appointed by the field officers of those regi-

ments. Those drafted from the 3d regiment, to form one company; and those drafted from the 8th regiment, to be formed into two companies. And the veteran guards in the 20th regiment was augmented to 64 privates, by a draft from other companies in said regiment, (exclusive of light infantry,) and placed under the officers of the veteran guards; and when so formed, were ordered to be marched to said forts. Those from the 3d and 20th regiments, to garrison at or near New London. Those of the 8th regiment, at the forts at Groton; and all to be under the command of Maj. Nathan Gallup, until the 15th of April, 1777, unless sooner discharged.

John Mills was appointed captain of a company in Col. Swift's regiment, in the continental service; Sylvanus Mead, of Greenwich, was appointed 1st lieutenant of the same company.

Andrew Huntington, commissary of clothing for the army, was directed to deliver Col. J. Huntington 700 hats for his regiment.

David Spencer was appointed 2d lieutenant in Capt. Holmes' company, in Col. Huntington's regiment, instead of Thomas Updike Fossdick; Gideon Baily was appointed ensign of the same company.

An order of £1,500, in favor of Capt. Deshon, was drawn on Prosper Wetmore, Esq., for services and expenses.

The military guard, stationed at Fairfield, was placed under the direction of Gen. Silliman, with the advice of the civil authority of said town, as to the particular place where said guards should do duty; and the selectmen of said town were authorized to draw on Doolittle & Co., for such quantity of cannon powder, &c., as they thought necessary, for the cannon, &c., in said Fairfield; and Gen. Silliman, with the advice aforesaid, was empowered to use the cannon, &c., in said town, at his discretion.

IN SESSION, March 11.

£20 was allowed to Jesse Brown, post to Gen. Washington and Congress, who rode to Connecticut; charged the continent.

David Strong was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. Solomon Strong's company, in Col. Bradley's regiment, instead of Lieut. Banks; Ebenezer Olmsted, appointed 2d lieutenant, in Capt. Sanford's company, in said Bradley's regiment, instead of T. Weed, resigned.

It was voted, to raise a company of artillery, of 32 men, to be stationed at Fairfield, properly officered, and John Greenell was appointed captain of said company; and Gen. Silliman was empowered to appoint a lieutenant for said company.

Whereas the quota of troops from Connecticut, were greatly needed to join Maj. Gen. Spencer's division of the army, at Rhode Island,

and the more eastern regiments in the State had been frequently called into service, &c., and were (then) returning with a great appearance of the British ships and troops off New London, &c. ; it was thought advisable, and the Governor and Council did order that six companies should be detached, of 86 privates in each company, properly officered, for said purpose, viz. : to detach one company from the 11th regiment ; one from the 18th regiment ; two from the 19th regiment ; one from the 21st regiment ; and from the 22d regiment one company. Each company to be commanded by 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, and 1 ensign, appointed by the field officers of said regiment, accoutered and marched to Providence, under the command of Maj. John Ripley, and put themselves under the commanding officers at Providence, until the 1st day of May, 1777, unless sooner discharged. Such as were drafted for this expedition, were to be excused from further drafts, until the remainder of their companies had been drafted.

Jaçob Griffin was permitted to carry 4 hogsheads of New England rum to the State of New York, for the use of the inhabitants of the State.

Isaac Turner was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. R. Lewis' company, in Col. Webb's regiment.

IN SESSION, March 14.

Jonathan Sled was appointed ensign in Capt. Beardslee's company, in Col. Swift's regiment ; Jonathan Moore, ensign in Capt. Chapman's company, same regiment ; Adino Hale, ensign in Theodore Woodbridge's company, same regiment.

Col. Andrew Morehouse was permitted to purchase 2 hogsheads of West India rum, and 2 hogsheads of sugar, and transport them to the State of New York, for the use of the inhabitants of that State.

Capt. Vine Elderkin, and his subalterns and company, in Col. Swift's regiment, were arranged as at first ; and Capt. John Mills annexed to Col. John Chandler's regiment, instead of Capt. Elderkin and his company.

Capt. Michael Melally was dismissed from the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, on his own request.

Gen. Sullivan came before the Governor and Council in the afternoon, with important letters from Gen. Washington, concerning another supply of militia, and the state of his army—which was considered.

Mr. Kirtland appeared before the Governor and Council, and had with him a number of Indian warriors from Onieda, and held a long conversation about the Indians.

IN SESSION, March 15.

Aaron Butler was appointed ensign in Capt. Barnard's company, in Col. Wyllys' regiment.

£25 was voted in favor of the Rev. Samuel Kirtland, to bear his expenses through this State to Gen. Washington.

Mr. Kirtland again came in before the Governor and Council with six warriors, from the Six Nations, viz. : Kayendalongueva ; A Chosen Free Williamko, (head warrior) ; Thaghnegtotis, (pine splinter) ; Hendrake, (the second warrior) ; Shaleslago, (blazing spear) ; Quedel, alais (Peter) ; Yeghlegtitzi, (Joseph) ; Thaghlaghquisene, (William) ; Yolonghyagewea, (clear sky), who were travelling through the States for information regarding the war, and report to the Six Nations ; the forepart of the day was principally spent in delivering to them a speech and belt, and hearing their answer ; when a gun, gun lock, belt, and strings were delivered them in token of friendship. The gun and lock was manufactured in Connecticut, and given as a specimen of American workmanship.

A letter from a great house in France, to the Governor, was read, offering supplies to this country ; and the Governor and Council appeared much pleased.

IN SESSION, March 17.

One ton of flax was permitted to be purchased in Fairfield county, to be carried to New Braintree, in Massachusetts, to be made into clothes for the continental army.

Gen. Parsons, Col. Bradley, and Lieut. Col. Dimon were present, and spent considerable time with the Governor and Council in arranging officers, &c., and exchanging some subalterns from one place to another.

Tolland had an order for 100 pounds of powder, for town stock.

A proclamation to several regiments to detach men to go to Peekskill, by a requisition of Gen. Washington, was issued by the Governor.

IN SESSION, March 18.

Ebenezer Gray was appointed major in Col. Douglass' regiment, in the continental service, in the place of Isaac Sherman.

The Governor wrote a letter to the Committee of War, in Massachusetts, to supply Gen. Parsons with proper medicine, for the purpose of inoculation for the small pox.

A letter from Capt. Harding was before the Governor and Council, asking advice as to allowing Cornelius Dunham, of the brig Defence, who was wounded in the battle in Boston Bay, (and was at home lame

at the time of a cruise afterwards,) his share of the prize money, and his wages, while he was disabled to serve, by reason of his wound; which was ordered to be allowed by the Governor and Council.

Little progress was made in filling the continental battalions ordered raised in the State, though it was deemed of vast importance that the troops should be immediately raised, and that no exertions should be spared in doing it, as from all appearances it was at least probable that should the United States freely exert themselves at that time, and a few months longer the war might be brought to a close, and peace restored to the country. The States had gained many advantages over the enemy, which ought to encourage the people of the States to exert themselves in defence of their just rights, and in filling said battalions for that purpose. It was therefore voted to ascertain the quota of each town to fill said battalions; and it was ordered, that the civil authority, selectmen, and military officers, and all friends to the liberties of mankind, should be requested and exhorted to exert themselves to their utmost, and that immediately, as they regarded the welfare and salvation of their country, in encouraging and procuring the quotas of their respective towns to engage in said service, and encourage such enlistments; and lest some might be embarrassed in leaving their families unprovided for in their absence, it was earnestly recommended to the towns to engage and promise such soldiers as would enter said service, that their families should be supplied with all necessaries at the price fixed by law; and that each town should appoint a committee to see them provided for, on such soldiers lodging or remitting money for that purpose, without any additional expense to said soldiers. Such committees were accordingly ordered, with directions to adhere strictly to the law regulating prices, and to exert themselves to have their quotas of the continental army immediately completed, as the personal security, liberty, and happiness of every individual was deeply concerned, and freedom or bondage secured and entailed to all posterity by the issue of the struggle. And every person in their several capacities were called to a vigorous exertion for the defence and security of their country. It was most earnestly recommended to all her virtuous sons, without delay, to offer themselves for the service of God and their country, in the righteous cause, and to prevent the disagreeable necessity of the frequent rotation of the men from the militia, whereby the husbandry and manufacturers were so much injured. And the Governor was desired to issue his orders, of the import aforesaid.

A letter was written Capt. Coit, to come directly to Lebanon, and bring in his account for settlement.

The committee of prisoners, at Windham, were ordered to collect

and send, in some safe way, all the prisoners at Windham, (that were taken by Commodore Hopkins,) who desired to be exchanged, and deliver them to the care of Mr. N. Shaw, Jr., at New London, to be exchanged; first taking care that any officers among them pay or draw their bills for their expenses and charge of support, and keep an account of the expense of the whole.

IN SESSION, March 19.

Letters were received from Gen. Silliman, respecting the alarming situation of their affairs, &c., by attacks of the enemy, &c.

The blankets that had been ordered by the General Assembly, to be provided by the towns for the use of the public, were ordered by the Governor and Council, to be delivered for the use of the continental soldiers of the towns, to the commanding officers of said troops, in this State; and all the fire arms, blankets, &c., belonging to the towns or the public, within said towns, that had been delivered to the soldiers on short marches or tours of duty, to collect and repair, and when repaired, delivered to such commanding officers or colonels, as had the charge of troops in this State.

Gen. Silliman was desired to purchase for the State, 30 tons of flax, which he had notified the Governor and Council he could procure.

IN SESSION, March 20.

A requisition from Gen. Washington, dated March 6, 1777, pressing and earnestly calling for one more exertion of the public spirit of Connecticut, by another supply of 2,000 troops of the militia, to be immediately marched to Peekskill, in the State of New York, and there to wait further orders; to continue in service six weeks after their arrival at Peekskill. The requisition was grounded on reasons of very great, interesting, and irresistible weight and importance, such as would justify themselves to every friend of his country, of all ranks; though the particular reasons and design could not, with propriety, be disclosed at that time. The Governor and Council, took said requisition into secret and serious consideration, and judged the same to be of too great and interesting a nature to either be delayed or neglected. The strange and unhappy delay of filling our quota of the continental army, and the expiration of the term of four battalions, rendered this measure indispensably necessary. Though the Board were not unmindful of the difficulties which might be occasioned by calling away so many men, at that busy season of the year; yet they considered the unspeakable importance of the cause; that the burden lay equally on all the States; that the contest in all probability would be short, if the people

would be true to themselves ; that the war would have been closed even before that time, if our exertions had been equal to the strength which God had given the country for defence ; that the blessings contended for were what the Almighty had bestowed upon us, with full confidence he would continue our faithful endeavors ; that the future generations would be established in the best and highest civil and religious liberty, or bound by the most galling yoke of wretched slavery, according to our conduct and exertions for liberty for a very short time longer ; and that in the highest probability had the army been once filled, the country would have had no further occasion to have called for the militia, but could have made an effectual stand against all the efforts of the enemy, with a fair prospect of a speedy termination of the war. Under these circumstances, it was most reasonably expected, that no friend of his country would grudge so short an exertion as was required by Gen. Washington :—Therefore the commanding officers of ten regiments were commanded, forthwith, to cause to be detached out of their regiments, in proportion, from the several companies and rolls to the number of 2,000 men in the whole, unless said number should turn out and voluntarily enlist for said service, which they were earnestly solicited to do, and supply themselves, as far as possible, with arms, &c., and such as should be deficient in arms, &c., to be supplied by the authority and selectmen of said towns, either by impressing or otherwise ; and men were called upon to turn out their guns, &c. freely for this sudden and important service, and that justice should be done them for it in every respect. The men were ordered to be formed into companies, by the field officers of the regiments to which they belonged, and march to Peekskill, without delay, under the command of such militia officers as should be selected by said field officers ; with 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, and 1 ensign for each company ; formed into three regiments of equal numbers, and of the most convenient companies, and under field officers selected by the Governor and Council ; conditioned that those who had not had the small pox, should not be exposed to it by going farther than Peekskill, (where it did not prevail,) &c.

Letters of instruction to the field officers of the ten regiments for drafting 2,000 men, to march to Peekskill, agreeable to the earnest request of Gen. Washington, were sent them.

Gen. Wadsworth was appointed to command said ten regiments as brigadier general.

The 1st reg't.	Col. Wyllys,	2 companies of 96 men each,	192 men.
6th do.	" Belden,	1½ do.	" " 144 "
10th do.	" M. Cook,	3 do.	" " 288 "
13th do.	" Mosely,	2½ do.	" " 240 "
14th do.	" Burrall,	1½ do.	" " 144 "
15th do.	" Hooker,	2 do.	" " 192 "
16th do.	" P. Cook,	2 do.	" " 192 "
17th do.	" O. Wolcott,	2 do.	" " 192 "
18th do.	" Humphrey,	2 do.	" " 192 "
23d do.	" Sage,	1½ do.	" " 144 "
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10 regiments,		20 companies,	1,920 men
Four commissioned officers to each company,			80
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			2,000 men

The 1st regiment	2 companies,	} Thomas Belden, colonel.	
6th do.	1½ do.		} Seth Smith, lieutenant colonel.
18th do.	2 do.		
23d do.	1½ do.		} Nathaniel Brown, major.
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			7 companies.

The 13th regiment	2½ companies,	} Increase Mosely, colonel.	
14th do.	1½ do.		} Joshua Porter, lieut. colonel.
16th do.	2 do.		
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			6 companies.

The 10th regiment	3 companies,	} Noadiah Hooker, colonel.	
15th do.	2 do.		} Epaphras Sheldon, lieut. colonel.
17th do.	2 do.		
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			7 companies.

The above are the detachments regimented.

A letter from a large number of men in Farmington, concerning the Tories there, was received.

An order was given to N. Miner, Esq., to purchase or seize 10,000 pounds of cheese, in Stonington, for the State. Capt. Nathan Palmer, of Stonington, was directed to purchase 20,000 weight of cheese to supply the State troops, at the price fixed by law; provided he should be unable to purchase the same, and found in the hands of any person,

more than was sufficient for their family's use, he was authorized to seize and take the same for the purpose aforesaid, and pay them the price fixed by law, and make report of his doings.

IN SESSION, March 21.

Commissions were filled for officers of alarm list, for Col's. Danielson's, Chapman's, and Lattimer's regiments.

Despatched orders to the selectmen of all the towns, to encourage the raising of the army, &c.

Mr. Erkelens who had been sent for, came in and consulted with the Governor and Council about addressing Mr. DeCapelle, &c.

IN SESSION, March 22.

A letter was sent by Mr. Bennet, to Gen. Washington, informing him that his request as to the 2,000 militia had been complied with; and that the troops had been assured that they should not be sent into Jersey, if there should be any danger of taking the small pox, &c.

Phineas Carey, Solomon Lord, Eleazer Welsh, Ely Spafford, Samuel Stoddard, Hezekiah Abbe, Arad Simons, of Windham, and Thomas Holbrook, of Lebanon, were released from the ship Oliver Cromwell; their wages were to cease at the time of their leaving the ship on furlough.

John Winthrop, Esq., of New London, asked permission of the Governor and Council for his workmen and tenants on Fisher's Island, to be permitted to pass from town to town on the main, to procure necessaries, &c. The Governor and Council authorized the selectmen of New London to permit said tenants, &c., to pass and repass to and from said island to the main, for necessaries, to visit their families, as they should think proper under such cautions, limitations, &c.; to prevent any intelligence being given to the enemy, a written pass was to be given said tenants.

IN SESSION, March 25.

Letters were sent to Col. Davenport in answer to his, concerning Tories, and troops for defence, he was referred to Gen. Silliman; and referred to Capt. Isaac Miles concerning armed vessels to cruise in the sound; to Capt. Squire to supply said armed vessels with provisions, and to Gen. Silliman as to fixing said armed vessels, and supplying troops for Stamford.

An order was given Doolittle & Co. to deliver the selectmen of Stamford, 600 pounds of powder, and to the overseers of the furnace, to deliver them thirty 6 pound shot, thirty 3 pound, and thirty 2 pound round shot, for Stamford; and to Fairfield, one 6 pound and one 3

pound cannon ; and to Lieut. Hawley, of Stratford, one 6 pound and one 3 pound cannon, for the defence of Stratford harbor, with round shot for each cannon.

Gen. Wadsworth declined marching with the 2,000 troops to Peekskill ; and orders were sent to Gen. E. Wolcott, to march in his stead.

David Webb, of Stamford, a commissary, was directed to purchase what shoes, stockings, felt hats, and homemade cloth, linen and woolen, rum, cheese, and spirits he could, in Fairfield county, and send his account to the Governor.

Joseph Hait, Jr. and Benjamin Hoit, confined in Fairfield gaol as Tories, were ordered to be released, by letter to Sheriff Burr, on payment of cost.

The pay table were directed to adjust the accounts of bounty, wages, billeting, mileage, and rations of Col. Ely's regiment, and Capt. Sanford Kingsbury's company, of Col. Enos' regiment, (then) lately in service at Providence, in Rhode Island, and draw on the Treasurer for the balances.

IN SESSION, March 26.

Roger Fanning, who had the care of the row galley Shark, in the Hudson river, from the 29th of October, 1776, to the 18th of December, as master ; and as keeper, from the 18th of December, 1776, to the 15th February, 1777, was allowed £22 : 11 : 1, for rations, &c.

Jonathan Fitch, commissary, was directed to purchase all the shoes, stockings, felt hats homemade cloth, linen or woolen, rum, cheese, and spirits he could, in the county of New Haven, and send his account of all such purchases to the Governor, &c.

John Tilton, of the Vineyard, was permitted to purchase 1,000 pounds of flax, and 200 pounds of flour, and carry it out of the State, as he had brought for Col. Fitch 300 pair of stockings.

Nathaniel Wales, Esq., was allowed £118, for paying teams from Windham to transport nine cannon to Canaan, on their way to Albany, for Col. Stewart.

Capt. Nathan Palmer seized 11,618 pounds of cheese, per order of the Governor and Council, the property of Church & Hakes, at 6d. per pound, with 1½ per cent. commissions, being £294 : 16 : 6, cheese sent to Norwich ; also for services about the fort at Stonington, £15 : 7 : 6.

IN SESSION, April 2.

An order for 400 pounds of powder, on Elderkin & Wales, for Saybrook, was delivered to Charles Pomeroy.

Letters from Mr. Hosmer and Col. Sage, enquiring whether the

miners and Long Island refugees were subject to drafts. The Governor and Council decided in the negative.

Col. Mosely moved to be excused from going to Peekskill—was not excused.

Absalom Russell was appointed surgeon in Col. C. Webb's regiment; Peter Robertson was appointed 2d lieutenant in Capt. Hinkley's company, in Col. C. Webb's regiment.

Col. Waters, engineer at New London, gave a full account of the state of affairs at New London.

IN SESSION, April 3.

Maj. John Ripley, commander of the Connecticut militia, (then) lately at Providence, and was appointed to take the charge of the five companies more lately sent there, as major.

Liberty was given to Thomas Allen, to return from Windham to New London.

Hezekiah Tracy, Jr., was appointed 2d lieutenant in Col. Huntington's regiment, in place of Joshua Tracy, deceased, of small pox.

Albigeance Waldo was appointed surgeon in Col. J. Huntington's regiment.

Thomas Gray was appointed surgeon's mate in Col. Durkee's regiment.

Thirty-six shillings was allowed Col. Huntington for a *curious* gun lock, which the Governor gave to an Indian warrior, of Onieda.

Allowed Col. Elderkin \$23 for a finished gun, presented by the Governor to the warrior Indians, by Mr. Kirtland.

John Shipman, Esq., represented the conduct of Mr. Hayden suspicious. Capt's. Huntington, Backus, and Jabez Perkins, of Norwich, were appointed to adjust the accounts of Hayden & Williams for services, &c., in building the Oliver Cromwell.

John Shipman was appointed lieutenant and commandant of the fort at Saybrook, in place of Lee Lay, resigned.

The Council approved of the Governor's sending £1,000 of the continental dollars, to Gen. Spencer.

£800 continental money was ordered to be paid to Andrew Huntington, by David Trumbull, to purchase clothing for the army.

John Murray, Jr., was permitted to purchase a horse and some sugars in this State, for £200, and transport it to Long Island, for a quantity of linen, checks, and flax, he brought from said island.

Josiah Waters, Jr., as engineer, was allowed £180 : 13 : 2 at New London.

James Whelpley was appointed quarter master of Col. Bradley's regiment.

An order was given on Dr. Elderkin, for 100 pair of shoes and 100 pair of stockings, for Col. Durkee's regiment.

Ten Eyke was appointed adjutant of Col. C. Webb's regiment.

IN SESSION, April 4.

Nathaniel Chipman was appointed 2d lieutenant, in Capt. David Parson's company, in place of Timothy White. Charles Stewart, ensign, in Capt. Mills' company. David Barber, ensign, in Capt. Manning's company, in Col. Webb's regiment.

Capt. Jabez Perkins, of Norwich, was directed to receive 300 bushels of salt, (property of the State,) at Norwich Landing, to sell to the inhabitants of this State, not exceeding a half bushel to any family, and in such less proportion as he judged reasonable, at the lawful price, and make his report of sales to the Governor. And on the arrival of any other salt, at said Norwich, (the property of the State,) he was directed to receive it into his store, and dispose of it as the Governor and Council should direct.

Joshua Elderkin was ordered to deliver N. Durkee, Jr., quarter master of Swift's regiment, 223 pair of shoes, and as many pairs of stockings; the same of felt hats, and 223 pair of breeches, for the use of said regiment.

Col. Fitch was directed to deliver to James Whelpley, quarter master of Col. Bradley's regiment, 171 felt hats, 171 pairs of men's shoes, and 171 pairs of stockings for said regiment. Also, James Gray was directed to deliver said Whelpley 124 pairs of breeches, for said regiment, and 12 shirts for the officers of said battalion.

Dr. Joseph Perkins was allowed £5, for amputating instruments, delivered on board the brig Defence.

£1 : 4 : 9 was allowed for medicine supplied Capt. Lyon's company, when sick at Norwich.

Elderkin & Wales were directed to apply to the Hon. James Bowdoin and Council of Massachusetts, to borrow one ton of sulphur, for their powder mill at Windham.

Ten sets of the horse harness, at New Haven, were ordered to be brought to New London, and delivered to N. Shaw, Jr.

Capt. Elijah Backus was ordered to make another cannon, like the one he had made for the public.

Congress ordered raised in the United States, three regiments of artillery men, for continental service, to consist of 2,200 men, which made the proportion of this State 170 men, over and above the battal-

ion of musketry, and a proportion of officers in this State. And Lieut. Col. Oswald of that department, in this State, applied for the same additional premium of £10, for each non-commissioned officer and soldier who should enlist in said service, as had been granted by the General Assembly and by the Governor and Council, to other regiments. The Governor and Council considered it necessary to raise said artillery men, and voted to allow the premium aforesaid; and the pay table were directed to pay Col. E. Oswald the said sum, and taking security for a faithful application of it.

Col. Elderkin was desired to enquire at Boston, &c., for the best model for cannon of 18 pounds or less, and the best method of boring them.

IN SESSION, April 9.

Roger Alden was appointed adjutant, in Col. Bradley's regiment.

Much time was spent in considering how to fill the army.

An order on Doolittle & Co. for 400 pounds of powder was given, to be delivered to Gen. Silliman, for the armed vessels then fitting out by him.

Three dozen shirts for the officers of Col. Webb's regiment, were ordered to be delivered by Doct. Gray, to Qr. Master John Elderkin.

A. Huntington was ordered to deliver A. Wheatly, quarter master of Durkee's regiment, all the hats and knapsacks that were wanted for said regiment.

IN SESSION, April 10.

Elihu Crane's account was referred to the pay table, for carrying a load of flints from Durham to Peekskill, when his team tired in the deep snow.

An order of £4,000 was drawn on the pay table, for Capt. Deshon to import salt, and other necessaries for the State.

Capt. J. Perkins was desired to deliver a barrel of molasses to the civil authority, &c. of Groton, for the continental soldiers under inoculation for small pox there.

Maj. Nathan Gallup was appointed, instead of Luke Perkins, Esq., deceased, to assist to appraise the damage to J. Chester, of Groton, for building forts on his land at Groton.

Jacob Fox was appointed 2d lieutenant in Capt. John Shumway's company, in place of Joel Gillet, resigned.

Samuel Gray, Esq., was ordered to deliver to Elias Mather, quarter master in Col. William Douglass' regiment, 130 vests, 124 pairs of breeches, and 3 dozen officers' shirts for said regiment.

Doct. S. Gray was directed to deliver Maj. E. Gray and Capt. Nathaniel Webb each, four shirts.

IN SESSION, April 11.

Capt. Abner Bacon was appointed captain in Col. Durkee's regiment, in the place of Capt. Nathaniel Peters, resigned.

Seth Harding, Esq., was appointed captain and commander of the ship Oliver Cromwell, during the will of the General Assembly.

Timothy Parker was appointed 1st lieutenant of the Oliver Cromwell; John Chapman was appointed 2d lieutenant of said ship; John Smith, of East Hartford, was appointed 3d lieutenant of said ship; Capt. Eliphalet Roberts was appointed captain of marines of said ship; John Prentice, 2d, was appointed 1st lieutenant of marines of said ship; Bela Elderkin was appointed 2d lieutenant of marines of said ship; Capt. Josiah Burnham was appointed master of said ship during the pleasure of the Governor and Council. Capt. William Coit was considered discharged on the 14th day of April, 1777. Enlisting orders were given to Capt. Harding, to enlist men for a new cruise of the Oliver Cromwell, to serve until the 14th of October, 1777, unless sooner discharged.

IN SESSION, April 12.

Silas Blodget was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. Walbridge's company, in Col. Webb's regiment, in place of John Waterbury, 4th, who was removed into Capt. Hoyt's company, in Col. Bradley's regiment.

The Governor and Council sent a letter to Gen. Silliman, instructing him to keep the utmost vigilance over the enemy, who were supposed to be collecting in New York, in order to go up the North river, to destroy the magazines at Danbury, and other places in that quarter, and to raise his brigade for defence, if he thought proper; to give the earliest intelligence to the Governor and Council, of every alarming appearance of danger in his department.

Isaac Hilliard had a permit to carry to Massachusetts, 3,800 pounds of flax, for the inhabitants there. The permit was directed to be endorsed to prevent fraud.

Col. Lattimer, of the 3d regiment, was directed immediately to draft and march 200 men of his regiment, to take post at New London, to take the places of the military companies then there; to serve not exceeding one month, and under such officers of his regiment as he should assign, with himself the chief in command.

The great difficulty that had constantly existed in raising troops, and the frequent calls for new recruits, became perfectly vexatious, and

every method that could be devised to encourage men to enlist was resorted to, to fill up the continental army. A proclamation by the Governor and Council, for the purpose of hastening the raising of the army, was given as follows :

“Whereas notwithstanding the encouragement given by the Continental Congress, and by the General Assembly of this State, and the generous exertions of the towns, and of individuals in the State, in consequence of acts of said Assembly and the Governor and Council, to raise and furnish our quota of the continental army, for the great and unspeakably important purposes of defending all our *property*, our *lives*, and *all the privileges* which render life desirable and secures any of its blessings to *posterity*. The quota or proportion of the army is not yet completed in Connecticut, and the time swiftly approaches and is almost arrived, when, without more vigorous and successful efforts, *all is lost* ; there is, therefore, no more time to spare ; while the great laws of reason, virtue, and self-preservation call aloud for universal attention to this great object, of far greater importance than any other temporal concern. It is, therefore, *once more* most pressingly and earnestly recommended to all whom it may concern, to use every influence and exertion, immediately to fill up the quota of the respective towns, and forthwith to engage in this so greatly important and necessary service, which cannot be longer neglected, without the most imminent hazard of ruin and destruction to this State and continent ; and unless said army be immediately filled, constant rotations of the militia and husbandmen must be called off, which would afford the dismal, certain prospect of being devoured by *famine*. It is then in every view the duty and interest of all, to exert themselves to promote and encourage this great and good work, and of a sufficient number of able and effective men forthwith to undertake for defence of their country, and on the reasonable and generous rewards and encouragements offered them. And they have great reason to rely upon the protection and blessing of *God Almighty*, and to put their trust in him for success in this our righteous cause, though for our manifold sins He is pleased to suffer us to labor under so many delays and difficulties. But the voice and tokens of his Providence now seem clearly to point out, that longer delay would be fatal and destructive to ourselves and all succeeding generations ; and as some are absolutely necessary at home, for many great purposes, as well as to afford necessaries for the subsistence of those abroad ; it is high time, and highly necessary that each should take their several stations ; and that every exertion to which God has enabled us, should be made, as we would do our duty to Him, and save ourselves and country, and avoid the keenest remorse and anguish for

having neglected any means in our power to preserve, and transmit to our children the most precious privileges that ever any people were blessed with."

Therefore, as a reasonable, just, and necessary measure, in the then situation of the public affairs, the Governor and Council recommended and ordered, that the commissioned officers of every company in each town in the State, and field officers who resided therein, should within one day after the receipt of the order, meet together, and find the number wanting in each town, to complete their quota of said army; and when so found, the commissioned and field officers in such towns, should forthwith class all the men of each company, within said town, into as many equal numbers or classes as there were deficiencies in said towns; in so classing were included all persons formed by law into alarm companies, and use their best discretion; and such classes were ordered enrolled and convened by the chief officer thereof, and by said officer called upon, and earnestly invited to freely enlist into said army, and be notified of such classing and divisions, and each of such divisions called upon to turn out, *furnish* or *enlist* one able bodied man into some company of the eight battalions. And in case any such divisions should fail at the end of three days, to enlist or procure a man so to enlist, and give the captain of the company to which he did belong, notice thereof. It was made the duty of such captain, with the advice of his subalterns, without further orders, to draft one able bodied man from each of said divisions, and join them to the nearest company in any of said eight battalions, where needed, and furnished as the enlisted soldiers, and march with them in the same service; and held in said service until the 1st day of January, 1778, unless sooner discharged; to which discharge they were to be entitled by lot, as fast as their places could be filled by enlistment into said army, from the town to which he belonged, or by procuring a fit substitute, with the same wages, &c. as the continental soldiers. The detaching officer was ordered to give the names of those detached, to the captain of the next continental company wanting men; who was authorized to seize and take such detached person or persons, into said company, with a bounty of £3, if said detached persons continued in said service for the term aforesaid, or in proportion for a shorter time, if he voluntarily entered said service (before marching.) And if such detached persons refused to march, they were made liable to the penalty, as was provided in a law, passed December, 1776.

IN SESSION, April 15.

£300 was paid Capt. Nathaniel Saltonstall in advance for his company.

The overseers of the furnace, at Salisbury, were directed, after they had supplied what cannon and shot were ordered to the north, to send the remainder, as well those of Norton & Porter's, as of the State, to Hartford, New Haven, and Fairfield, in such proportions as the Governor should direct; and to send all the pig iron to Hartford.

IN SESSION, April 17.

It was voted, that the men of any town in the State, who had or should enlist into the continental train band, should be considered as part of the quota of men to be raised in such town for the continental service, not to include more than 170 in all.

Mr. Whiting was allowed 15s. per day, at the furnace, as one of the managers, boarding himself, finding a horse to use about said furnace, and his own fire wood.

Benjamin Henshaw was sent to estimate the cost of building a bridge over the Ousatonic river, in Salisbury, where wanted, for the use of the furnace, and make his report to the Governor and Council.

An order on Isaac Doolittle & Co., for 625 pounds of powder, was given to the selectmen of Waterbury.

An order of £8:14, was given John Alden, for carrying \$20,000 to Gen. Knox, per order of Gen. Washington.

An order was given Daniel Strong, for £15:16:3, for carting a load of clothing to Skeensborough in August, 1776.

Roger Alden was allowed £6:18:6, for supporting John Beedle and his party, on the 14th of November, 1776, in bringing tory convicts from Stratford.

James Mason, a tory prisoner from New York, was permitted to return to Kingston, in that State.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council, at Norwich, on their way to New London, April 21, 1777, they appointed Dr. Philip Turner, director of the hospital and store of this State, in the continental army; and then proceeded to New London, and put up with Mr. Shaw.

IN SESSION, April 22.

The Governor and Council examined the hills, &c. about fort Trumbull and at Mamacock, and examined the works at the forts; then went on board the Oliver Cromwell, and examined said ship; then proceeded to Groton fort, after which examinations, returned to New London.

The Governor and Council wrote letters to Mr. Elliot, the agent, with respect to prizes in Massachusetts; and to Capt. Smedley, respecting two prizes he had taken and sent to Boston and Dartmouth.

Capt. Coit (then) late of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, appeared before the Governor and Council, and complained of hard treatment in his dismissal from said ship; and asked for a committee to settle his and the officers of said ship's accounts; and Capt. Deshon, Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., and Capt. Joseph Hurlbut were appointed a committee to adjust said accounts against said ship; the wages of officers, seamen, and marines. And Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, as agent, was directed to attend for the State, to said examination, and act for the State.

Eight additional field pieces, furnished with carriages, were ordered as soon as might be, at or near the fort at New London.

Col. Lattimer, commander of 200 men, ordered for defence at New London, was instructed, with the advice of Col. Waters, engineer, to employ such of said men as were skilful, as might be profitably used in blasting rocks at fort Trumbull, and a suitable number as guards at the fort, and the remainder in carrying on the works at Groton fort.

David Bushnell with Col. Huntington, appeared before the Governor and Council and exhibited a specimen of a new invention for annoying ships, &c., (torpedo); the Governor and Council gave him an order on officers, agents, and commissaries to afford him assistance of men, boats, powder, lead, &c., as he might want, delivered him without stint.

Adam Babcock was allowed to purchase of Col. Porter, ten 4 pound cannon, and six swivels, with shot for them.

IN SESSION, April 25.

A letter was received with the information that Capt. Smedley had taken another prize, called the *Grog*, which had arrived at Plymouth. Letters were written to Capt. Smedley, by Mr. Shaw, (who was going there,) and to Watson & Spooner, regarding the three prizes (then)

Notes on Prizes.

Samuel Elliot, Jr., in account with the prize brig *Medway*, Boston, November 16, 1778—£3,959 : 9 : 9. Boston, October 7, 1778. The prize brig *Medway*, taken by the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, sold by William Greenleaf for £3,501 : 13. May, 1777. Proceeds of the prize brig *Grog*, so far as was then accounted for, £3,343 : 18 : 4; which was afterwards corrected, and amounted to £3,298 : 1 : 8, taken by Capt. Smedley.

Mr. S. Elliot's account of the sales of the prize ships *Admiral Kepple* and *Cyrus*, taken by Capt. Smedley. Account rendered in 1778, by said Elliot, £81,255 : 14 : 5.

Net amount of the sale of the prize *Snow Swift* and her cargo, captured by Capt. Smedley in the brig *Defence*, and account rendered, June 3d, by William Greenleaf, being £5,644 : 9; total, £5,717 : 16 : 6. Mr. Elliot's account of the *Snow Swift* being £5,903 : 5 : 6.

Sale of the prize brig *Anna* and her cargo, for the State of Connecticut, taken

lately sent in by Capt. Smedley, &c. ; and appointed said Samuel Smedley, captain of the armed brig Defence, and so informed him.

Letters were received from Gen. Gates, with the information that Gen. Gates had been appointed commander at the northward ; and most earnestly requesting that the eastern troops should be forwarded ; with copies of many letters, shewing the danger they were in. Also requesting Gov. Trumbull to write to Massachusetts and New Hampshire, giving all the information in said letters to those States.

IN SESSION, April 26.

Mr. Henshaw applied by letter for a guard about the furnace. A guard of four men was allowed each night, two at a time, of such men as he could trust, to be paid, and under the direction of the overseers.

Letters were sent to Boston and New Hampshire, pressing them to hasten their troops, as had been desired by Gen. Gates.

Letters were sent (by Mr. Alden, prize master,) to Mr. Elliot, agent in Massachusetts, concerning the prizes of Capt. Smedley, and particularly the last at Plymouth. Also to Watson & Spooner, at Plymouth, who had taken care of said prizes.

An order for 16 shirts was given for Capt. Andrew Fitch, Samuel Gray, John White, and Capt. Vine Elderkin.

IN SESSION, April 27.

The Governor and Council had received on the evening of the 26th of April, by express, the alarming news from the west, of troops landing at Fairfield, and others going up the North river ; and on the 27th a further account from Col. Huntington, at Danbury, that 18 ships, with troops of the enemy, were then going up the North river near Peekskill. At evening on the 27th, news arrived that Danbury was on fire, and all the stores were taken by the British troops. The Governor

by Capt. Smedley ; the account rendered June 3d, 1777, by William Greenleaf, £2,635 : 9 : 7. By Mr. Elliot, £2,663 : 17 : 1.

Sale of the prize barque Lydia and her cargo, rendered by S. Elliot, Jr., in December, 1777, £6,676 : 13 : 1, taken by Capt. Smedley in the brig Defence, of which William Greenleaf sold at Bedford, £2,829 : 10.

The prize brig Honor and her cargo, was sold for £10,692 : 2 : 4, as accounted by Samuel Elliot, Jr., agent for the State of Connecticut, 1777.

The amount of the sale of the prize ship Cyrus, (taken by the Oliver Cromwell and Defence,) as rendered by William Greenleaf, was £22,561 : 14 : 4.

The sum of £1,981 : 2 : 5 was expended to fit out the brig Defence the first cruise, and until she was fitted out for the second. The sum of £1,852 : 8 : 1 for the second cruise. The sum of £3,254 : 1 : 4 was paid for the third outfit of the brig Defence, including the wages of seamen, &c.

and Council concluded that Gen. Huntington should go on westward, with full power to order as many militia as he should deem necessary, and hasten the continental troops.

IN SESSION, April 28.

William Starr, of Goshen, was appointed ensign in Capt. Chapman's company, in Col. Swift's regiment, in the place of David Rusco, resigned.

Thomas Starr, 3d, was appointed ensign in Capt. Woodbridge's company, in Col. Swift's regiment, in place of Adino Hale.

Philemon Hall, of Guilford, was appointed ensign in Capt. Hall's company, in Swift's regiment, instead of Dan Collins.

Samuel Gray was ordered to deliver Lieut. Col. Josiah Starr, all articles of clothing wanted for Col. Swift's regiment.

\$40,000 was ordered to be loaned to the continental pay master for the northern department, by this State.

Samuel Gray was ordered to deliver Lieut. Col. Meigs one dozen officers' shirts and 50 soldiers' shirts, for his regiment.

An order was drawn on Elderkin & Wales for 64 pounds of powder, for Capt. James Chamberlain's company of horse, in the 4th regiment of horse.

The town of Tolland had an order for 250 pounds of powder.

The town of Coventry had an order for 300 pounds of powder.

Bolton had an order on Elderkin & Wales for 150 pounds of powder.

Rev. Ichabod Lewis was appointed chaplain of Col. Bradley's regiment, instead of Isaac Lewis.

Job Smith was appointed pay master in Col. Bradley's regiment, instead of Hezekiah Rogers. Elijah Chapman was promoted to 1st lieutenant in Capt. Childs' company, in said regiment, instead of George Griswold, resigned. Edward Palmer was appointed 2d lieutenant, under Capt. Childs, and Benjamin Converse, ensign, and Gorham, ensign in said company. John Hubbard was appointed ensign in Capt. Lacy's company, in said regiment. Othniel Clark was appointed ensign in Capt. Prior's company in said regiment. Daniel Bradley, ensign in Capt. Hart's company, in place of Cotton Mather, resigned. Cornelius Higgins was appointed 2d lieutenant in Capt. Catlin's company, in said regiment; and Elias Child, ensign in the same company; and William Henshaw, ensign in Capt. Wright's company, same regiment.

IN SESSION, April 29.

An order was given to furnish Greenwich with four 3 or 4 pound

cannon, and shot in proportion, from Salisbury, in addition to what they had received.

Andrew Huntington was directed to mount two cannon made by Elijah Backus, Esq., on proper, plain field carriages.

Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., of Groton, was directed to find what field carriages were at New London and Groton suitable for field cannon, not mounted; and to mount six field pieces then on hand, for use at New London and Groton.

Orders were given to the colonels of the eastern regiments, viz. : the 3d, 8th, 20th and 21st regiments, that as the operations of the enemy, and their descent upon the western parts of the State, opened an alarming prospect of their designs to lay waste the New England States, and had already aroused to action a great portion of the militia, west of Connecticut river, to oppose the British in that quarter; it was considered not improbable that the enemy might suddenly change the place of their operations from the western to the eastern parts of the State, or the neighboring States, which was considered a reason why all should be in immediate preparation to exert themselves on the most sudden alarm. Therefore the said colonels were ordered to give notice to the captains within said regiments, to see their companies immediately furnished, and made ready to march to any place attacked by the enemy, on the shortest notice; and each town to collect all military stores in some place that would be necessary on such an event or occasion.

IN SESSION, April 30.

Mr. Brown, at this date, returned as an express from Congress, and brought a confirmation of the destruction of the stores at Danbury; and that many houses, &c., had been burnt, and that the enemy were retiring back. Soon after another express from Gen. Silliman, with a letter arrived, which contained the sad news that Gen. Wooster was mortally wounded; Doct. Atwater, Col. Gould, and others were killed; and that the enemy had returned on board their ships, after some skirmishes, and several killed on both sides.

An order from Congress was received, to confine Gov. Franklin, without pen, ink, or paper; and directed him to be conveyed, under guard, by the sheriff of Hartford county, forthwith to Litchfield gaol.

Titus Hosmer, Esq., was directed to deliver to the selectmen of Lebanon, 1,000 pounds of flax, in hands, the property of the State, sent from Fairfield county.

IN SESSION, May 4.

Capt. Joshua Huntington, of Norwich, was directed to deliver

100 barrels of continental powder, to Ebenezer Devotion ; 100 barrels to Capt. J. Ripley, of Coventry ; and 100 barrels to David Trumbull, of Lebanon, and provide teams to transport it, and by them to be carefully kept until further orders.

Capt. Jabez Perkins was directed to sell the salt in his hands, to the inhabitants of the State, not exceeding one bushel to any one man.

Orders were given to remove 30 hogsheads of molasses, owned by the State, at Norwich, to the West Farms, Potapaugue, and New Concord, to be deposited there for safety, in the care of Capt. J. Perkins, (who was to remove it.) Capt. Perkins was directed to deliver 40 hogsheads of molasses, to Andrew Huntington, to be distilled for public use.

Gen. Huntington was directed to deliver 1,000 pounds of State powder, to the selectmen of Norwich.

Capt. E. Bill was ordered to deliver to E. Devotion, Esq., of Windham, 10 hogsheads of sugar, and 14 hogsheads of rum, to be stored ; and to deliver Capt. Ripley, of Coventry, 10 hogsheads of sugar, and 15 hogsheads of rum ; and the same of each to David Trumbull, for safe keeping.

The colonels and commanding officers of the 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 21st, 22d and 25th regiments of militia had orders to draft one-fourth part of their said regiments of militia and alarm list, under proper officers, to man the forts at New London and Groton, until relieved by the continental army.

The commanding officers of the continental regiments in this State, were ordered to apply to any civil authority in the State, who were obliged to furnish enlisted soldiers with blankets, who were empowered to grant warrants to proper persons to impress blankets for the use of said soldiers, in their towns where said soldiers belonged, (appraised, &c.)

Brig. Gen. Wadsworth was directed to order one-fourth part of his brigade, properly officered, to march to New Haven, for defence of the coast there ; and to appoint the officers himself.

Brig. Gen. Silliman was directed to order one-fourth part of his brigade to the sea coast, in Fairfield county, under proper officers, by him appointed, for defence of the coast.

Col. Elderkin was directed to procure 6 men and 12 horses, and to go to Portsmouth, and apply to John Langdon, Esq., for six continental brass field pieces in his hands, with the carriages and apparatus, and bring them to this State, as soon as might be, for our defence.

The Governor gave an order on the New Haven powder mill, to deliver the selectmen of Stamford 600 pounds of powder.

IN SESSION, May 12.

Mr. Shaw was directed to order Capt. Niles to land the provisions on board the *Spy*, with Deshon and Ledyard as commissaries; and to give orders to Capt. Niles what goods to bring from Bedford, on her next voyage to that place.

Orders were given to the commanding officers of the forts at New London and Groton, to order the troops drafted from northern companies in Stonington, to march directly to the forts at Stonington, to man that place for defence; and those drafted from southern companies in said town, to return home, and hold themselves in readiness to serve on the shortest notice, for the defence of those forts.

Capt. Palmer was directed to remove the public stores at Stonington, back in the country to a place of safety.

Andrew Huntington was directed to cause the two guns on ship carriages, at Norwich Landing, to be immediately mounted on field carriages.

Asahel Clark was appointed ensign in Capt. Collins' company, in Col. Bradley's regiment.

Doct. David Howe was appointed surgeon's mate in Col. Chandler's regiment, in continental service.

IN SESSION, May 14.

Doolittle & Co. were ordered to deliver to the town of Durham, 200 pounds of powder.

IN SESSION, (at Hartford) May 16.

Bayze Wells was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. Kimball's company, in place of Nathan Parsons, resigned in Col. Chandler's regiment; Lemuel Hitchcock was appointed 2d lieutenant in the same company.

Theodore Wadsworth was appointed surgeon's mate in Col. Douglass' regiment, in place of Doct. Todd, resigned, (continental service.)

Elijah Hubbard was appointed commissary and superintendent of the stores provided by the State for continental troops.

IN SESSION, May 19.

Orders were given to Capt. R. Niles, of the schooner *Spy*, to put the *Spy* in a condition for a cruise, and to enlist a crew to serve not longer than the 1st of January, 1778—£300 was voted him for public use.

IN SESSION, May 22.

The overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, were ordered to advance for the State, £50 to aid the building a bridge over the Ousatonic river where needed, for the use of the furnace. Also to mount two 4 or 6 pounders, on field carriages.

Chauncey Whittlesey, Esq. was ordered to procure a warrant, and seize the wheat in the hands of John Birdsey & Sons, in Middletown, for the use of this State, leaving them sufficient for their own use ; and cause the same to be floured as soon as possible, and deliver 50 bushels to the selectmen of Saybrook, for the troops in the fort there, and pay said Birdsey & Sons the lawful price.

Benjamin Henshaw was directed to borrow 100 bushels of salt of Capt. Wadsworth, for the furnace at Salisbury.

Jabez Perkins was directed to send, for the use of the furnace, to Capt. B. Henshaw, 3 hogsheads of molasses, 2 hogsheads of New England rum, 1 hogshead of West India rum, and 1 hogshead of sugar.

Mr. Whittlesey, of Middletown, was directed to supply Capt. Henshaw with what tow cloth and rags he should want for the furnace at Salisbury.

IN SESSION, May 23.

Mr. Wales and B. Huntington were appointed to prepare instructions for the commissaries of supplies in this State ; and the following, in substance, were the instructions to Elijah Hubbard, Esq. as commissary of supplies and refreshments for the troops raised in this State for the continental army. He was directed, without delay, to purchase one good team or wagon with horses, to each regiment, and employ a trusty man for each, and load said teams with rum, sugar, molasses, and clothing, owned by this State, in the hands of such men as he would be informed from time to time, and they directed to deliver to said Hubbard. Informing said Hubbard that at that time there was West India rum and sugar in the hands of Capt. Ephraim Bill ; salt in the hands of Capt. J. Perkins ; New England rum and clothing in the hands of Mr. A. Huntington, of Norwich ; clothing, rum, and sugar in the possession of Capt. J. Elderkin, of Windham ; clothing in the hands of Mr. C. Whittlesey, of Middletown, Col. J. Fitch, of New Haven, Capt. S. Squire, of Fairfield, D. Webb and D. Gray, of Stamford, and Mr. Abel Hine, of New Milford. He was directed to transport and secure such stores in the safest places he could procure, near the continental army ; with an assurance of persons appointed to take care of and oversee the stores about the camp ; and an issuing commissary was appointed for each regiment. He was also empowered to impress teams, boats, &c., as occasion might require, to transport any stores, and employ men to execute the design ; and in cases of danger to advise with the officers of the army, apply for guards, &c. ; to purchase all things needful ; to provide forage and provender

for teams, cattle, and horses, as should be needful and convenient. The assistant and issuing commissaries to apply to said Hubbard for orders, under such directions as he should give for each soldier at each time, and how often. All articles to be delivered at the door of the tent or store, and the receiver to depart for others to be served; and an exact account kept of what was delivered to each soldier, and sent to the pay master of each regiment, and deducted out of their wages when paid. If a regiment should be divided, the issuing commissary to supply them; or in case the divisions are distant, to have a person specially assigned for that service, and keep an account, and send it to the commissary of the regiment. The said Hubbard was directed to keep an account of all expenses made by him, and of money received, and have the same in order for settlement. The troops at Peekskill were then in want, and he was ordered to render them the first assistance; and to see that others were furnished with necessaries, as they should take the field.

IN SESSION, May 28.

The schooner *Mifflin*, under the command of Capt. Timothy White, with the officers and crew on board, were discharged from the service of this State. And Capt. White was directed to deliver said schooner, and the stores on board, owned by the country, to the agent for the State; and such stores on board as belonged to the State were directed to be delivered to Gen. Silliman, or his order.

Royal Flint, of Windham, was appointed an assistant commissary under Mr. Hubbard, with a captain's pay and rations, while in camp, and necessary expenses paid in lieu of rations when in service out of camp; and necessary horses provided by the State. The pay and rations of the issuing commissaries of supplies, &c., were £9 per month, and two rations per diem.

James Jones, of Middletown, and David Breed, of Norwich, were appointed issuing commissaries of supplies, &c., for the troops from this State, in continental service.

Capt. John Chenevard was allowed £77 : 9 : 1, for one-half the expense of building the yard round the Hartford gaol.

Liberty was given Capt. Smedley to consort with the privateer, owned by Thomas Mumford, Esq. and others, in a cruise, as said Smedley should please.

The Governor sent Capt. Smedley's commission, dated 25th April, 1777, to him at Bedford, and his sailing orders, and three blank commissions for him to fill for subaltern officers, (Leeds, one of his lieutenants being dead.)

IN SESSION, May 30.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. was permitted to purchase of Col. Porter, at Salisbury, six cannon, and pay said Porter.

Jabez Smith was appointed surgeon's mate, in Col. Philip Burr Bradley's regiment, in continental service.

William Little, Jr., of Lebanon, James Davenport, of Stamford, and Ithamar Bingham, were appointed issuing commissaries of supplies, &c. for the Connecticut troops in continental service.

IN SESSION, May 31.

The account of Smith & Coit, for medicine delivered to Dr. Russel, for the army in the northern department, was referred to the pay table, for adjustment.

The overseers of the cannon foundry were directed to sell to Daniel Tyler & Co. three 3 pound cannon, at the usual price.

£1,500 was drawn in favor of E. Ledyard, commissary of the troops at Groton.

Orders were given to Samuel Elliott, Jr., Esq., of Boston, agent for this State, to sell 100 barrels of beef and pork, and 40 firkins of butter, taken in the prize at Plymouth, (by the brig Defence,) to the inhabitants of Plymouth, at the lawful price in Massachusetts.

One-half of the militia at the forts of New London and Groton, were ordered to be drawn off by lot, and dismissed; and all the militia companies at Stonington dismissed; and the officers at those posts were directed to execute the same.

Wm. Seymour appointed lieutenant of the artillery company, in Norwalk, and John Ben, lieutenant of the artillery company, at Stamford.

IN SESSION, June 1.

Intelligence was received from Col. Burrall, of the 14th regiment of militia, that an attack was apprehended at Ticonderoga, and that troops were wanted for their assistance; and the Governor and Council gave Col. Burrall the information that the copy of Gen. Poor's and Gen. Fellows' letters had been received with his; and ordered Col. Burrall, first, to deduct the overseers, clerk, moulders, firemen, colliers, ore diggers, and such others as were necessarily employed at the cannon foundry, in Salisbury; and order the residue of the regiment under his command, to be in readiness when called, and to draft one-half of the same by rotation, according to law, with a suitable number of officers; to see them armed, equipped, &c., with ammunition, knapsacks, &c., and so much provision to carry with them as he should judge necessary; to send (in the meantime) an express to get intelligence, and when information should be received by said express, to judge for himself whether to march all or a part, as the urgency of the case should require.

IN SESSION, June 2.

An order was given to the commanding officers of the militia in service at New Haven, to draft 90 men for a company, including officers, from those then in service in New Haven, and appoint the officers; to remain in service there, until further orders, and to dismiss the remainder of the militia at that post.

Abraham Woodhull, of Long Island, who had been taken on board a vessel in the sound, by the Schuyler sloop-of-war, was permitted, on his parole, that he would neither do or say any thing against the United States, &c., and return to Long Island, and return to Connecticut on request.

Rufus B. Abel was appointed pay master of the regiment commanded by Col. Jedediah Huntington.

IN SESSION, June 3.

Col. Champion was ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Saybrook, 8 barrels of beef, and 9 barrels of pork, for the use of the troops there.

Capt. Ventris, commander of the troops at Saybrook, was directed to draw 50 men by lot, from the companies there, with a proportion of officers, and dismiss them; and those not drawn were to remain, and be formed into one company, until further orders.

A representation was made by Messrs. Peter Vandervort and Richardson Sands, that Thomas Y. Jackson, of New York, taken on board an armed vessel on her way from New York to Rhode Island, by a privateer from Stonington, was desirous of going to Hartford, and take a part with the friends of the country; that he had ever been esteemed a warm friend of this country, &c. The Governor and Council permitted him to go to Hartford with said R. Sands.

Orders were given to arrest W. Stewart, of New London, for being one of the owners of a vessel taken by the Schuyler, Capt. Hawley, going with provisions (to the enemy) to New York, that he should be examined touching the vessel and cargo.

Orders were given to Capt. W. Ledyard, to procure what necessary artillery stores he could, such as shot, &c., if to be had at the furnace, at the eastward or elsewhere.

Samuel Elliot, Jr., agent for the State, was ordered to deliver to Capt. Niles, of the Spy, two cannon at Dartmouth or Bedford, (the property of this State.)

IN SESSION, June 4.

Capt. James Latham was directed to unlade the salt and other cargo, on board a vessel then arrived in Boston, and store the same at Boston, and unbend the sails and lay up the vessel until further orders.

The overseers of the furnace were directed to supply all persons who should apply for salt pans, (without interfering with casting cannon,) observing the order of applications, that each should have his turn, to be sold at a reasonable price.

Andrew Adams, John Canfield, and Lynd Lord, Esq'srs., were a committee to adjust the accounts (of the last blast) of the furnace, with Col. Porter.

John Fitch, of Canterbury, Sylvester Dearing, of Middletown, and Nathan Preston, of Woodbury, were appointed issuing commissaries of supplies, &c., to the continental troops in service.

IN SESSION, June 5.

Col. Meigs sent a letter to the Governor, urging the necessity of pressing teams, and clothing for his men. The Governor was desired by the Council to write to the clothier general, at Boston, for supplies of clothing.

Stephen Betts was appointed captain of a company in Col. Webb's regiment, in the place of Nathaniel Goodwin, deceased. Seth Weed was appointed 1st lieutenant in said company. Silas Bingham, 2d lieutenant, same company, and Isaac Sheeler, ensign of said company.

IN SESSION, June 7.

The balance due Eliphalet Roberts, the late captain of marines of the ship Oliver Cromwell, being £126 : 5 : 2 was paid to Mr. Coit, pay master of said ship.

Isaac Swift was appointed surgeon's mate in Col. Swift's regiment.

IN SESSION, June 9.

The managers of Salisbury furnace were directed to cast for Moses Craft, four salt pans, the larger the better ; and take the pay at 50s. per hundred.

David Lowry was exempted from all military duty while he should be employed in making gun locks.

IN SESSION, June 10.

Benjamin Welles, of Stamford, was appointed an issuing commissary of supplies, &c., for the Connecticut troops in continental service.

Jabez Huntington, Nathaniel Wales, Jr., and Benjamin Huntington, Esq'srs., were a committee to settle with Capt. Coit all his accounts relating to the Oliver Cromwell ; the officers and ship's crew, (except the pay and wages of said officers and crew, which had been referred to Capt. Deshon, &c.) Also to settle the accounts of N. Shaw, Esq., against the State, for articles found said ship and crew, and for all his

demands against the State on account of said ship, and his service in every respect.

Three swivel guns, four dozen swivel shot, with a wormer and ladle, at New London, were loaned to Col. Matthew Talcott.

John Fragan, a sargeant in the 55th regiment, a prisoner of war at Hartford, was permitted to go to New York to procure clothing, &c., for the prisoners of war of sundry regiments, upon his parole, to say or do nothing to the prejudice of any of the United States, and to return within 16 days.

Timothy Keyes was authorized to receive of the store keepers of salt, of this State, at Boston, 30 bushels of salt, for the town and county of Westmoreland, (at the price of £15, paid Benjamin Payne.)

Ebenezer Heath, of Willington, certified Jedediah Amidon chosen captain of the 10th company, 22d regiment of militia; and Richard Pearl, lieutenant in said company, which was established by the Governor and Council.

IN SESSION, June 11.

Jesse Brown, of Norwich, post rider, was permitted to purchase of James Church, of Hartford, 100 pounds of flax to make him some clothes, at 10d. per pound.

The non-commissioned officers and soldiers raised and stationed on the sea coast, in this State, were permitted to enlist into the two battalions then raising.

Edward Mulford was established an ensign in the 11th military company, 2d regiment of militia.

An order of £758 : 3 : 7 was drawn in favor of Elderkin & Wales, of Windham, for powder.

IN SESSION, June 12.

A commission was granted to Mr. Hilliard, of Hartford, who did the duty of captain in Col. S. Whiting's regiment, ordered raised in this State.

The same pay and wages were granted to officers and soldiers in the companies of matross in service in this State, as was allowed by Congress to officers of equal rank, and privates in the companies of artillery in continental service.

Moses Bull, of Hartford, was permitted, on his parole, to go to Westchester, in the State of New York, to secure his effects there.

The contract of Thomas Bidwell, to manufacture sulphur for the State, was extended for two years, after receiving the materials to work with; and he was allowed for time, expenses, &c., in hindrance, &c., £89 : 11.

The managers of the furnace at Salisbury, were directed to cast for Mr. Thomas Bidwell, as many iron pots and receivers, for the manufacture of sulphur, as he should direct.

IN SESSION, June 13.

The authority, &c., of the town of Killingworth, stated that John Wilcox and James Ward, of that town, who were sent to Willington as enemies to the country, manifested a more friendly feeling, &c. They were permitted, on taking the oath of fidelity, to be released from their confinement, to return home, and remain under the direction of the civil authority and selectmen, &c., of said town.

Commissaries Hubbard and Flint were ordered to purchase 100 tons of flour for their use and at the expense of the State, and cause as much as in their power to be transported to Hartford and other places, as should be directed, by the returning teams employed in transporting refreshments, &c., to the continental army.

The selectmen of Milford were allowed for services about the fort there, £6 : 7 : 6.

William Witter, of Hackensack, in New Jersey, stated to the Governor and Council, that while he was after a doctor for his sick wife, he was taken by the adherents of the King of Great Britain, and compelled to stand upon guard, where he was retaken by our troops and brought to Wethersfield, and held as a prisoner of war, and in poor health, and asked to be discharged; which was granted, and said Witter discharged.

The commissaries appointed to purchase refreshments in the several counties, reported, that they could not purchase any West India goods for the use of the troops in their respective counties; and the Board having been informed that there were large quantities of West India goods in the hands of several persons in the counties of Hartford, New Haven, New London, and Windham, desired the Governor to issue warrants to the sheriffs, &c., in said counties, to impress and take from such persons in said counties, in whose hands the same should be found, and deliver the same to Elijah Hubbard, commissary; and make return of the articles, with the prices limited by law, viz. :

	rum.	sugar.	molasses.	coffee.
In Hartford county,	10 hhds.	20 hhds.	40 hhds.	7,000 lbs.
New Haven county,	4 "	10 "	20 "	3,000 "
New London county,	6 "	10 "	20 "	5,000 "
Windham county,	6 "			10,000 "

Adam Babcock was directed to receive at Bedford, in Massachusetts,

50 barrels of pork and beef, property of this State, for the ship *Fanny*, in return for articles furnished several privateers, of this State.

George Folliot, of Ridgfield, who was committed to the gaol in Hartford, as a tory, was liberated from said prison, by paying all costs, and taking the oath of fidelity.

The commissaries appointed in the several counties to purchase refreshments for the troops from Connecticut, were directed to purchase for said troops, in their counties, as large quantities in their power as they could find of New England and West India rum, muscovado sugar, molasses, coffee, chocolate, cheese, tobacco, woolen cloths for vests and breeches, linen shirting, tow cloth, shoes, stockings, yarn and linen, felt hats, one pipe of wine, Madeira, Lisbon, or Canara.

IN SESSION, June 20.

£1,500 was paid Andrew Huntington, for the purchase of clothing, and mounting cannon.

IN SESSION, June 21.

Mary Codwise, of New York, had restored to her seven hogsheads of sugar, impressed by Ezekiel Williams, sheriff of Hartford county.

IN SESSION, June 23.

Jabez Clark, of Lebanon, was appointed issuing commissary to the regiment raised in this State for the continental service for three years, or during the war.

The Governor was requested by the Council to sign an order to Samuel Elliot, agent, to deliver Capt. W. Hubbard 20 barrels of beef and pork, in exchange for an equal quantity of pork and beef, to be delivered by Capt. Hubbard, at Norwich, for this State.

The overseers of Salisbury furnace were ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Norwalk, Stamford, and Greenwich, each, 100 round shot, to suit their field pieces, and grape shot in proportion.

Ichabod Bosworth, of Lebanon, was appointed 1st lieutenant in Col. J. Ely's regiment, in place of E. West, resigned.

Ebenezer West, of Lebenon, was appointed adjutant of Col. Ely's regiment.

IN SESSION, June 24.

An order was drawn on C. Whittlesey, in favor of Aaron Comstock, quarter master of Col. Chandler's regiment, for 100 flannel shirts for said regiment.

David Holmes, of Woodstock, was appointed surgeon in Col. Chandler's regiment.

IN SESSION, June 25.

George Phillips & Co. were permitted to transport out of this State, 1,000 bushels of rye and corn, to the port of Bedford, in Massachusetts, to purchase salt for the inhabitants of this State.

IN SESSION, June 26.

The Council of Safety of the State of New York applied to this Board, for Dr. Platt Townsend, and the inhabitants of the State of New York, to erect works in this State for manufacturing salt, to be transported out of this State ; which was granted, on condition no State premium should be paid on their salt so manufactured in Connecticut, by this State.

Ralph Isaacs, upon his request, was permitted to leave Wallingford, and reside on his farm at Branford, under the direction of the civil authority, &c., of said Branford, and under the same restrictions as were given him at Eastbury.

John Mulford, Esq., of Long Island, a resident in Stonington, stated to the Governor and Council, that he was infirm, and had no means of support in this State ; that he owned an estate on Long Island, and desired to return with his family to said island. The Governor and Council gave liberty to said Mulford and his wife to return to the island, and to take with them one horse and one cow.

The overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, were ordered to deliver 100 round 4 pound shot, with grape shot in proportion, to the selectmen of Guilford.

The owners of the powder mill at New Haven, were ordered to deliver the selectmen of Guilford, 150 pounds of cannon powder. Gen. Ward received it.

John Cornwell, of New Haven, was permitted to transport from Connecticut to Bedford, &c., in Massachusetts, 7 barrels of pork, 7 of beef, 6 of flour, and 100 pounds of flax, to procure salt for our inhabitants.

John Wells, Jr., of Glastenbury, was allowed to transport, by water, to the port of Dartmouth, in Massachusetts, 30 barrels of pork, 5 barrels of flour ; 10 barrels of pork, and the 5 barrels of flour, to be put on board a boat, James Skiff, master ; and 20 barrels of pork to be laden on board a schooner, Israel Williams, master, to be transported, to procure salt for the inhabitants of Glastenbury.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) June 27.

Duncan Stewart, Esq., collector of customs, at New London, was permitted to remove his family and servants to New York, from New York to proceed to London, and to take with him, a white woman

with two young sons, his furniture, and Dr. Maffatt's, and a milch cow, for the benefit of his children on the passage.

Francis Bayard Winthrop, on board the sloop Union, in New London harbor, (a flag from New York,) was permitted to go from said sloop, by water, to the dwelling house of John Winthrop, and to continue in said house and on Winthrop's Neck, (so called,) until said flag should return; and then return by water from said neck on board the flag.

Duncan Stewart, Esq. was allowed to land from the sloop Union, (a flag) then lying near the light house, at New London, three or six packages of necessaries for sundry persons, under the instructions of the selectmen of New London, and to be disposed of under their inspection.

Mr. Shaw was directed by the Governor and Council, at the request of D. Stewart, Esq., to assist said Stewart to have the sloop Union navigated to the wharf at New London, by some of the people of this State, while those who came in her, should be kept below in some other vessel, until the Union should return to them, with all convenient speed, and said vessel despatched; and if said Stewart should have articles that he could not carry in the Union, that Mr. Shaw should carry them in the next flag he should send, at the expense of said Stewart.

Noah Colman, of Lebanon, was appointed surgeon in Col. Webb's regiment, in the place of Dr. Cogswell, resigned.

IN SESSION, June 28.

David Trumbull was desired to procure a wagon or ox team, and proceed immediately to Boston, and transport from Boston, on the most direct road to the army, a quantity of shirts for the use of the soldiers.

The officers of the militia at New London and Groton, under Gen. Tyler, were directed to make their pay roll until the next Wednesday, and on the evening of that day be dismissed from service.

It was ordered, that there should be allowed to each non-commissioned officer and soldier of the militia who had or should be called for the defence of the sea coast or as guards, that in lieu of rations granted by the General Assembly, they should be allowed 1 pound of bread or flour, 12 ounces of pork or 1 pound of beef, and 3 pence 1 farthing per diem, and when sauce could not be supplied by the commissary and in case of a deficiency of any of the articles, to be allowed in the following proportion per week, viz. : deficiency of peas, 3½d. ; butter, 3½d. ; milk, 10½d. ; molasses, 4¾d. ; Indian meal, 0½d.

It was resolved, that no fatigue rum should be delivered to the troops stationed at any post in the State, except by a written order from the commanding officer of the post.

An order of £4,000 was drawn in favor of Capt. Deshon.

IN SESSION, JUNE 30.

A letter was sent to Gen. Spencer, to inform him of the movements of the enemy in the Jerseys, and in the northern department, by advice received from Gen. Washington and Gen. Schuyler.

An order was drawn on Gen. Silliman and Thaddeus Burr, in favor of Nathaniel Shaw, for 4 tons of flax.

An order was sent to Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, to send to New Haven all the whale boats, and the armed sloops Schuyler and Mifflin, to cruise off the harbor of New Haven and west of it.

Orders were sent to Capt. Niles, of the *Spy*, to proceed on a cruise to New Haven, and as far west of it as he should think prudent, and towards Long Island, to annoy the enemy, and give any intelligence or interesting discovery he should make of the designs of the enemy.

A permit was given to Francis Bayard Winthrop, then on board the sloop *Union*, a flag, near the light house in New London, to go on shore in the day time, to the house of Thomas Harris, near said light house, to visit his mother, brothers, and sisters, under the direction of the commanding officer of the fort, civil authority, and selectmen of New London.

Advice was received from Gen. Schuyler, that the British fleet and army had advanced as far as Crown Point; and that a strong party had gone by the way of Otter Creek, for the purpose of falling in between Ticonderoga and Skeensborough; and that another detachment had marched on the west side of lake George, in order, if possible, to cut off fort George, &c., and requested that the militia might be ordered to march as soon as possible to their assistance, and rendezvous either at fort Edward or fort Ann. An order by the Governor was sent to Gen. Oliver Wolcott, stating to him the aforesaid facts; and that all the continental troops on this side the lakes which occupied the several posts did not exceed 700 men; that the aid of the militia was required, which he had called upon in the States of New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, to rendezvous at forts Edward and Ann, as soon as might be. Therefore Gen. Wolcott was ordered by the Governor and Council, forthwith to order his brigade, (the 24th regiment excepted,) to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice. Also to draft by rotation one half of said brigade, (said 24th regiment and overseers, &c., at Salisbury furnace excepted,) according to law, with a suitable number of officers; to see them armed, equipped, furnished with ammunition, blankets, &c., and so much provision as should be

necessary ; and to appoint suitable officers to command them. In the mean time to take care to get intelligence of the state of affairs at the northward, and to act his discretion from such information as he might receive, to order those drafted by rotation, or such other part of his brigade as he should think proper, to march for the assistance of the northern army, or for the relief of any place attacked, either on the North river, or at the northward.

A letter was sent to Gen. Wolcott, informing him that a team would be sent to Litchfield loaded with powder, lead, and flints, and requesting him to send a team to Salisbury for a load of cannon shot, to be forwarded by the returning teams. N. B. 1,700 pounds of gun powder, 2,005 pounds of lead, 1,000 flints, and 300 pounds of cannon powder were sent to Litchfield.

IN SESSION, July 1.

William Redfield, of Middletown, was appointed issuing commissary for the regiment raised in this State for continental service, in the place of James Jones, resigned.

Gamaliel Babcock, of Lebanon, was appointed issuing commissary to the battalions raised in this State for continental service, in the place of Dearing, resigned.

Nathaniel Walker, of Stafford, confessed he deserted from a militia company at New London ; professed penitence for the offence, and asked to be relieved from a prosecution for said desertion. It was shewn he had faithfully served the State before his desertion, and had again enlisted as a soldier in the continental army in Col. Webb's regiment for three years. The Governor and Council ordered said Walker released, by his paying all costs, and joining the regiment in which he had enlisted.

Col. Ely was directed to order Lieut. John Shipman, with 20 men, as a guard at Saybrook, to add 30 men, with an officer ; and to add so many men to the guard at Lyme, under Ensign J. Griswold, as would make the number of 30 men.

Liberty had been given in June, to D. Stewart, Esq., on his way to London, to remove the furniture of Dr. Moffat on board the flag of truce sloop Union, from New London ; but it was represented to the Governor and Council that said Moffat withdrew from this State and had been in arms with the British against us, and by said act his goods were forfeited to the State : Wherefore said permit to remove said goods was recalled, and all said Moffat's goods, estate, and furniture ordered left at New London with the selectmen of the town ; with orders given them to procure a proper process against said goods, &c., and have them condemned as forfeited to this State, if it should be proved that said Moffat had been under arms with the enemy.

Articles of goods had been purchased in New York, by Duncan Stewart, Esq., and brought to New London in the flag of truce Union. It was therefore resolved, that no goods of any kind should be imported from New York, or other place in the possession of the enemy, in flags of truce or otherwise, under a penalty of seizure and confiscation for the use of the State. Any pretended flag of truce to be confiscated, and the captain, and all others on board held as prisoners of war.

Daniel Hinsdale, Jr., of Hartford, was permitted to transport by water to Bedford, or other port in Massachusetts, 8 tons of flour, owned in the State of New York, to be exchanged for salt, and transported to that State for their use.

Ebenezer Barnard, Jr., of Hartford, was also permitted to transport by water, to Massachusetts, 8 tons of Indian corn, rye, or other provision, or flax and lard, for any quantity of salt or sheep's wool he could procure to be imported into this State, from Massachusetts.

If the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the two regiments were unable to furnish themselves with arms, &c., the selectmen of their respective towns were ordered to furnish such of them as needed their aid, with arms, blankets, &c.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon) July 2.

Joseph Torry, of Killingly, was permitted to carry to Massachusetts, 6 firkins of butter to exchange for salt, for the inhabitants of said Killingly.

Daniel Brush, of Long Island, a prisoner of war in this State, was permitted to go at large in the State, on his parole.

An order was drawn in favor of William Lase, of Norwich, for £200, and charged to him.

Eliphalet Smith, Alexander Furever, and Stephen Woodhull, all of Long Island, and prisoners of war, at New Haven, were released from confinement on parole, so that they might be present at the trial of the capture of the sloop in which they were taken.

An order was given to Benjamin Payne, Esq., to cause the goods taken from Peleg Hyde, to be appraised, and held for the use of the State.

John Pride, of Poughkeepsie, New York, was permitted to carry by land, from this State, to the State of New York, 30 bushels of salt and 300 pounds of sugar.

John Click, of Simsbury, was appointed ensign in Capt. Pettibone's company, in Col. Enos' regiment, in place of Benjamin Holcomb, resigned. Charles Goodwin, of New Hartford, was appointed 2d lieutenant in Capt. Abraham Bradley's company, in Col. Enos' regiment.

Samuel Mills, Daniel Hall, and Samuel Rockwell, of Colebrook, were permitted to transport to Massachusetts, three cart loads of flour, to be exchanged for salt, for the use of the inhabitants of said town.

Jedediah Olcott, of Hartford, was permitted to transport to Massachusetts, one cart load of flour, to exchange for salt, for the inhabitants.

IN SESSION, July 3.

Isaac Knight was appointed surgeon, and William Morris, quarter master of a regiment raised for the defence of the sea coast.

The Council of Safety of the State of New York, appointed Obadiah Jones, John Hurlbut, and Thomas Dearing, Esq's., to give permits to such of the refugees from Long Island as resided in Connecticut as they should think proper and prudent to pass to Long Island, to get their effects, and to other islands in said State, (except Fisher's Island,) which was consented to by the Governor and Council.

Obadiah Jones, Esq., was desired to furnish the civil authority, selectmen, &c., of the several towns in this State, in which any refugees from Long Island resided, with a vote of the Governor and Council on the subject.

An order was drawn on Capt. Ephraim Bill, Prosper Wetmore, and Andrew Huntington, in favor of Gamaliel Babcock, an issuing commissary, for any quantity of rum, sugar, pepper, coffee, and rice in his custody.

Gov. Trumbull sent an order to Brig. Gen. Ward, and informed him that he had been advised that the enemy had advanced from Canada as far as Crown Point, and were preparing to attack our army at Ticonderoga. Also informed him that Gen. Howe was leaving New Jersey with the grand army, and preparing to fall upon other places, and advised him of the necessity of being prepared for all events; and therefore directed him to apply for powder and balls, to be formed into cartridges of ten in a bunch, with the same number of balls, place them in tight boxes, and the boxes numbered, to be kept in his care 25,000 cartridges, and to send the remainder to Durham, to the care of Maj. Gen. Wadsworth. (An order was given for 1 ton of balls and 700 pounds of powder to Gen. Ward.)

Maj. Elias Buel was directed to repair with the troops, (then on their march) directly to New London barracks, to garrison the fort there, and to take the command in the absence of his superior officer, to discipline his men, and carry on the works, (of erecting the fortifications,) under the direction of the engineer; and to apply to Capt. Deshon for needful provisions.

IN SESSION, July 4.

Col. J. Fitch was appointed commissary to purchase necessary provisions for the regiment raised, in this State under Col. Enos, and to see that the officers and soldiers were duly served with their rations.

George Allen and Andrew Angell, of Scituate, in Rhode Island, were permitted to export from this State, to said Scituate, 100 bushels of Indian corn, 6 barrels of flour, 500 pounds of cheese, and 6 bushels of beans, to aid them in their tavern.

An order was drawn on Capt. Jabez Huntington, to deliver Gamaliel Babcock, 2,000 pounds of coffee, for commissary Hubbard.

Orders were sent to Capt. J. Perkins, of Norwich, to receive of Reuben Barnard, John Russell, and Reuben Giles, of Nantucket, a quantity of rum, molasses, salt, and oil, at the price fixed by law; and to deliver them in exchange, provisions, at rated legal prices, for the use of this State.

Isaac Day, of Torrington, was appointed surgeon's mate in the regiment of Col. Webb.

It was directed that no board wages, when suitable provision had been made, should be allowed to the officers and men on board the ship Oliver Cromwell, in the settlement of their accounts, antecedent to the 14th day of April, 1777, unless such officer, &c., was so sick, as that his continuance would have endangered his life, or the health of others on board said ship. Capt. Coit was ordered to render an account of the arms, provisions, stores, &c., on board said ship while he had her command.

Joseph Raymond was permitted to pass to Long Island on his parole, to return within eighteen days.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) July 5.

Brig. Gen. Silliman was directed to cause a sufficient number of cartridges immediately made and put in boxes, with a mark of the ball in each box, and deposite them in some safe place, to be used on direction; to be made of the public powder in his hands. And to order his brigade to stand equipped and in readiness to march at the shortest notice, in such detachments as the exigency should require, in case of an attack or an approach of the enemy in his neighborhood, or up the North river, at his discretion.

Gen. Erastus Wolcott was ordered to procure of Col. Pitkin 350 pounds of gun powder, and 1,000 pounds of musket ball, of Tho's Danforth, and cause the same to be made into cartridges, of ten in a bunch, and numbered with the number of balls each size required to make one pound, and put them in tight boxes and numbered, and deposite them

in some safe place, to be ready on any emergency. Also, to order one-fourth of his brigade to be drafted and equipped, with suitable officers appointed, and hold them in readiness to march on the shortest notice.

Orders were also sent to Gen. Ward, to draft one-fourth part of his brigade, and order them armed and equipped, and to hold them in constant readiness to march on the shortest notice, with proper officers thereto appointed.

Orders were sent to Col. Ely, to call the remainder of his regiment to New London, and make a return of the number, as soon as possible.

Orders were sent to Col. Enos, to draw the remaining part of his regiment to New Haven, as quick as possible, and to make a return of the number, for further orders.

Orders were sent Brig. Gen. Tyler, to apply to Maj. Gen. Huntington for 1,000 pounds of lead, and 350 pounds of gun powder, to be made into cartridges, as was directed in an order to Gen. Wolcott, and similar orders as to drafting a part of his brigade.

Orders were sent to Brig. Gen. Douglass, to apply to Capt. Eaton, of Plainfield, for 770 pounds of musket balls, and powder sufficient to make them into cartridges, as directed in the order to Gen. Wolcott; and orders to draft a part of his brigade.

Received a letter from Col. John Fitch respecting the purchasing provisions for Col. Enos' regiment, and returned an answer, with orders to send a person to the northward to make purchases, per Samuel Thatcher.

Capt. William Coit, the late commander of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, who had applied to the Governor and Council for the settlement of the said ship's accounts, when under his command, which for reasons had failed. It was at this time agreed and voted by the Board, that Capt. Nathaniel Perkins, Jabez Perkins, and William Hubbard, of Norwich, should be a committee with full power to examine and adjust said Coit's accounts against said ship until a final settlement should be had, as well as his reasonable account of all provisions, utensils, and stores, of every kind, procured and delivered to his care, while in said command, as well as the accounts that might be exhibited in behalf of the State, including every matter, whether disputed or not, that might be laid before said committee; who had full power to hear and determine the same, at such time and place as they should appoint, and report the result to the Governor and Council, which was agreed should be binding and conclusive, as well upon the State as upon said Coit in the fullest sense.

William Hillhouse exhibited an account of money paid the commit-

tee for appraising land at Groton fort, for his time and expenses, being £4 : 6 : 9, which was allowed, and an order drawn for said sum.

Samuel Elliot, Jr., of Boston, agent for Connecticut, was directed to sell all the flour and butter brought in the several vessels taken by Capt. Smedley, in the armed brig Defence, of this State, then at Boston, with orders to give notice of the sale, to the Board of War there, that they might have an opportunity to purchase, if they wished; and was desired to transmit to the Governor an account of the articles not disposed of, under his care at Boston, Plymouth, and Dartmouth, and of the disposal of the property made, and the delivery on the orders sent him by this State.

IN SESSION, July 7.

A letter was sent to Samuel Elliot, Jr., Esq., of Boston, with directions as to the action of the Governor and Council on the 5th of July.

An order was given, July 6th, to Capt. John Deshon, to receive of Mr. Elijah Hubbard, of Middletown, flour, if he had purchased any.

An order was made, July 6th, on Mr. Peter Goodrich, to Capt. Deshon, for bread and flour on hand.

On the memorial of Michael Judah, of Norwalk, he shewed that two hogsheads and one tierce of brown sugar, owned by him, on board a boat in Milford harbor, which in transporting from Rocky Hill to Norwalk for the inhabitants of Norwalk, was seized by a warrant signed by the Governor. The said Judah was permitted by the Governor and Council to proceed to Norwalk with his sugar, the seizure notwithstanding.

A letter was sent to Capt. Cockran, of Saybrook, to purchase flour and meat, in the best manner he could, and to apply to the pay table for money.

Gen. Silliman was directed to procure an exchange of some of our prisoners, who had been taken at Middlesex, in March, 1777, for some of the enemy's prisoners that were taken in the expedition to Danbury. He was also directed to permit Jane Mape, a single woman, a millner of New York, to pass to New York on her parole, and to return when required by the commander-in-chief.

The Governor and Council directed that the following orders should be given by the commander-in-chief to Col. Roger Enos, of the 1st regiment of troops, ordered raised for the defence of this State, viz. : "On consideration of intelligence received from Brig. Gen. Silliman since my last orders to you, dated the 5th inst., I have thought fit, by advice of Council, to alter those orders; and you are hereby directed to order Capt. Edward Rogers and Capt. Reuben Scofield, to collect and march

their companies to the town of Greenwich. Capt. Abraham Bradley to collect and march his company to the town of Stamford. Capt. Reuben Bostwick to collect and march his company to the town of Milford, and Capt. Stephen Thorp to collect and march his company to Fairfield. The companies commanded by Captains Abel Pettibone, James Peck, and Peter Curtiss, you will order to be collected and marched to New Haven, leaving those marched in consequence of my first order, to remain in service according to the direction thus given until further orders. Where any company is not full, you will order a recruiting officer to be left to enlist men until the 15th inst. ; you will then make a return of your regiment to me, with every circumstance attending it. I am informed that the men who were on duty at the time of enlisting, left their duty by leave from their officer, until the 15th of July, which was rather weakening than strengthening our defence. All ought to remain in, or go on duty as soon as directed. You will direct your lieutenant colonel and major to repair to such post or town where the men are ordered, to take the command in your absence. The men are to be employed according to such orders as have been given, and to guard and defend the places where they are ; both you and they will obey such orders as you may receive from any general officer for the defence of this State, either within the same or on its borders.

“ Given in Lebanon, the 7th day of July, 1777.

“ JONATHAN TRUMBULL.”

(Copy sent by Capt. Harper.)

Capt. Peck's company of militia that was posted at Burwell's farms, at Milford, was ordered dismissed on the arrival of Capt. Bostwick's company, of Col. Enos' regiment, ordered to that post.

The overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, were ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Milford, fifty 4 pound shot, thirty 6 pound shot, and one hundred pounds of grape shot, and take their receipt.

Zelotes Sanders, who was drafted by Capt. Edward Shipman, of Saybrook, to fill the continental battalions in this State, by reason of lameness and infirmity of body, and being unable to perform camp duty, was discharged from service.

IN SESSION, July 8.

It was voted, that the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, should supply Andrew Rowland with ten 3 or 4 pound cannon, as he should choose ; also two swivel guns, (if any to be spared,) in lieu of the cannon and swivels, he received an order for, on the 4th of November, 1776, and to receive the pay for the same.

Directions were sent to Mr. Thaddeus Burr, to purchase a sufficient quantity of tow shirts and trowsers to be sent to the prisoners in New York, who belonged to this State, to be delivered to those who were the most needy, and an account taken to whom delivered. Sent by Dudley Baldwin, July 8.

Directions were sent to Capt. Niles, in answer to his letter of the 3d of (inst.) July, regarding some prisoners, viz. : to send Alexander Clark to the care of General Silliman ; Ephraim Betts and Joseph Waterbury to Hartford gaol ; John Curry and John Casey to remain on board the Spy until her return to New London, then to deliver said Curry to Mr. Shaw, and said Casey to remain on board until his circumstances should be further known, and if an opportunity should present, he was at liberty to send to Setocket for their clothes and money. The letter was delivered Mr. Baldwin, July 8.

Israel Newton was appointed captain ; Zebulon Waterman, lieutenant ; and Jesse Billings, ensign of the 5th company, 25th regiment of militia in this State.

Job Yorle was appointed lieutenant, and Lucius Tuttle ensign of the 5th company in the 10th regiment of militia.

Experience Robinson, of Windham, exhibited his account of his time, expenses, and wages of sundry persons employed by him for going to Portsmouth, in May, 1777, to bring field pieces into this State, amounting to £43 : 6 : 7, which was approved ; and an order drawn on the pay table for the same, July 8.

Mr. Andrew Huntington was directed to apply to Capt. Jabez Perkins, for 20 hogsheads of the poorest quality of molasses, owned by the State in his care, with orders to deliver the same ; and when received, to distil it into rum. Order delivered Gen. Huntington, July 8.

A letter was sent to Benjamin Huntington, Esq., to inform him of the mobs, &c., at New London in taking Mr. Winthrop's goods and others, desiring Mr. Huntington to enquire into the affair, and bring the offenders to justice.

Messrs. Joseph Denison, 2d, and William Elliot, of Stonington, owners of the sloop Dove, were permitted to transport out of this State, two loads, for said sloop, of cheese and Indian corn, to Massachusetts, to procure salt for the inhabitants of this State. The permit delivered to Mr. Denison, July 8.

IN SESSION, July 9.

Reuben Scofield, of Stamford, was appointed captain in the battalion ordered to be raised in this State, to defend the sea coast, under Col. Roger Enos, in the place of Jesse Bell, resigned. Christopher Wolcott was appointed surgeon and physician of said regiment.

Robert Rice, of Wallingford, was drafted and ordered to join the

continental army, but by lameness in his feet for years, he was unable to march and do the duty of a soldier, and was therefore dismissed from said draft and service in the battalions raised in this State, for the continental army.

Acors Sheffield exhibited an account of wages due to a number of matrosses, who had served at Stonington, in December, 1776, and January, 1777; which was referred to the pay table for adjustment, &c.

Simeon Hicox exhibited an account of provisions supplied the militia companies and troops, posted at Stonington, to the 7th of July, 1777. Referred to the pay table.

Joshua Hubart, of Goshen, in the State of New York, was permitted to transport by land to said State, 25 bushels of salt, for the use of the people of said Goshen.

The civil authority, selectmen, and committee of inspection of Killingworth, stated that Ira Ward, of said town, was confined at Willington, as a tory; that he had made such assurances of his future good conduct, they asked for his release and return to said Killingworth. The Governor and Council voted to release him, and directed him to return to Killingworth, and remain under the direction of the civil authority, selectmen, and committee of inspection in said town.

IN SESSION, July 10.

Nicholas Brown, of Hartford, had (then, lately) gone over to the enemy in New York, and left his wife Hannah, and four children, viz.: one son Nicholas, about 6 years old, and three daughters, Ruth, Hannah, and Cynthia; Ruth, the eldest, about 16 years of age. The Governor and Council gave liberty to the wife of said Brown, and to the eldest daughter, if either should choose to go to New York to said Nicholas, to permit them at their own expense to go to said Nicholas. And the Governor and Council recommended to the selectmen of Hartford, to take care of and bind out to some good families the other three children. (The permit delivered to Jacob Brown.)

Chauncey Whittlesey, of Middletown, was directed to deliver to the overseers of the lead mine, at Middletown, such provisions and small clothing for the use of the miners employed, as the overseers should judge necessary. Delivered to Capt. Russell.

An order was given to the selectmen of New Milford to receive 100 pounds of musket powder and 200 pounds of musket balls, (which were sent by the selectmen of Woodbury, to New Milford, to the care of Col. Canfield. On the back of said order directions were given to apply to Gen. Silliman for flints, and to make every effort to be supplied. (Order delivered to Mr. Hine, July 10.

IN SESSION, July 11.

An order was sent to Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Esq., to procure a vessel and proceed with a flag to New York, at the expense of the State of New York, to deliver to the gentlemen who were permitted to go to New York on their parole, to return in ten days after the receipt of such order; and in case of refusal, to take care the evidence thereof might be preserved. Also to apply to Ezekiel Williams, Esq., commissary of prisoners of war, for Alexander Clark and John Curry, and any other marine prisoners in his care, to be carried to New York and exchanged.

An order was given to Ezekiel Williams, Esq., to deliver to Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, Alexander Clark and John Curry, and any other marine prisoners in his care who were desirous of it, to be exchanged. Order sent to Mr. Lattimer.

Sent to Gen. Jabez Huntington, at Norwich, 2,309 pounds of sheet lead.

An order was sent to Capt. Josiah Child, of Col. Bradley's regiment, touching Elam Hulet and Nathaniel Kee, soldiers impressed from Capt. David Cooley's company, in Killingly, represented not to be able bodied men; directing him not to march soldiers who were apparently disabled; if any to inform the Governor.

Nathaniel Raymond to be lieutenant of the 2d company in Norwalk, in the 9th regiment of militia in this State.

Received a letter from Col. Moses Robinson, dated at Bennington, July 8th, 1777, by William Field, advising of the evacuation of the posts at the northward.

IN SESSION, July 12.

A permit was granted to Daniel Hinsdale, Jr., of Hartford, to transport out of this State, 3 tons of flour, 18 barrels of beef, and 1 barrel of hog's lard, to Massachusetts. Said articles on board a boat or sloop at East Haddam, Capt. James, master. Salt to be brought in return.

Sent per Thomas Loomis 1 hogshead sugar, contents 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.; 1 hogshead New England rum, contents 117 gallons. And per Joseph Loomis, 3 hogsheads of clothing, contents 1,000 shirts, 768 hose; to be delivered to Messrs. Elijah Hubbard and Royal Flint, at Danbury, or where directed by them, for the use of the continental troops.

The Governor was desired to endorse to Maj. Joshua Huntington, an order drawn by the Hon. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, in favor of Gov. Trumbull, on John Lawrence, Esq., commissioner of the continental loan office, in the State of Connecticut, for

\$20,000, in part payment for the frigate (then) building at Norwich, for the United States of America. Said Huntington to account for the same in the settlement for building said frigate; which was endorsed by the Governor and delivered to Maj. Huntington, July 14, 1777, and his receipt taken.

An order was drawn on the pay table for the sum of £787 : 12 : 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in favor of Capt. William Coit, (then) late commander of the ship Oliver Cromwell, in full of all his demands on the State of Connecticut, on account of wages of himself, his officers and men on board said ship, or any other account whatever, agreeable to the award of Capt. Nathaniel Backus, Jabez Perkins, and William Hubbard, to whom said accounts were referred.

Received an order for the above sum, July 14th, 1777.

W. M. COIT.

An order was given to the pay table to allow to William Wheeler, a just reward for riding express from Salisbury to Lebanon, and to draw on the Treasurer for the balance, and charge the same to the United States.

Mr. Brown, the post rider, was sent express to head quarters with letters of importance, which took a great part of the day to prepare.

David Trumbull was appointed to receive the old fire arms brought from Albany, and to have them appraised by two indifferent men, to examine them, and have repaired all that were worth repairing, and have them fit for service, at the expense of the State, as soon as might be.

IN SESSION, July 15.

Orders were given to Col. Enos in the words following, viz. :

“State of Connecticut, by the Captain General : To Roger Enos, Esq., colonel of the 1st regiment raised for the defence of the sea coast, &c. You are hereby ordered, forthwith, to order the fullest company now at New Haven, under your command, to march to the town of Norwalk, and the captain of the same, to post them as guards where most needed, for defence of that part of the coast; to obey such orders as he shall receive from Brig. Gen. Silliman, or other his superior officers.”

John McCleave was permitted to transport 1 ton of flax, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of rye flour, and 400 bushels of corn, on board the schooner George, Samuel Perkins, master, to Massachusetts, for the purpose of purchasing salt, to be imported into this State.

Capt. John Venters was ordered to dismiss the militia men under his common duty, at Saybrook, and to secure the public arms, cartridges, &c. The order delivered to Mr. Smith, of Chatham.

A permit was granted to Shubael Chase and Nathaniel Bunker, of Nantucket, to purchase and export from Connecticut, to said Nantucket, for their inhabitants, a small boat load of provisions and flax; the embargo notwithstanding. A like permit was granted to Zebediah Cleaveland, of Martha's Vinyard. A like permit was also granted to Mr. John Wass, to export the same quantity of the same articles to Martha's Vinyard.

IN SESSION, July 16.

An order on the pay table was drawn for £1,000, in favor of Eben-ezer Ledyard, Esq., commissary at Groton.

A permit was given to Col. Joseph Drake, (then) late of New Rochelle, to transport through and carry out of this State, 22 hogsheads of sugar, by him brought from Providence, to be marked by Capt. Jabez Perkins, and shipped for Hartford, and there examined by Ezekiel Williams, Esq., and certified by him as laden with the same, and permitted to pass.

Orders were given to Ezekiel Williams, Esq., in the words following, to wit:

"State of Connecticut, by the Governor: To Ezekiel Williams, Esq., commissary of prisoners:—You are hereby directed to deliver to Capt. Samuel Lyon, of Rye, in the State of New York, Henry Hallock, a seaman, and one other seaman, prisoners in this State, such as you may judge convenient, (never an inhabitant in this State,) to be exchanged for a son of said Capt. Samuel Lyon, and one other person, a friend of his, who are prisoners with our enemies, taking Capt. Lyon's receipt to return said Hallock and other prisoner, if not exchanged; keeping an account of your doings and what is done thereon, and make return to the Governor and Council."

Joshua Bottom was appointed 1st lieutenant in Capt. James Smith's company in Col. Ely's regiment.

Norwich, June 1st, 1777.

Received of Mr. Adam Babcock, by order of His Excellency Gov. Trumbull, eight bales of woolen cloth, No. 21, 22, 32, 36, 37, 38, 44, and 48, containing 2,853 $\frac{3}{4}$ ells; two bales, No. 51, and 54, containing 110 blankets; also two bales of blankets, No. 50, and 53, and two bales of cloth, No. 26, and 35, contents unknown, forwarded to Hartford, for the use of the continental battalions in this State. Likewise, received sixteen bales, No. 14, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 39, 40, 45, 49, 52, forwarded to Jeremiah Wadsworth, Esq., to be transported to the clothier general, the contents unknown, having signed two receipts of the same tenor and date. Received per Andrew Huntington; which was endorsed and signed by Gov. Trumbull.

A permit was given John Deming, of Wethersfield, to ship 300 bushels of corn, 200 of rye, 2 barrels of beans, and 20 barrels of rye flour, and transport it in the schooner *Speedwell*, to exchange for salt for the use of the inhabitants of this State, any embargo notwithstanding.

IN SESSION, July 17.

Edward Hallam was appointed commissary for the troops at New London fort, in place of Capt. John Deshon, appointed by the Continental Congress, one of the Naval Board for the eastern department; and said Hallam was directed to apply to Capt. Deshon for all the stores he had on hand, and for directions from him; and said Hallam was ordered to attend to such further orders as he should receive from time to time.

Col. John Ely was ordered to dismiss a Negro slave, (owned by Joseph Crandall,) from his regiment, to return to said Crandall; and his premium, arms, &c. to be returned before his dismissal.

Capt. Deshon was directed to purchase a house and lot of land, in New London, the property of Eliphalet Lester, at as reasonable a price as he could, for the purpose of a barrack for the troops of this State, and to take the deed to the Governor and company.

Capt. Deshon was directed to send a small vessel to Bedford, to load with salt, the property of this State, which the commissary general imported in the vessel commanded by Capt. Allen Stillman, for the State; to deliver one-half of said salt at Norwich, for the commissary general, and the other half for the use of this State; and the remainder of his cargo, Capt. Stillman was ordered to store at Bedford, in the best manner he could, for safety, except so much salt as should be a sufficient ballast for his vessel, and proceed to Hartford, and deliver one-half of said salt to the commissary general for his use, and the other for the use of this State; and then to deliver the vessel to the owner; and to deliver the State's half of the salt, at Norwich, to Capt. Jabez Perkins.

Capt. Deshon was directed to furnish the old brig *Defence* with four carriage guns, 6 pounders, and eight swivels, with ten small arms, and ammunition enough to defend her for her voyage then to be performed; to apply to Elderkin & Wales for powder; to Gen. Huntington for shot; to Capt. Jabez Huntington, of Windham, for the small arms.

IN SESSION, July 18.

The Governor was desired to give the following orders to Col. John Ely:

“By the Captain General : To John Ely, colonel of the 2d regiment of troops ordered raised by the Assembly, in May, 1777, for the defence of the sea coast and frontiers of this State and places adjacent :— You are hereby directed to station Capt. Palmer, with his 2d lieutenant Chapman, and the soldiers they enlisted at Stonington; those troops stationed by former orders at Lyme and Saybrook, are to continue there until further orders. You will order two companies of the regiment into Groton fort, for the present. The remaining part of the regiment, you will order to fort Trumbull and thereabouts, and employ them in completing the works there; and the men at each of those forts are to take the tour of fatigue equally; those of Groton that may be spared from the necessary guards and works, you will order over, and employ in the works at fort Trumbull, in rotation, leaving there what are needed to complete the works at Groton. You will take care that the men are kept clean, and to duty; and when on fatigue, they are to receive, by your orders in writing, or the order of the commanding officer, in your absence, the rum allowed when on fatigue duty. You will take care and prevent all kinds of embezzlements and abuses of arms, ordnance stores, tools and utensils owned by the public. A keeper of the ordnance and military stores will be appointed, whose duty will be pointed out. The plan of the works is laid out, to which you will attend, and when any further directions are needful, you will apply to this Board, and follow such orders as may be given. Mr. Edward Hallam is appointed commissary to provide for the men on New London side; Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq. is appointed commissary on Groton side; Capt. Cockran at Saybrook. You will take care that the military officers and matrosses attend, and do faithfully their duty, and from time to time give information and all needful intelligence to this Board. You will attend to the services to be performed by every part of your regiment; to see it duly ordered and performed, and direct advice to be given you in case of the appearance of an enemy, or an attack; you will put all in proper posture of defence. And on every necessary occasion forward intelligence to me, and make needful alarms. You will give the necessary orders for preventing the landing of the enemy. You will, as soon as may be, send me a return of your regiment, in due form. And you will attend and obey all orders you may receive from me or other your superior officers. You are also to take care and make proper enquiry of all such vessels, boats, &c., as pass the fort, and attend to the law and the orders which may be further given for your direction. Given under my hand, at Lebanon, the 18th day of July 1777.

“JONATHAN TRUMBULL.”

An order in favor of Capt. Nathaniel Saltonstall was drawn on Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Esq., for £200, towards paying the artillery under his command.

IN SESSION, July 20.

Consulted on some matters of importance in relation to the letters from the westward, with the information that a fleet of the enemy was in the sound, proceeding eastward.

IN SESSION, July 21.

Orders were given to Brig. Gen. Douglass, of the 5th brigade of militia in this State, to call together the field officers of his brigade, to consult on the best and most expeditious manner of collecting and marching the companies of his brigade to any place attacked. On the alarm which then existed, he was advised to settle the officers for each of the four divisions, and their rotation; and to use prudence, how the men of the 1st division should be well armed and equipped for a march, so as to be in immediate readiness, and hindered as little as possible by their business; as it was probable their march would be to Providence, of which he would soon be informed by further orders, if it should be so. It appeared in the alarm list that many men were cripples and incurable, which rendered it impracticable for them to march and perform the duties of soldiers: Therefore Gen. Douglass was directed to examine the several cases and excuse such as the law had provided for; and not to dismiss, but to hold such as were of ability of estate, to be well furnished with arms, ammunition, and ready to do whatever was reasonable, and promote the defence of the rights and liberties of their country. No returns had been received from any brigade or regiment, which by law should be done every two months.

An order was given on Elijah Hubbard to supply Ebenezer Ledyard and Edward Hallam, commissaries, with flour needful for the troops in their department.

An order for 20 bushels of salt was given on Capt. Deshon, for the use of the troops at New London.

An order was given on Andrew Huntington to deliver one hogshead of New England rum to Edward Hallam, for the use of the troops of the State at New London.

An order was voted to be drawn on the pay table in favor of Edward Hallam, for the sum of £600 lawful money, to enable him to provide for the troops at New London, and render his account.

A commission was given by the Governor to the Hon. Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, and Titus Hosmer, to act as a committee

from this State, in conjunction with committees from the States of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and New York, to consult on the state of the currency of those States, the expediency of calling it in, &c., to meet at Springfield, on the 30th day of July, 1777.

The Governor gave a permit to Isaac Beers and Henry Dagget, of New Haven, to transport 200 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of rye, or flour equivalent, 1 ton of flax, and 10 barrels of salted beef from Connecticut to Massachusetts Bay, in small boats under the inspection of Samuel Bishop, Jr., Esq., and to be exchanged for salt, oil, and sugar, for the use of the inhabitants. Permit delivered to Roger Sherman, Esq.

IN SESSION, July 22.

A permit was given Vandervoort, Drake, Sands & Co., to transport 25 hogsheads of sugar, they had on hand, into the State of New York, to be first inspected, marked and certified by E. Williams, Esq., and then transported, the embargo notwithstanding, for the use of the army and friendly inhabitants in the State of New York.

Orders were given to Brig. Gen. Erastus Wolcott, in the same form as had been given Gen. Douglass.

An order was given on Elderkin & Wales for 200 pounds of musket powder, to the selectmen of Voluntown, to be accounted for as part of their proportion of public powder. The order delivered to Capt. Isaac Gallup, July 22.

The Governor and Council were informed that there were a number of public arms in the hands of Col. John Durkee, in Norwich, which required repairs before they could be used; therefore Col. Samuel Abbott was directed to receive said arms, and see them in the most prudent method repaired.

An order was drawn in favor of Elijah Barker, Esq., on Capt. Tyley, for 4 tons of pig iron, the property of the State.

It was resolved that a company of artillery, of thirty-four men, including officers, should be raised within the 20th regiment of militia, in this State. The non-commissioned officers and privates were to be raised by voluntary enlistment; to exercise the mounted field pieces at Norwich, in case of an invasion or attack by the enemy, and subject to the orders of the Captain General, and other superior officers, and the field officers of said regiment; who were also to be excused from any other military duty while said company should be continued. The commissioned officers appointed by the Governor and Council, and the non-commissioned officers to be chosen by the company; and all future vacancies of commissioned officers to be filled by said company. Jacob Dewitt was appointed captain of said company; Joseph Howland,

captain-lieutenant ; Isaac Abel, lieutenant ; and William Lax, lieutenant fire worker of said company. The Governor was desired to commission the officers, provided a number sufficient should be enlisted within three weeks from the 22d day of July, 1777.

Ralph Williams, a soldier in the service of the State, had liberty to enlist into the continental service for three years, or during the war.

Sarah Ketchum, of Fairfield, the wife of James Ketchum, shewed to the Governor and Council that her husband was at Huntington, on Long Island, and desired that she might be permitted to go to him with her family ; and that William Lieet, then in Connecticut, had a family at said Huntington, that he was desirous to remove to Connecticut, which could not be done except by an exchange of families ; and prayed the Governor and Council to grant her liberty to go to Long Island with her family, household furniture, and provisions, and be exchanged for the family, household furniture, and provisions of the said William Lieet, &c. The said Sarah Ketchum was permitted to go to said Huntington with her family of three small children, to be exchanged for the whole family of said William Lieet ; and to keep her household furniture and a small quantity of provisions, provided the same indulgence should be granted to the said William Lieet, otherwise to be returned ; and Gen. Silliman was ordered to grant a flag for said purpose.

IN SESSION, July 23.

Joseph Chew had liberty granted him to fish in any part of the fish pond within the limits of his parole, and go round the pond for that purpose, provided he should commit no trespass in so doing.

The Governor and Council directed David Trumbull to purchase and procure for this State, four teams, to consist of one yoke of oxen, one horse, and a convenient cart, and proper harness for each team, to be used at the works at fort Trumbull that season, at as cheap a rate as he prudently could, and report the expense to the Governor and Council.

An order was drawn on David Trumbull for £25 : 5 : 10 money, in favor of John and Daniel Dewey, for carting powder and lead from Lebanon to Litchfield, in July, 1777, and a load of cannon shot from Litchfield to Lebanon, and two loads from Lebanon to Norwich, and expenses.

Edward Hallam was directed to provide four ammunition carts for the use of the troops at New London, of a proper construction to be useful at the forts ; and to be advised by Col. Ely and Maj. Saltonstall as to the construction of said carts.

John Raymond was appointed to engage 12 draught horses in New London, to be ready on the shortest notice, to be used in the field carriages, or other use at New London, on any emergency; the horses to be appraised, and their hire to be paid while in actual service, and the horses paid for if lost in public use; and to confer with Maj. William Hillhouse, and take his directions therein.

IN SESSION, July 24.

Catherine Spalden, (then) late from Scotland, a resident in Norwalk, in this State, stated and shewed to the Governor and Council, that she with her husband, some years previous, came from Scotland to New York; that her husband about three years previous sailed on a voyage to Europe; that she had heard nothing from him since he sailed, and supposed him deceased; that when the enemy came to New York, she fled to Norwalk, in this State, with some small effects; that James Bradley fled with her to Norwalk, and was then sick with the consumption, and depended upon her for supplies; that she had parents then living in Scotland, and no friends in this country; and prayed the Governor and Council for liberty to go with said Bradley to New York, and take with her, her furniture and clothes, for the purpose of sailing for Scotland, from New York. All which was granted; and Gen. Silliman was directed to grant a flag for that purpose.

IN SESSION, July 25.

Upon the desire of Peter Bulkley and others, church wardens, and Jonathan Sturges, Thaddeus Burr, &c., and at the request of the civil authority, selectmen, and committee of inspection, at Fairfield, requesting the Governor and Council that the Rev. John Sayer might be released from confinement at Farmington, and return to Fairfield to his care and charge, &c. The Governor and Council directed the said Sayer to be released from his confinement, and permitted him to return to Fairfield, and there to remain within the limits of the first society, by his giving bond with sufficient surety for his future good behavior. The bond taken by Jonathan Sturges and Thaddeus Burr, to whom he was delivered.

The fore part of the day was occupied in writing letters to Gen. Washington and members of Congress.

IN SESSION, July 26.

The fore part of the day was employed in preparing letters to head quarters, and to delegates at Congress; and sent by Samuel Hunt, an express.

Orders were given to Col. John Ely, concerning ammunition carts, teams, tools, utensils, draught horses, pay master, commissary of ordnance stores, muster master, artificers, magazines, Saybrook fort, &c., as on file.

IN SESSION, July 28.

Samuel Burrall, of Norwalk, was permitted to transport out of this State, 30 barrels of flour, and 50 bushels of rye, to Dartmouth, on board a boat, to be exchanged for West India goods. A like permit was given to Jesse Lockwood, of said Norwalk, for 30 barrels of flour, and 400 bushels of rye and corn, for the same place, and for the same purpose.

IN SESSION, July 29.

An order was given on the Treasurer to deliver 500 pounds of musket powder to the selectmen of Simsbury; order delivered to Joseph Tuller, selectman.

Capt. Cotton, of Middletown, came before the Governor and Council for advice in the difficulties he met with in building the continental ship, and for directions how to obtain needful moneys and provisions for said purpose; who was heard and answered.

David Trumbull was desired to send two teams to East Hartford, to bring to Lebanon, and to remain under his care, 500 stand of arms, or one-half the arms received (then) lately from Springfield, lodged in the hands of Capt. Russel Woodbridge; and to send up by the same teams a set of tyre for a four wheel carriage, to the care of said Woodbridge, to be used by the selectmen of Hartford, for mounting a cannon brought from Windsor, in the care of the selectmen of Hartford.

IN SESSION, July 30.

An order was given on Capt. E. Bill, in favor of Thomas Mumford, Esq., for 235 gallons of rum, to be paid out of the State stores, for the same quantity borrowed of him; with orders to give intelligence if he had any or could get any.

Orders were given to the several brigadier generals, to put the militia of the State in readiness to march, on the shortest notice, to any place attacked.

At 5 o'clock, P. M. an express arrived at Lebanon, from head quarters, at Peekskill, with the intelligence that Gen. Washington had marched, with the main body of his army, to the southward, towards Philadelphia, expecting the British fleet had gone there; and the troops at Peekskill apprehended the moving of the fleet was only a decoy, and

that the return of the enemy might be expected, and an attack made upon their post in the absence of the American troops; and required the militia, &c. Upon which a despatch was sent to Springfield, to the committees of the States then in session there, for their advice, &c.; and for ammunition to be furnished and forwarded from the laboratory at Springfield, to Peekskill, &c. Orders to the brigadier generals had been given and were renewed and enforced.

IN SESSION, July 31.

A permit was given to James Church to ship 2 tons of flour, 200 bushels of corn, and some onions, and 8 barrels of provisions, to Massachusetts; the barrels of provisions for the use of a vessel, &c., and the remainder to exchange for salt.

A permit was given to Charles Caldwell to ship and transport to Massachusetts, 7 tons of flour, on board the sloop Eleanor, Capt. Benjamin Horton, master, for Bedford, to purchase salt.

Thomas Clark, of Nantucket, had a permit to transport to Massachusetts.

IN SESSION, August 1.

A consultation was had on the subject matter of letters from Gen. Schuyler, and from the Convention of New York, requesting 2,000 of the militia of this State, to join the continental forces at the northward, in order to repulse the progress of the enemy, and make an inroad in that part of the country. The whole day was spent in consultation on this subject, and the farther consideration deferred to the 2d day of August.

IN SESSION, August 2.

Barber, the post rider, returned from the States' committees met at Springfield; then resumed the subject of yesterday's consultation.

Seth Mayo, of Nantucket, was permitted to purchase 300 bushels of rye and corn in exchange for salt, to transport in his boat Fanny, to Nantucket.

A letter was sent to Gen. Schuyler, by his own express, informing him of the determination of the Governor and Council, agreeable to their former proposal to forward troops to join the continental army at Peekskill, with the expectation that the army at the northward would be reinforced from the continental troops at Peekskill, or more southern parts of the country; which appeared to the Board would serve the common cause much better than to reinforce the northern army with militia, as well as on the account of the facility of the march, and the steadiness of the continental troops inured to service, which rendered

them preferable to the militia, who are ever impatient in a lengthy campaign.

Mr. Andrew Huntington was directed to send one hogshead of New England rum, to the care of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., for the troops at Groton.

Orders were given to Col. Ely, to remove the platform from the old fort in New London town, to fort Trumbull.

Orders were given to Elderkin & Wales to send one ton of gun powder to Maj. Gen. Jabez Huntington, for the use of this State.

Maj. Gen. Huntington was desired to send 150 pounds of musket powder, and 10 fire arms, (sent him from Windham,) to Capt. John Deshon, for the brig Defence; and 500 pounds of musket powder, one-half to Maj. Saltonstall, and the other half to Maj. William Ledyard, for the use of the forts at New London and Groton.

The Governor and Council confirmed an order drawn by the Governor, on Col. Pitkin or John Lawrence, for 200 pounds of powder, in favor of Col. Hamlin, for the miners at Middletown.

Job Bartram was established captain; David Wheeler, lieutenant, and Samuel Silliman, ensign of the 1st company of alarm list, in the 4th regiment of militia in this State; which were commissioned by the Governor.

IN SESSION, August 4.

Many matters of a public nature were consulted by the Governor and Council, especially with regard to the movements of the enemy at the northward and westward. Those at the northward had penetrated the country as far as fort Edward; and the fleet at the westward had arrived within the capes of Delaware, which called for our speedy and vigorous efforts to prevent their designs.

IN SESSION, August 5.

This day was spent in preparing letters and sending expressers to Providence, Boston, &c., and giving information of the situation of the affairs of the army at the westward. Also consulted on various public matters, particularly on the necessity of calling the General Assembly to sit at Hartford, on the 2d Wednesday of August, 1777.

IN SESSION, August 6.

A letter was received by Gen. Wadsworth from Brig. Gen. Silliman, which enclosed copies of letters from Gen. Parsons and Col. Root, to him; also a copy of a letter from Gen. Washington to Gen. Putnam, which gave the information that the British had sailed out from the capes of Delaware in an eastern course, and desired the militia of Gen. Silliman's brigade to aid them. An express immediately after

arrived with a letter from Peekskill, which contained the same information as the above; also that the army at Peekskill were in reasonable apprehension of an attack at the Highlands, on the North river. Gen. Silliman stated in his letter, that in consequence of the contents of the copies above, he had ordered the two northern regiments of his brigade, to immediately march to Peekskill; also a detachment of Col. Enos' regiment in Fairfield county; and one company of horse from the 3d regiment, and the whole of the 5th regiment, to march to the same place. All of which was approved by the Governor and Council.

A letter was received by the Governor and Council from Brig. Gen. Oliver Wolcott, which stated that he had ordered all the effective men of Sheldon's horse, and Humphrey's regiment, who had not done a tour of duty under the (then) late act, and were by law liable to do duty out of the State, to march well armed, &c., and with four days provisions to Peekskill, to defend that post, which appeared to the enemy an object worth attaining; which was approved by the Governor and Council. The Council to promote the march of the militia to Peekskill, gave orders to the pay table to draw on the Treasurer of this State, for £1,000 in favor of Gen. O. Wolcott; and £1,000 in favor of Gen. G. S. Silliman; £400 in favor of Gen. Erastus Wolcott, and £300 in favor of Gen. A. Ward, by them to be paid to the commanding officers of the marching militia, from their respective brigades, towards Peekskill, for the purpose of advancing 18s. to each non-commissioned officer and soldier, and the remainder to continue in said officers' hands to defray contingent charges of the march. The sum for Gen. O. Wolcott was forwarded by Mr. Sheldon, and the remainder by express.

Orders were given to Gen. Erastus Wolcott to draft 400 men of his brigade, officered and equipped, to go on horse back to Peekskill. And like orders were given Gen. Ward to draft 300 men of his brigade for the same purpose.

And it was resolved, that Brig. Gen. Andrew Ward, Jr., should take the command of the militia then sent to Peekskill.

It was also resolved, to forward the 100 barrels of powder stored at Lebanon, to the care of Thomas Lewis, in Farmington, to be stored under a proper guard, until further orders from Gen. Washington, or the Governor and Council. An express was sent to Peekskill, to the general officers there, to inform them where said powder was deposited for their use if needed.

Letters were sent to Generals E. Wolcott, Oliver Wolcott, Silliman, and Ward, with orders to draft men from their brigades as had been

resolved, by the Governor and Council. A letter was sent by the Governor and Council to Gen. Silliman, as follows, viz. :

“ State of Connecticut, by the Governor : To the Hon. Brigadier General Silliman. Yours of the 4th inst. I have before me, informing that you have given orders to your two northern regiments in your brigade ; a detachment from Col. Enos’ battalion ; one troop of horse from the 3d regiment, and the whole of the 5th regiment of horse to march immediately to Peekskill, for the defence of that post, in consequence of letters received from Generals Washington and Parsons, &c., (which was approved.) Agreeable to your request, I have sent forward by a wagon a quantity of flints to Woodbury, to the care of Gideon Walker, Esq., August 6th, 1777.”

A permit was given to Thomas Wilkins to exchange some West India goods, for flour, butter, cheese, hog’s lard, and flax, and export the same to Massachusetts.

A permit was given to Mr. Jarvis to transport a quantity of flour to Bedford, to exchange for West India goods. Also a permit was given to Hezekiah Fenemour, captain of the schooner (Go and Come) to ship a quantity of lumber and poultry, and export the same to the French West Indies to purchase West India goods.

IN SESSION, August 7.

Nathaniel Wales, 3d, was established captain ; Joseph Coy, lieutenant, and Ebenezer Bingham, ensign of the 1st company of alarm list, 5th regiment ; commissioned August 7th.

Daniel Brush, a resident of the State of New York, after a letter from Thomas Treadwell, as to his character, was read, and was released from any further restraint upon him by the Board.

Mr. David Trumbull was directed to procure teams and convey 100 barrels of continental gun powder from Lebanon to Farmington, to the care of Thomas Lewis, or farther as Gen. Washington might direct for the army ; and to procure a wagon, to go with the wagon purchased at Lebanon ; to remain in the service at the wages paid others, or return ; and that the wagon at the direction of the Governor should be loaded with supplies, &c., for the troops from Connecticut, directed to the proper commissaries, which attended the army.

A packet of letters were sent by the Governor to Peekskill, to Gen. Washington and others, by John Palmer, Esq.

An order of £22 : 12 : 5 was drawn in favor of Maj. Gen. James Wadsworth, for a journey and expenses of himself and waiter, to fort Edward, on public business, July 1st, 1777, as per his account.

Mr. David Trumbull was desired to send by a team, 2 hogsheads of

State's rum, in his hands, to Capt. Ephraim Bill, of Norwich, who was desired to receive it, and pay, or replace it to Thomas Mumford, Esq., of Groton, (being 235 gallons of rum borrowed of him,) to observe the quality of the rum borrowed, and of that replaced, so as to do justice.

IN SESSION, August 8.

Mr. David Trumbull was desired to procure a team, and send it to Bedford, in Massachusetts, and bring the flints imported by Capt. Deshon for this State, and as much of the Ticklinburgh duck and rigging imported at the same time, as would make a load to Lebanon.

It was resolved, that Messrs. Daniel Sherman and Benjamin Huntington, should be desired to give a bond with Capt. Daniel Deshon, in the sum of £1,000, that he as captain of the letter of marque brig, (called the Old Defence,) owned by this State, should faithfully execute his office and trust, according to the orders of Congress; and the said Sherman and Huntington were to be indemnified by the State against all damages for so doing.

An order was given on the pay table for £120, in favor of Lieut. William Seymour, of the artillery company at Norwalk, towards his pay and wages, and of his company.

Stephen Fish, of Nantucket, was permitted to exchange salt in this State, for 200 barrels of flour, 200 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of rye, and flax as much as he should want; and transport the same to Nantucket, the embargo notwithstanding.

IN SESSION, (at Hartford) August 16.

Consulted on sundry matters.

IN SESSION, August 18.

Capt. Chew applied to enlist a number of men from the forts, at New London, on board his brig Resistance; which was refused, as the men could not be spared.

It was voted, that Nathaniel Barnard, of Nantucket, and Gideon Delano, of Dartmouth, might exchange their small cargoes of salt, molasses, and rum in this State, for produce, and transport it to Massachusetts.

Gen. Silliman was directed to enquire into the suspected forgery of a permit from Gen. Jones, to the sloop Sally, to pass from New York to Rye, to carry off some Tories and their effects from said Rye, to New York.

IN SESSION, August 20.

Capt. Allen Stillman was directed to store the salt in his hands, (the property of the State,) in a safe store, and deliver one bushel to Capt.

Ebenezer Grant, of East Windsor, for supporting and for the use of the guard that kept. Gen. Prescott.

Capt. Samuel Squire was directed to attend the vendue of prize goods at Fairfield, and to purchase such provisions as he could that would be useful to this State, as he should judge prudent.

IN SESSION, August 21.

An order was given to James Church, to deliver to Dr. Joshua Elderkin the flax in his hands, owned by the State, not exceeding one ton.

An order was given on Titus Hosmer, Esq., to deliver all the flax in his care, to Chauncey Whittlesey, Esq., to be manufactured for public use.

An order was given on the pay table in favor of Col. Nathaniel Terry, for £19 : 3, for his trouble and expense for his bringing 36 chests of fire arms from Springfield to Hartford.

The order given to purchase provisions at vendue, in Fairfield, was countermanded.

Capt. Samuel Squire was directed to continue to supply the troops in service in this State, in Fairfield county, and to purchase clothing, &c.

The sheriff of New London county was directed to make further and diligent search for sugar, &c., under his warrant to seize the same for public use ; and to take 10 hogsheads of sugar out of the whole.

IN SESSION, August 22.

An order was drawn on the pay table for £658 : 10 : 2, in favor of J. Huntington, of Windham county, for rum and coffee, for persons imprisoned by him in that county, by order of the Governor and Council.

An order was drawn in favor of David Trumbull, on the agent of the prizes of this State, in Massachusetts, to deliver him such quantities of the wines, tea, and clothing, brought in the prize taken by the ship Oliver Cromwell, as he could conveniently bring to Lebanon with his teams then going there.

An order was given on Elderkin & Wales for 500 pounds of gun powder, in favor of Nathaniel Shaw, for the use of the brig Resistance.

IN SESSION, August 23.

Jonathan Woodworth, prize master of brigantine Honor, bound from Dartmouth, in England, to Newfoundland, taken by the Oliver Cromwell, Seth Harding, Esq., commander, on the 8th of July, 1777, in latitude 45, longitude 34, had safely arrived at Dartmouth, in New England. He reported the cargo to the Governor and Council as follows, viz. : 2 chests of tea, 15 hogsheads of porter, 1 case of linens,

8 barrels of pitch, 5 barrels of tar, 3 casks of leather and clothing, 50,000 pounds of bread and flour, 2 tons of cordage, 2 pipes of port wine, 120 barrels of pork, 120 barrels of beef, and 180 firkins of butter. A letter was sent by the Governor and Council to Samuel Elliot, Jr., Esq., agent of this State, to inform him of said prize, at Dartmouth, and gave him instructions relating to it.

An order was given to Ichabod Allen, of Sharon, to receive 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 pounds of flour, at Dartmouth, a part of the said cargo, for a like quantity of said Allen, in the care of William Bull, of Hartford.

A letter was written and forwarded to the Marine Board, respecting the continental ship-of-war, (then) building at Middletown, in this State, under the direction of Capt. John Cotton.

IN SESSION, August 23.

James Bull was appointed to make provision for the militia ordered to march and join and assist the northern army; was directed to save the hides and tallow of such cattle as he should purchase for said troops, for the use of the State; and to take care that the hides should be kept from spoiling, and the tallow tried, and cause them to be transported to Hartford, by the return teams and carriages that should go to transport the baggage of the troops to the army, unless he should find it best for the State to sell the same.

An order was drawn on Capt. Allen Stillman, in favor of James Bull, for 10 bushels of salt owned by the State, for the use of the militia of the State, on their march to join the northern army.

It was resolved, that orders be given to Marshfield Parsons, Esq., lieutenant colonel of the 3d regiment of militia in this State, to call out the militia of the town of Lyme, or such part of them from time to time, as should be thought necessary for the defence of said town against the incursion of the enemy on the sea coast, and to order them as would be most effectual, &c.

A letter was sent to Col. Ely, to order Capt. Collins, of his regiment, ordered to Lyme with his company, to return to New London.

IN SESSION, August 26.

Dr. John Endicott was appointed surgeon to the battalion of militia under Col. Thaddeus Cook, ordered to the northern army, under the command of Gen. Gates.

Nine barrels of flour in William Bull's hands were ordered sent to Saybrook, to Capt. John Cockran, to supply the guards there.

The committee of pay table were ordered to settle the accounts exhibited to them for procuring, collecting, and making cartridges for the militia of the State, when ordered into service.

Former warrants had been issued to the sheriffs of Hartford, New

Haven, and New London counties, to impress certain West India goods for the use of the State, which were suspended until further orders; and a resolution passed desiring the Governor to issue warrants and an order to the sheriffs of Hartford, New Haven, New London, Fairfield, and Litchfield counties, directing them to propose to the merchants in the several counties, to furnish the quantities of West India goods specified herein, in proportion to such goods as they should have, at a reasonable price as said sheriffs and merchants could agree, or as should be determined by two or three judicious freeholders elected by the parties; and if said merchants should not voluntarily furnish said goods; in such case said sheriffs were ordered to impress and take said quantities of West India goods in their respective counties, from any person in whose hands the same should be found, and have the same appraised by two or three judicious freeholders elected by the parties, or appointed by the next assistant or justice of the peace; and to make returns of their doings. The quantities and kinds of West India goods to be taken in the several counties were as follows, viz.: Hartford county, 10 hogsheads of rum, 20 of sugar, 40 of molasses, and 7,000 pounds of coffee; New Haven county, 4 hogsheads of rum, 10 of sugar, 20 of molasses, and 3,000 pounds of coffee; New London county, 6 hogsheads of rum, 10 of sugar, 20 of molasses, and 5,000 pounds of coffee; Fairfield county, 4 hogsheads of rum, 6 of sugar, and 2,000 pounds of coffee; Litchfield county, 4 hogsheads of rum, 6 of sugar, and 2,000 pounds of coffee. And it was provided, that in case the quantities aforesaid could be, and was supplied in manner aforesaid, that the suspended warrants should be recalled.

Benjamin Payne, Esq., was ordered to deliver to Capt. Abner Prior, for the use of Col. Bradley's regiment, all the shoes of the State, in his possession.

It was resolved, that the managers of Salisbury furnace, were empowered and ordered to exchange the pig iron in their custody, owned by the State, so far as necessary, for rum, sugar, molasses, salt, provisions, and other necessaries, to enable them to carry on said furnace and continue the blast.

It was voted for the time being, that 30 bushels of salt out of the salt at Hartford, imported by Capt. Allen Stillman, for the State; 2 hogsheads of molasses from Norwich, and 7 barrels of pork, (out of Thomas Mumford's pork in the hands of the commissary general,) should be sent to Salisbury, to the managers of the furnace.

IN SESSION, August 27.

The Governor was desired by the Council, to give orders to Col. William Worthington, and issue a warrant to enable him to reclaim a certain whale boat of this State, taken by one Tryon, of Wethersfield,

from Richard Dickinson, of Saybrook ; and retain the other whale boat owned by the State, and use them in the State service.

Dr. George Olcott was appointed physician and surgeon to the regiment of militia ordered to the northward, by the General Assembly, on the 13th of August, 1777.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) August 29.

A permit was given to Ebenezer Griffin, Jr., of Windham, to transport to Massachusetts or Providence, 10 head of fat cattle, 10 firkins of butter, and 2,000 pounds of cheese, in order to purchase salt and other West India goods.

The day was spent on sundry matters of consequence in consultation.

IN SESSION, August 30.

Complaint was made to Col. J. Lattimer, of the 3d regiment, that Elisha Fox, captain of the 13th company of militia in said regiment, had conducted badly in many respects ; that he was intemperate in the use of strong liquor ; had attempted to obtain a protection from Lord Howe, and unfriendly to the American States, and disobedient to his said colonel ; all which was laid before the Governor and Council. The Governor and Council suspended said Fox in his office, until the session of the Assembly, in October (then) next, and gave the command of said company to the lieutenant of said company.

A number of letters were written to the Governor of Rhode Island, and to the General Assembly of Massachusetts, giving intelligence of the good news from fort Stanwix, as well as the doings of the Assembly with regard to raising militia for the northern department.

David Luce, of Martha's Vineyard, had liberty to transport by water to said place, 20 barrels of rye flour, and 200 pounds of flax. Abisha Luce had liberty to transport to the same place, 12 barrels of rye flour, and 200 pounds of flax.

IN SESSION, September 1.

The principal part of the day was spent in writing letters to Congress, and to the westward.

Gen. Parsons came before the Governor and Council, and proposed the design of Gen. Putnam in an expedition to Long Island ; some consultation on the subject was had, and the further consideration deferred to the 2d of said September.

IN SESSION, September 2.

A commission was given by the Governor, to Peter Griffing, as a captain of a company of rangers, to guard the sea coast, sound, and

islands, on the coast of this State ; to make prisoners of such as he should take in arms against the States. Instructions were given said Griffing ; and the Board approved of said commission, and the bond given for his faithful observance of his instructions.

Orders were sent, in positive terms, to Lieut. Shipman, to afford the necessary assistance to Col. Worthington, in his expedition, and to suffer him to pass with boats, &c. by the fort at Saybrook, without molestation.

IN SESSION, September 4.

Capt. George Chase, of Martha's Vineyard, had a permit to transport by water to the island, 12 barrels of flour, and 100 pounds of cheese.

Orders were given to Capt. Jonathan Parker, in Col. Webb's regiment, in the continental service, by Gov. Trumbull, to enlist into any of the regiments of continental troops raised in Connecticut, any able bodied man for the term of three years or during the war, from the two battalions raised in this State for the defence of the sea coast and frontiers, under Col's. Enos and Ely, (with their £6 received as a premium,) as part of the £10 given by the State, to encourage the filling of the continental army ; and the officers of said two regiments aforesaid were ordered to aid Capt. Parker, or any other officer recruiting, and afford all needed encouragement to enlist said recruits.

An order was given to the selectmen of Stamford, on Samuel Elliot, Jr., Esq., agent for Connecticut, for 30 bushels of salt owned by the State.

IN SESSION, September 5.

An order was delivered to Maj. Hillhouse, on the pay table, for £99, in favor of Capt. Jonathan Chester, of Groton, in full for lands deeded to the Governor and Company of Connecticut, for the use of the fort, at Groton, (£15 having been before paid to him.)

An order of 19s. was given in favor of Ebenezer Bushnell, for several short journeys on public service.

At this critical juncture, when the forces of the enemy were scattered, vigorous exertion was required to dislodge them from their posts, and prevent their future designs and operations, and rescue the country from their hands ; every person who loved himself, his family, his country, and posterity, were called upon to exert themselves, and excite others to accomplish so desirable an end. It was therefore resolved, that the two battalions raised in this State for the defence of the sea coasts, frontiers, &c., should be filled to the number of 728 men each, inclusive of officers. And to encourage men to enlist into said

battalions agreeable to former enlistments, a bounty of £4 : 10, lawful money, with the same pay and wages, with the subsistence of others in said regiments, was offered, by furnishing themselves with arms and equipments, &c., as others before enlisted had done. And officers were sent out to procure such recruits, to complete the full complement for said companies.

James Parker, of Barnstable, who was a prisoner of war in this State, and who had been forced into the King's service, was ordered discharged by the Governor. It had been represented that said Parker, who had been taken by Maj. Meigs, on Long Island, in the service of Great Britain, and held as a prisoner of war in Willington, in this State, was forced into said service against his will; that he and his father were friendly to the States; that he was destitute of clothes; he therefore petitioned for liberty to return to said Barnstable, to his parents. He was therefore discharged, and permitted to return home.

Barnabas Payne, of Cornwall, was permitted to transport by land or water, 7 or 8 tons of wheat flour, to exchange for salt, in Massachusetts.

IN SESSION, September 6.

An order was drawn on Capt. William Hubbard, for 8 barrels of pork, in favor of Edward Hallam, commissary of Col. Ely's regiment. Also an order on Andrew Huntington, for 1 hogshead of New England rum, to be delivered to said Hallam.

Commissaries Fitch, Squire, and Hallam were ordered to reserve for the use of this State, the hides of the cattle butchered for the supply of the troops.

An order was given to the overseers of the furnace, at Salisbury, in favor of Lieut. Aaron Hawley, of Newfield, for fifty 3 pound round shot, and 100 weight of grape shot.

Joel Chamberlain was permitted to transport 2,000 pounds of cheese to Providence, in the State of Rhode Island.

Capt. J. Elderkin and Andrew Huntington, were each of them ordered to send a load of clothing to the commissary of supplies and refreshments.

IN SESSION, September 8.

Aaron Fuller was established a captain; Thomas Goodell, lieutenant, and Samuel Bull, ensign of the 7th company in the alarm list, in the 21st regiment of militia.

An order was given Capt. Cockran, on Capt. William Hubbard, for four barrels of pork.

IN SESSION, September 10.

Capt. Stephen Thorp, of Col. Enos' regiment, came before the Governor and Council, and offered to resign his commission, for the reason that his company was not full, and the command of so few men not superior to that of a lieutenant; which was accepted.

IN SESSION, September 11.

An order was drawn on the pay table for £56, in favor of Elisha Prior, of Groton, for one acre and a quarter of land, taken from him for the use of the fort at Groton.

Ansel M. Helm, of Goshen, in the State of New York, was permitted to transport 5 hogsheads of sugar, by water, from Norwich to Fairfield, and thence by land to Goshen; provided that Prosper Wetmore, sheriff of New London, had not seized the same, or any part thereof, for the use of this State; and to endorse upon the permit, that said sheriff had no demands upon said sugar; and if any, to certify what part, and the remainder to be carried to Goshen.

Solomon Lee applied to the Governor and Council, and stated, that he had undertaken as a teamster for the State, and he was absent with his team, with a load of powder to Farmington, and on his return found he was detached to march with the troops in the 3d regiment of horse, to join the northern army; when he hired a substitute, and gave him 40s. per month more than his wages allowed; and continued his business with his teaming to Providence and Dartmouth, in the State's, and the United States' service; and on his again returning home, on the 8th of September, 1777, found that his substitute, on a better offer from a man at Norwich, at 50s. per month, had engaged to go for him in said service; and that his place was vacant, and the troops had marched; and asked the Governor and Council, for these reasons, to excuse him from going after said troops. He was excused from the tour of duty.

Nathaniel Bingham, of Canterbury, was appointed issuing commissary of supplies and refreshments to Col. Durkee's regiment, in the place of John Fitch, resigned.

A permit was given to Capt. William Punchard, to ship from New Haven, on board his boat, to Massachusetts Bay, to exchange for salt, for the use of the inhabitants of this State, 5 barrels of wheat flour, 25 barrels of rye flour, 10 barrels of beef, 150 bushels of rye and corn, 400 pounds of cheese, and 300 pounds of flax.

The Governor and Council had been informed, by Ensign John Smith, in Capt. E. Lathrop's company, in Col. Lattimer's regiment, that several persons belonging to said regiment, who had been drafted to

join said Lathrop's company in the northern army, had refused to march as ordered:—Therefore, the Governor, as Captain General, ordered Col. Abbott to convene such persons as had refused as aforesaid, and hear and examine their reasons for such refusal, and with the advice of his lieutenant colonel and major to excuse such, whose reasons should be judged sufficient, and to assist said ensign, with sufficient guards, to carry to camp, those whose reasons should be found insufficient to excuse them, if such guards should be necessary.

Capt. Christopher Mordenbrugh moved the Governor and Council for a flag of truce, to carry his family and his household furniture, &c., to St. Kitts. He was encouraged that his request should be granted.

IN SESSION, September 12.

Capt. Jabez Perkins, agent for the officers and crew of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, for the captor's part of the chest of bohea tea taken in a prize by said ship, and sent into Dartmouth, then in store at Lebanon. It was resolved, that one-third part of the tea in said chest should be delivered to said agent, for the use of the captors, as part of their share in said prize.

It was resolved, that each town in the State should be requested, as soon as might be, to convene and make provision as should appear best, to procure immediately, one shirt or more if they saw fit, either linen or woolen, one hunting shirt or frock, one pair of woolen overalls, one or two pair of stockings, and one pair of shoes for each non-commissioned officer and soldier in the continental army, who belonged to such towns, and deliver the same to Elijah Hubbard and Royal Flint, superintending commissaries for this State, and by them delivered to the issuing commissaries of the battalions of the continent, raised in Connecticut, and by them delivered to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers at the following prices, viz. : shoes at 8s. 6d. ; stockings at 6s. ; shirts, hunting frocks and overalls, according to the quality, in proportion to good yard wide tow cloth at 2s. 9d. per yard, one yard wide check or striped flannel at 3s. 6d. per yard. That the issuing commissaries pay into the treasury of the State, such sums as they should receive on the sale of said clothing ; and the selectmen of each town should transmit to the Assembly, in October, an account of said clothing delivered to said commissaries, and be paid for the same as said Assembly should determine. The towns to see the same properly packed and marked, with an invoice of the same. The boxes for Mr. Hubbard, to be sent to Middletown, and those for Mr. Flint, to Peekskill ; to be conveyed by the commissaries in carriages owned by the State, to the Connecticut battalions ; with liberty given to such as

wished, to send to their friends in the army, to put up such articles as they should think proper, and mark and direct the same, and put in the general package, to be delivered to whom directed.

An order on the pay table was given in favor of Gen. Jabez Huntington, for money advanced by him, for the sum of £103 : 10 : 9.

An order was drawn on the pay table in favor of Benjamin Huntington, Esq., for sums advanced, and his trouble in settling Capt. William Coit's account, for the sum of £23 : 14 : 6.

Maj. William Hillhouse produced a receipt of £13 : 10 for a horse and saddle sold, owned by a tory by the name of John Shepard, a transient person.

IN SESSION, September 13.

Capt. John Deshon was ordered to send one half the salt which arrived in the sloop Catherine, at New London, to Mr. Andrew Huntington, at Norwich ; and to store the other half in some safe place in New London, and discharge the sloop. (The whole quantity of salt about 900 bushels.)

IN SESSION, September 19.

It was voted, that 213 gallons of rum, the property of Martin Fosborough, 55½ gallons of rum, owned by Josiah Grant, Jr., and 108 gallons owned by Thomas Sheldon, which had been seized by Lynd Lord, sheriff of Litchfield county, by a warrant dated the 25th day of August, 1777, for the use of this State, should be released to the owners.

An order on the pay table was drawn in favor of Lynd Lord, Esq., for £100, towards the expense of the guard placed over Gov. Franklin, September 19, 1777.

Mary Vose, a resident in Colchester, the wife of Henry Vose, of Nova Scotia, then a soldier in a continental battalion from Rhode Island, stated to the Governor and Council, that she was destitute of the means of subsistence ; that she had with her three sons of the same birth, nine months old, by the names of John Hancock, George Washington, and Charles Lee. The Governor and Council sent a letter to the selectmen of Colchester, to provide said Mary all necessary subsistence, over and above her earnings and what might be provided by her husband, and lay their account before said Board.

IN SESSION, September 20.

It was voted, that Mrs. Ketchum's family and furniture was permitted to be exchanged for Mrs. Ritchie, wife of William Ritchie, of the State of New York, and his family, who were at Cow Neck, on Long

Island, and her household furniture ; and Gen. Silliman was directed to send a flag of truce for that purpose, at the expense of Mrs. Ketchum and Mrs. Ritchie.

William Ritchie of the State of New York, was permitted to transport out of this State, by land or water, 13 hogsheads of rum. Also Peletiah Webster to transport 5,000 pounds of sugar to Pennsylvania.

J. Huntington, sheriff, and Nathaniel Hubbard, gaoler at Windham, Windham county, exhibited their charges for the guard kept at the said gaol. The keeping the guard was approved, and referred to the pay table for settlement.

Mr. David Trumbull was desired to pay Jabez Huntington, Esq., £658 : 10 : 2, out of the continental money in his hands, and receive of him an order drawn by the pay table committee on the 23d of August, 1777, on the Treasurer of the State for that sum, endorsed over by said Huntington.

It was voted, that the sum of £9 : 17 : 7 should be paid by J. Huntington, Esq., to Thomas Lee and others, of Pomfret, for the interest of a sum due them from the State, for rum and coffee taken from them by warrants, for the use of the army. An order was drawn for the same.

It was voted, that Gen. Silliman should be directed to procure an exchange of Buchanan, Chadague, and one citizen to be furnished by the commissioner of prisoners in this State, for Samuel Parsons, Hudson English, and David Lyon, taken off by the enemy at Compo.

It was voted, that an order be given to Messrs. Henshaw & Whiting to receive of Mr. David Trumbull, at his store in Bolton, 8 barrels of

Expense of the Revolutionary War paid by Connecticut.

Account expended by the State of Connecticut for carrying on the war of the Revolution, was

£6,059,859 : 06 : 03¼, equal to - - - - - \$20,199,531 05

Paid to the State by the Gen. Government,

£733,703 : 17 : 11, equal to - - - - - \$2,445,679 65

£5,326,155 : 08 : 04¼ \$17,753,851 40

Leaving a balance in favor of the State at the close of the war, of seventeen millions seven hundred and fifty-three thousand eight hundred and fifty-one dollars and forty cents : from which take the State's quota, and the remainder was funded at 2½ cents on the dollar.

Mr. Huntington, the comptroller of this State in 1834, devoted three months at least, in ascertaining the amount above ; which computation does not include the immense expense borne by towns and individuals, which were never paid by the State or the United States.

pork ; and to receive of Elijah Hubbard, of Middletown, 1 hogshead of New England rum, for the furnace at Salisbury.

David Trumbull was desired to send an ox team to Boston, to bring to Connecticut a hogshead of shoes, and such other articles as should be ordered.

IN SESSION, September 22.

The brig Defence, in the port at Boston, was ordered to be rigged into a ship.

Samuel Elliot, Jr., of Boston, agent for Connecticut, was ordered to provide sufficient spars, rigging, and duck, for rigging the brig Defence into a ship, (the property of this State.)

IN SESSION, September 23.

The General Assembly, on the 13th day of August, 1777, resolved to raise a regiment by voluntary enlistment, to serve in the northern department, or elsewhere ; and appointed Samuel McLellan, colonel ; Noah Phelps, lieutenant colonel ; and Bezaleel Beebe, major of said regiment ; and resolved, that the Governor and Council should have power to give all necessary orders for raising the same, if necessary, in the recess of the General Assembly. It was therefore resolved, by the Governor and Council, that one regiment should be raised to serve in Rhode Island or parts adjacent, to consist of nine companies of 90 men each, the officers included, to be commanded by the officers aforesaid ; and to continue in service 31 days from the time they should arrive at the place of general rendezvous, unless sooner dismissed ; with the same wages, pay, &c., as were allowed to the continental troops raised in Connecticut ; and a bounty of 48s. allowed to non-commissioned officers and soldiers, if they provided themselves with blankets and knapsacks ; and a further bounty of 4s. to such as provided themselves with cartouch boxes and bayonet belts.

A permit was given to Benjamin Walworth, of Goshen, in the State of New York, to carry from Hartford to said Goshen, 36 bushels of salt he purchased at Martha's Vineyard.

An order was given on Elderkin & Wales for 300 pounds of powder, to be delivered to the selectmen of New London, to supply the town stock, and the selectmen made accountable.

IN SESSION, September 24.

Elizur Burnham, of Pittsfield, in Massachusetts, was permitted to transport from Norwich to said Pittsfield, one hogshead of West India rum.

An order was drawn on Capt. Russel Woodbridge, to deliver to

Maj. Samuel Nichols, of Philadelphia, 10 chests of continental arms in said Woodbridge's custody, brought from Springfield.

David Trumbull, Esq., was desired to forward for the supply of the militia from Connecticut in the northern army, 5 hogshead of New England rum, and so much sugar as would make loads for three ox teams, and deliver the same to Col's. Cook and Lattimer.

Lieut. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs was appointed colonel of a regiment of continental troops raised in Connecticut, in the place of Col. William Douglass, deceased. (Certificate delivered to Maj. Holding.)

The General Assembly had directed that a recruiting officer to enlist men for the continental army, and to take up and secure deserters, should be appointed in each of the brigades of militia in the State; and directed the Governor and Council to appoint such officers, and affix their place of rendezvous for said recruits in each brigade. The Governor and Council therefore resolved, that Maj. James Lockwood was appointed a recruiting officer in the limits of the 1st brigade, Capt. Miles Johnson in the 2d, Capt. Jeremiah Halsey in the 3d, Maj. Elijah Abell in the 4th, Maj. John Ripley in the 5th, and Maj. Bezaleel Beebe in the 6th brigade of militia in this State; and that the town of Wethersfield, in the 1st brigade, Wallingford in the 2d, Preston in the 3d, Fairfield in the 4th, Windham in the 5th, and Litchfield in the 6th, were appointed the places of rendezvous in said brigades.

IN SESSION, September 25.

Col. John Ely was empowered by the Governor and Council, to raise a company of 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, and 50 non-commissioned officers and privates, to serve as watermen, and by land in the expedition against Rhode Island; with the same pay, subsistence, and refreshments as was allowed the continental troops raised in Connecticut, with 48s. bounty, for such as provided their own blankets and knapsacks; and 4s. for a gun and bayonet; also 4s. for such as provided their own cartouch boxes and bayonet belts.

It was voted, that a lieutenant and 24 privates, with other suitable officers, should be detached from the matross companies at New London and Groton, to proceed with the wrought iron field pieces, at Norwich, with suitable horses and harnesses, from New London to the State of Rhode Island, and to assist in the descent upon the island of Rhode Island, under the command of Col. John Ely; and Col. Ely was ordered to make such detachment accordingly.

An order of £1,000 was given by the pay table on the Treasurer, in favor of Col. Ely, for the use of the regiment under his command.

The Governor was desired by the Council to order the prisoners

taken by Capt. Seth Harding, in the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, in the service of this State, in the prize ship *Weymouth*, and in the prize brigantine *Honor*, to be sent, under proper guards, to Connecticut and kept, to be disposed of for the redemption of the subjects of the State in the hands of the enemy.

The Governor and Council approved of the conduct of Capt. Harding in discharging a part of the crew of the *Oliver Cromwell*. And the Governor and Council desired his Excellency to order Capt. Harding to discharge as many of the mariners and marines who belonged to said ship as could be conveniently spared, reserving enough to refit said ship, and prepare her for another cruise. His Excellency was also desired to order the *Oliver Cromwell* refitted, graved, and prepared for sea, with all convenient despatch.

An order of £810 was drawn for Col. Samuel McLellan, to be by him delivered to the captains in the regiment then ordered to be raised under his command, and by said captains paid to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers who should enlist, at 20s. each, in advance.

Seth Grosvenor was appointed captain ; Elisha Downer, 1st lieutenant ; Isaac Hyde, 2d lieutenant ; and Robert Sessions, ensign of a company in a regiment then ordered to be raised, and under the command of Col. S. McLellan.

Ebenezer Witter, Jr. was appointed captain ; Alpheus Chapman, 1st lieutenant ; Moses Porter, 2d lieutenant ; and Jonas Morgan, ensign of said company, under Col. McLellan. Also, William Lyon, captain ; Jacob Dresser, 1st lieutenant ; Isacher Bates, 2d lieutenant of another company. Also, Abner Robinson, captain ; Samuel Campbell, 1st lieutenant ; Joseph Coy, 2d lieutenant ; and Abijah Fuller, ensign of a company. Aaron Austin, captain ; James Clark, 1st lieutenant ; Titus Bunnel, 2d lieutenant. Isaac Gallup, captain ; Reuben Hewit, 1st lieutenant ; Libbeus Chapman, 2d lieutenant ; and George Gallup, ensign. John Vaughan, captain ; John Tennant, 1st lieutenant ; Durius Waterman, 2d lieutenant ; and Abraham Bliss, ensign. Israel Converse, captain ; Oliver Hubbard, 1st lieutenant ; Timothy Wadsworth, 2d lieutenant ; and John Lathrop, ensign. Amasa Mills, captain ; Abraham Wright, 1st lieutenant ; Benjamin Holcomb, 2d lieutenant ; and George Wolcott, ensign, in the companies in a battalion ordered raised under the command of Col. McLellan.

IN SESSION, September 26.

A permit was given to Dennis Sweeny, with two others, to pass through this State with 8 hogsheads of sugar, on the way to Philadelphia, from Boston.

Jonathan Nichols, of Mansfield, was permitted to transport by land to Boston, 800 pounds of rye flour, 600 pounds of wheat flour, 400 pounds of cheese, and 200 pounds of butter, to exchange for iron and steel. Also a permit given to Stephen Brigham, of Mansfield, to transport to Boston, to exchange for salt, 1 ton of wheat flour, 1 ton of rye flour, 1,400 pounds of cheese, and 600 pounds of butter. Also a permit given to Nathaniel Williams and Stephen Brigham, to drive to Boston 40 fat cattle, and 250 fat sheep.

It was voted, that Maj. Gen. Huntington should be desired to cause to be made up 15,000 musket cartridges, fitted to the new French arms provided for the use of the continental army, and pack them in bunches of 18 cartridges each, and lodge them in some safe place in the town of Plainfield.

The small arms from Springfield, then in Lebanon, were ordered examined, cleansed, repaired, branded, and fitted for immediate use.

The selectmen of Milford, shewed the Governor and Council, that the company at the post at Milford, was destitute of a commissioned officer, and that more men were needed there. Therefore, Capt. Benjamin Hine was appointed to take the command at the fort at Milford, in the rank and pay of a lieutenant; and to enlist six men in addition to the number then on duty there; to continue in service until the 1st day of January, 1778; to keep up necessary guards, and employ the men in the fortification as constant as might be.

Nehemiah Brainard was established captain; William Smith, lieutenant; and Nathan Tyler, ensign of the 3d alarm list company, in the 7th regiment of militia.

Christopher Brown was established captain, and Joshua Whitford, ensign of the 6th military company, in Stonington, in the 8th regiment of militia.

Elderkin & Wales were directed to deliver to Capt. Daniel Tyler, of Pomfret, 25 pounds of cannon powder, to prove the field pieces at said Pomfret. The order delivered to Uriah Holt.

Brig. Gen. John Douglass was appointed to take the command of the troops raised, and ordered on an expedition to Rhode Island.

IN SESSION, September 27.

A permit was granted to Andrew Craig, of Voluntown, to transport by land, to Bedford, in Massachusetts, 1 ton of cheese, and 500 pounds of butter, to exchange for salt. Also a permit was given to Benjamin Henshaw, to transport from this State to the West Indies, 40 barrels of flour, in the schooner Elizabeth. Also a permit was given to Thomas Lewis, of Norwich, to transport by land, to Providence, 70 bushels of oats, to exchange for salt.

Liberty was given to Benjamin Henshaw, to purchase of the managers of Salisbury furnace, 6 swivel guns for his own use.

Elijah Hubbard, Esq., was directed to deliver to Benjamin Henshaw, one hogshead of New England rum, for the use of the furnace at Salisbury.

The Governor was desired by his Council, to give orders to Gen. Tyler, to detach from his brigade, 1 lieutenant colonel, 3 captains, 4 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, and 330 men, including non-commissioned officers, to serve until the 15th day of November, 1777, unless sooner discharged. And to direct the lieutenant colonel, 2 captains, 2 lieutenants, and 2 ensigns, with 200 men, with a proper proportion of non-commissioned officers included, to take post in and about fort Trumbull, at New London; 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, and 1 ensign, with 100 men, including non-commissioned officers, as aforesaid, to take post at Groton fort; and 1 lieutenant, with 30 men, including officers as aforesaid, to take post at Stonington; and to direct the commanding officer to carry on the works at the fortifications at New London and Groton, in the best manner he could.

Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., was appointed to provide eight ox teams to transport the baggage of Col. Ely's regiment from Groton, to such part of Rhode Island as said Ledyard should direct; and procure continental provisions for them for 8 days, and if he could not otherwise provide for them, to call on Andrew Huntington, of Norwich. And Andrew Huntington was directed to deliver said provisions to said Ledyard, for the supply of said troops. Said Huntington was also desired to distil 20 hogsheads of the molasses in the custody of Capt. Perkins, owned by this State, into New England rum.

IN SESSION, September 29.

Nathaniel Backus, Jonathan Lester, and Joshua Norman, of Norwich, with the consent of Capt. Robert Niles, commander of the armed schooner *Spy*, were appointed to appraise the sloop *Dolphin* and appurtenances, (then) lately taken by Capt. Niles, on a cruise on board said schooner against the British.

John Ripley was appointed major of brigade, to the brigade under Brig. Gen. Douglass in the intended expedition to Rhode Island.

IN SESSION, September 30.

Permission was given to Capt. William Coit, to transport by land, to the State of Massachusetts, 25 barrels of flour, and 8 or 10 fat oxen.

It was voted, that Capt. Robert Niles' account for wages of his officers and crew of the armed schooner *Spy*, provisions, and repairs, &c., should be referred to the committee of pay table for adjustment,

&c. Capt. Niles had received of Mr. Sherman, \$750 out of \$1,000 granted by Congress, to be accounted for by Mr. Sherman. The last balance to said Niles was paid by an order on Prosper Wetmore, Esq., of New London, and one other order on said Wetmore for £100.

The Governor with the advice of the Council of Safety, ordered John Shipman, Esq., lieutenant at the fort at Saybrook, to immediately raise by voluntary enlistment, 20 able bodied men, to serve as a guard at the fort at Saybrook, until the 30th day of November, 1777, unless sooner discharged; to be entitled to the same wages, &c., as the continental troops were; and in case he could not raise them by enlistment, to advise the Governor thereof, that further orders might be had. The order was sent to Col. Ely, and forwarded to Lieut. Shipman by him.

Mr. Elliot was appointed surgeon's mate in the battalion under Col. John Ely.

The Governor and Council approved of the orders of Gen. Silliman, for the marching of one-fourth part of the 4th and 9th regiments of militia, to rendezvous at Horse Neck, under the command of Col. John Mead and Maj. Abel, for the defence of the adjacent country.

A permit was given to the selectmen of Norfolk, to transport to Boston, 2,000 pounds of flour, to be exchanged for salt.

The Governor was desired by the Council, to issue orders to Brig. Gen. Erastus Wolcott, forthwith, to draft from the 1st brigade in the State, 300 able bodied men, including officers, and cause them to be well equipped, with arms, &c. And to issue orders to Brig. Gen. A. Ward, forthwith, to draft 300 like men, including proper officers, from the 2d brigade in this State, and cause them to be equipped, with arms, &c. And the brigadier generals were directed to form them into one regiment, and give orders for them to march, with all convenient speed, to Peekskill, to act in conjunction with the continental troops under Maj. Gen. Putnam, for the defence of this and the United States; to be held in said service two months after their arrival at Peekskill, unless sooner discharged. And Brig. Gen. Wolcott was to be directed to give orders to one colonel and one major in his brigade, to march with and take the command in said battalion. And that Gen. Ward should give orders to one lieutenant colonel of his brigade, to march with and take command as lieutenant colonel of said battalion.

Benjamin Huntington, Esq., was appointed to receive the journals of this Board, and to collect accounts of all the articles proper therefor, as soon as might be, and provide himself needful assistance.

IN SESSION, October 3.

Sarg't. Elihu Avery was appointed lieutenant fire worker in Maj.

William Ledyard's company of artillery in the State service, instead of Lieut. Latham, deceased.

Andrew Huntington, Esq., was directed to deliver one hogshead of New England rum to William Ledyard, Esq., commissary at Groton, and one hogshead of New England rum to Edward Hallam, at New London, for the troops there.

It was resolved, that orders should be given to Brig. Gen. Douglass, to march on Monday (then) next, to Providence, and there put himself under the command of Maj. Gen. Spencer. (Order given October 4th, 1777.)

A resolution passed for Col. Ely's direction to march at the same time to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, by the route directed by Gen. Spencer, and place himself and his regiment under Maj. Gen. Spencer. (Order given October 4th, 1777.)

It was resolved, that the service of those who enlisted into Col. McLellan's regiment, should be considered to them as a tour of duty.

A company of artillery of 34 men, including officers, were ordered to be raised within the 20th regiment of militia, in this State. The non-commissioned officers and privates to be raised by voluntary enlistment; to exercise the field pieces, mounted on carriages in Norwich, and to manage them in case of invasion or attack by the enemy, and be subject to the orders of the Captain General, and their other superior officers, and the field officers of said regiment; and excused from all other military duty while continued in said company. The Governor and Council to appoint the captain and lieutenant; the other officers of said company to be appointed by the company, and to fill future vacancies also. Jacob Dewitt was appointed captain, and Isaac Abel was appointed lieutenant of said company. The Governor was desired to grant them their commissions, and give orders accordingly.

Voted, to give an order on J. Lawrence, Esq., treasurer, for 500 pounds of powder, to prove cannon at Salisbury furnace. Delivered to Mr. Henshaw.

Voted, to give an order on Mr. David Trumbull, to deliver Benjamin Henshaw 5 barrels of pork, and 2 barrels of beef, for the same number delivered to the overseers of the furnace.

David Trumbull was directed to deliver to Mr. Nathaniel Wales, 32½ pounds of ten penny nails, at a reasonable price.

Orders were given to Brig. Gen.'s Erastus Wolcott, Andrew Ward, and G. S. Silliman, to forward the detachments ordered from their brigades to Peekskill, under the command of Gen. Silliman, with all possible despatch, without regard to fines. Similar orders were given to the colonel commandant of Gen. Oliver Wolcott's brigade. The above orders were given by an application from Gen. Putnam, by Col. Root, who represented to the Governor and Council, the preparations

and disposition of the enemy at New York, to be such as threatened an attack upon them at Peekskill soon. (Orders were given to Col. McLellan as on file.

IN SESSION, October 4.

Orders were given by the Governor, to Gen. Douglass and Col. McLellan, respecting their march to Gen. Spencer's head quarters.

Benjamin Huntington was applied to by the sheriff and gaol keeper, John Barney, Jr., for flour to support the prisoners in gaol, and those taken by Capt. Seth Harding; and stated they could not possibly obtain flour from the farmers; and that the prisoners in gaol had suffered with hunger for want of bread; and he had presumed to give an order on Elijah Lathrop, to deliver to said Barney, two barrels of the public flour in his hands, (as loaned to be replaced in a short time.)

IN SESSION, (at Hartford) October 13.

David Trumbull was directed to settle the accounts and expenses of bringing into this State, Capt. William Judd, of the Antelope, Capt. Flinn, of the Weymouth, with the other prisoners taken in the Weymouth, by Capt. Harding in the ship Oliver Cromwell, and pay said expenses. And that said Trumbull should be reimbursed such sum as he should so pay, from the public treasury.

IN SESSION, October 15.

Capt. Robert Niles was directed to borrow of Maj. Joshua Huntington, a suitable stick for a mast for the sloop Dolphin, and a similar stick provided and delivered to said Huntington in return.

The Governor was desired to give a letter of credit of £5,000 sterling, to purchase articles for the use of this State, agreeable to such instructions as should be given Capt. Niles for that purpose.

The committee of pay table were directed to draw an order on the Treasurer of this State, in favor of Roger Sherman, Esq., for the sum of \$750; which sum had been loaned at Philadelphia, April 5th, 1777, of said Sherman, by Capt. R. Niles, to purchase flour for this State.

The managers of the Salisbury furnace were directed to hire eight teams for the use of said furnace, and pay for them as they should judge best for the State. Col. Charles Burrall was directed to order such guard as he should judge necessary for the security of the furnace at Salisbury, and to give such orders as should be necessary for their regulation and the security of the furnace, until further orders.

Mr. David Trumbull was directed to deliver to the managers of Salisbury furnace, all the woolen cloth, and one half of the flannel and baize in his hands, taken by the vessels of war owned by this State, to be improved by said managers for the workmen at the furnace. The

said managers were directed to cast a quantity of grape shot, at their discretion.

Benjamin Huntington, Esq., was directed to fit the schooner *Spy*, of this State, for sea.

Zebediah Smith, of Norwich, was appointed lieutenant and commander of the schooner *Spy*; and was ordered to enlist a suitable number of seamen and marines for cruising in Long Island sound, and to take the command of said schooner and proceed on a cruise, until some person should be appointed captain of her.

IN SESSION, October 17.

Orders were given to Gen. Erastus Wolcott, on the selectmen of Windsor, for 400 pounds of lead in their hands, owned by the State, to be made into cartridges; and an order on Elderkin & Wales for 300 pounds of gun powder, to be made into cartridges for his brigade.

Jabez Hamlin and Titus Hosmer, Esq's., were appointed by the Governor and Council to treat with Mrs. Mary Alsop and Mr. Nathaniel Shailer, upon the terms on which they would sell or loan their gin still, worm and works in Chatham, and report to the Board.

IN SESSION, October 20.

Ebenezer Jewit, of Norwich, was permitted to carry out of this State, one load of grain, to consist of one half oats, not to exceed £15, to purchase dye stuff.

Capt. J. Perkins, of Norwich, was directed to pay to Benjamin Huntington, Esq., £100 of the public money in his hands, for advanced wages of the crew to be shipped on board the *Spy*, and other necessary purposes for fitting said schooner for sea.

Capt. William Hubbard was directed to deliver to Benjamin Huntington, Esq., two barrels of pork said Hubbard owed the State, for the use of the schooner *Spy*.

Mrs. Phebe Halsted was permitted to go to the city of New York with her family and effects, under the directions of the Governor. Mrs. Elizabeth F...h, at Norwalk, was permitted to go to the city of New York; also Sarah Cowdry was permitted to go to her parents, in the city of New York, to get her support, and remain there, under the directions of the Governor.

Upon the petition of Capt. John Longstreet, Capt. Garrit Keating, John Barberiff, Capt. John Whrockmorton, William Patterson, Surgeon John Prolias, Ensign Charles Stockton, prisoners of war, prayed the Governor and Council for liberty for one of them to go to the city of New York, to procure clothing and other necessary articles for them, and procure an exchange of one of the United States' officers there, as the Governor might direct. It was voted, that either of said captains,

as they should agree, might go to the city of New York for the purposes aforesaid, on his parole to return, and not give any intelligence, or prejudice the United States; and that the captain who should go, should be at liberty to procure his exchange for Capt. Caleb Trowbridge, of this State, then a prisoner at New York, under such directions as the Governor should give.

IN SESSION, October 22.

Samuel Elliot, Jr., Esq., of Boston, in Massachusetts, was appointed agent for Connecticut, in all maritime affairs, vessels of war, and captures of the enemy's vessels, &c., in Massachusetts. The Governor was desired to send him a commission for said purpose.

IN SESSION, October 23.

Consulted about the gin distillery, as to the best method for the State to manage it, and adjourned.

IN SESSION, October 24.

Voted, to refer the matter relative to taking the gin distillery into the use of the State, to the General Assembly.

Voted, to refer the matter as to the two bolts of duck, taken from Mr. Saltonstall, for them to determine the price.

Mr. Elijah Hubbard was directed to deliver to the overseers of the lead mines, 400 pounds of wheat flour, to replace what had been borrowed for the miners; and to supply them with so much flour as they might need, to supply said miners.

It was resolved, that John Lawrence, Esq., Treasurer of this State, should be directed to receive of Thomas Mumford, Esq., agent of the secret committee of Congress, the money for 8,640 pounds of gun powder, at 5s. 4d. per pound, in part of what this State loaned the United States at the request of Gen. Washington, when at Cambridge, in 1775-6.

The Council consulted further on the subject of the distillery; about the prisoners going to New York; and with the commissary of continental prisoners, about his erecting barracks in this State, for the purposes of the war.

IN SESSION, October 28.

Several petitions for permits were referred to the General Assembly.

IN SESSION, October 29.

Thomas Mumford, Esq. was directed to examine the state and circumstances of a certain large prize ship, then in New London harbor, whether she was fit to be used as a prize ship, and if so, to treat with

the owner of her, for the purchase or hire of her for that purpose ; get his terms, and report to the Board, with his opinion of the ship, as soon as might be.

IN SESSION, October 30.

An order was drawn in favor of Maj. Nathaniel Saltonstall, for £300, for the matross company under his command.

Elderkin & Wales were requested to send 500 pounds of powder to the care of Gen. Huntington ; 300 pounds for N. Saltonstall, and 200 pounds for Maj. William Ledyard, for the use of the forts at New London and Groton.

Capt. John Barnes, of Middletown, was appointed an issuing commissary for this State.

Benjamin Huntington, Esq. was appointed to settle the expense that had arisen on the sloop *Dolphin*, taken by Capt. Robert Niles, viz. : the expense of the trial and otherwise, and the cargo of wood, and what was due the captors, and whether an appeal had been taken, and report to the Governor and Council.

It was voted, that the following towns should have orders to receive their proportions of State salt, at Dartmouth, viz. : New Haven, 138 bushels ; Milford, 35 ; Branford, 34 ; Guilford, 48 ; Killingworth, 33 ; Saybrook, 44 ; Lyme, 68 bushels.

Edward Hallam, commissary of our troops stationed at New London, had liberty to receive 20 bushels of the State salt, in the store of Capt. Deshon, at New London, for the use of said troops.

The Governor gave an order to the selectmen of Norfolk, on Doolittle & Co., for 100 pounds of musket powder. (Order delivered to Mr. Walter.)

IN SESSION, October 31.

An order was given to the selectmen of Norwalk, to receive of Samuel Elliot, Jr., 73 bushels of State salt, at Dartmouth. An order also to the selectmen of Greenwich, for 46½ bushels of salt, to be received at Dartmouth, of Mr. Elliot. The two last orders were delivered to Col. Davenport. The orders for Branford and New Haven, were delivered to Roger Sherman, Esq., with an order for the selectmen in each case to pay storage.

IN SESSION, November 3.

It was resolved, that at least one-half of the cannon at the foundry, at Salisbury, should be exchanged for West India goods, cloths, or other imported articles necessary for the army ; and the remainder in bills of credit of this State or the United States. The cannon to be

sold at the price sold for last year, and the articles received in payment at the prices fixed by law.

The Treasurer of the State was ordered to deliver to the overseers of the cannon foundry, at Salisbury, 400 pounds of cannon powder, for use there.

The overseers of the cannon foundry, at Salisbury, were ordered not to dispose of any more pig iron than what they had engaged, unless on special orders given.

Mrs. Glin, the wife of the (then) late contractor, was permitted to go to New York in a flag ship; and Peggy, the wife of Mr. Henry, and her two children; and Polly Bane and three children, were permitted to return to New York in flags, and the Governor was desired to give necessary orders.

IN SESSION, November 4.

An order was given in favor of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., commissary to provide for the troops at Groton, for the sum of £1,500, lawful money, to provide for said troops; with an order to receive 15 bushels of salt of Capt. Deshon.

It was resolved, that Col. Marshfield Parsons should be directed to dismiss the militia under his command, stationed at New London and Groton, and parts adjacent, as soon as Col. Ely should return with his regiment to their post. And the Governor was desired to give said order.

It was voted, that the Governor should be desired to give liberty to such persons of other States, to trade by water in small boats, in salt and other necessaries wanted in this State, for the produce of this State, that the Governor should think could be reasonably spared, at legal prices.

An order was delivered by the pay table, in favor of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., to Jonathan Ledyard, for £1,500; and another on Capt. Deshon, for 15 bushels of salt.

An order was sent by Jonathan Ledyard, to Lieut. Col. Marshfield Parsons, to disband the militia under his command.

The committee of pay table were ordered to liquidate the account for postage of the Governor for letters, &c.; and draw on the Treasurer for the same in favor of the post master.

It was represented to the Board, by a deputy commissary of prisoners for the United States, that there was a convenient place at Enfield, in this State, for keeping continental prisoners of war; that he could procure of Isaac Kibbe, a convenient house and land for that purpose, which would require some barracks and a yard to enclose it, with

pickets ; and wished advice of the Governor and Council. The Governor and Council were of opinion that the place was a proper place for said purpose, as pine boards and timber were near, and approved of the object.

IN SESSION, November 5.

It was voted, that the committee of pay table should settle the account of Capt. Ebenezer Bartram, for the balance due him for his service on board the Brig Defence, according to the common usage, and draw on the Treasurer of the State for the balance.

Lieut. Col. Thomas Seymour, of the light horse, in this State, was directed by the Governor and Council to send forward twelve of the light horse of the 1st regiment of light horse, with a proper officer, to Gen. Parsons, to be under his command for the term of two months.

The pay table were directed to settle with Elderkin & Wales for guarding the magazine of powder and salt petre, at Windham, at 12s. per day from the 9th of June, 1777, to the 5th of November, 1777 ; and draw on the Treasurer of the State for the balance.

Nathaniel Hubbard was allowed £18 : 7 : 3½ for the balance for supporting John Shepard in gaol.

An order was drawn in favor of John Trumbull, printer, for £10 : 1 for the balance of his account for printing for the State.

Capt. Isaac Bidwell, of Farmington, was permitted to carry to the State of New York, 20 bushels of salt, to exchange for iron.

The committee of pay table were directed to settle the account of Capt. Seth Harding, for the officers and crew on board the ship Oliver Cromwell, owned by the State, and to draw on the State Treasurer for the balance due said Harding and crew.

Alexander Cutler, of Litchfield, was permitted to carry out of this State, butter and cheese sufficient to purchase three tons of iron, for the use of the inhabitants of this State.

It was voted, (on the 4th of November) that Maj. Gen. Jabez Huntington, Brig. Gen. Erastus Wolcott, and Nathaniel Wales, Jr., Esq., were appointed to repair to Providence, in Rhode Island, and there join such gentlemen as should be appointed by the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to enquire into the reasons and causes of the failure of the expedition formed against the island of Rhode Island, agreeable to the request of Maj. Gen. Spencer in his letters to the Governor, and make their report to the Governor. (Commissioned by the Governor.)

Col. Joseph Trumbull was appointed commissary general of this State, to purchase beef and pork for the use of the State ; provided, if

he did not undertake the duty before the Council should meet, the Governor was desired to appoint some other person.

An order was given to Chauncey Whittlesey of £33 : 5 : 10, for his balance as commissary to provide clothing.

The commissary general of this State, was directed to purchase salt, &c., for putting up provisions, under such directions as the Governor and Council should give.

Gen. Jabez Huntington was appointed to import clothing, &c., under the direction of the Governor and Council.

Elijah Hubbard, Esq., was appointed agent for this State, and directed to purchase rye, and receive the gin, and superintend the distillery at Chatham, in behalf of the State, under the direction of the Governor and Council.

The several sheriffs in this State, viz. : Williams, Wetmore, Fitch, Abel, and Lord, were directed to release such articles of West India goods as they had taken, and had in their hands by virtue of warrants from the Governor, for the use of the State.

Thomas Mumford, Esq., (on the 24th of November, 1777,) was permitted to transport 50 barrels of flour and 800 pounds of bacon, to Isaac Apes, in the West Indies.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) November 18.

Orders were sent to Gen. Silliman, by the Governor and Council to detach, and send forward to join Maj. Gen. Putnam, out of Silliman's Brigade, 200 men, properly officered, with one colonel from said brigade. Also, like orders to Gen. Oliver Wolcott, to send from his brigade the same number, properly officered, with one major. A like order to Gen. Andrew Ward, Jr., to send 200 men from his brigade, properly officered, and a lieutenant colonel ; all to join Gen. Putnam, and be subject to his command ; to serve for two months from the time they should arrive on the ground, unless sooner dismissed. A letter was sent to each of said brigadier generals enclosing said orders, which directed said brigadier generals to order said men so to be raised, and to join in and form one regiment, and march immediately and join Gen. Putnam. (Orders sent by Col. William Pitkin.)

The Governor and Council sent orders to Col. Ely, forthwith to march with his regiment, (except Lieut. Shipman,) officered as when he marched to Providence, and join Maj. Gen. Putnam, and be under his command until further orders ; with orders to commissary Hallam to provide such carriages as Col. Ely should wish to convey said regiment's baggage, by land or water, as said Ely should direct. (Orders sent by Lieut. Angel.)

Orders were sent by the Governor and Council to Gen. Tyler, to send from his brigade, (by draft,) 115 men without delay, properly officered and equipped; 50 men to be stationed at the New London posts, 30 men at the post at Groton, 20 men at Stonington, and 15 men to guard at Lyme; to serve two months from the time of their arrival at their several posts.

IN SESSION, November 25.

An order was given to the selectmen of Groton, to receive at Dartmouth, in Massachusetts, 58 bushels of (State) salt, by their paying the storage.

IN SESSION, November 27.

It was resolved, that Ensign Seth Miner, and the 15 men ordered by Gen. Tyler to keep guard at Lyme, be dismissed from said service; and that the selectmen of said Lyme should raise a guard when needed.

It was resolved, that Col. Henry Champion was appointed to put up with salt 1,000 barrels of pork for this State; and to employ such persons to assist him as he should judge necessary.

Voted, to draw an order on the pay table in favor of Col. Henry Champion, for £8,000 lawful money, to purchase pork for this State.

It was voted, to draw an order on William Bull, of Hartford, or the store keeper at Hartford, to deliver the salt of this State, in their hands, to Col. Champion, for salting pork for this State.

IN SESSION, November 28.

Permits were given to Chara Coleman, William Chadwick, Riley Cogswell, Thomas Clark, Pierce Gardner, &c., to dispose of their cargoes of salt.

IN SESSION, November 29.

A permit was granted to Maj. Clift, of Plainfield, and Oliver Coit, of Preston, to sell 19 or 20 fat cattle, agreeable to the laws of the State.

The committee of pay table were directed to draw an order in favor of Capt. Jabez Perkins, for £490 : 13 : 2, the sum due him as agent for the captors of the sloop Dolphin, taken by the schooner Spy.

The account exhibited to the Governor and Council by Capt. Perkins, agent for the captors of the sloop Dolphin, taken by Capt. Niles.

The sloop Dolphin sold for	£1,000 : 00 : 00
Sundries sold by Capt. Niles,	6 : 08 : 08

£1,006 : 08 : 08

Court fees paid by said Perkins in the case of the Dolphin, £25 : 2 : 4.

Belonging one half to the State, £981 : 6 : 4, being £1,006 : 13 : 2.

Connecticut purchased said sloop Dolphin at £1,000.

The account of Andrew Huntington, for services done the State, and for clothing and other necessaries purchased as commissary for the State, for the use of the soldiers of the continental army, were ordered settled by the pay table, and to draw on the Treasurer for the balance, and charge the United States for such part as was purchased for their use.

It was voted, that Col. Joseph Trumbull should be desired to purchase in Massachusetts and elsewhere, blankets and other coarse woolens, linens, stockings, shoes, and hats, for the use of this State, to supply the continental army, to the amount of £5,000, at the best rates he could, and forward the same to this State. Also to make diligent enquiry at what rate he should be able to purchase any quantities of like goods, not exceeding the sum of £10,000. Also to enquire after bills of exchange on France or Carolina, the rate of exchange; to apply to Samuel Elliot, Jr., Esq., for his account with the State; to advise relating to the two vessels of war, the Oliver Cromwell and Defence, of their situation and circumstances; and order the Defence rigged for a ship; and advise the Governor and Council thereof by express, or otherwise, and observe their further orders.

Mr. David Trumbull was appointed by the Governor and Council, to purchase and put up 300 barrels of pork, and 100 barrels of beef, for this State. The pork and beef to be barreled at or near Roxbury, with salt owned by this State, for the use of said State, on the best terms he should be able.

An order was drawn on the pay table in favor of Col. Joseph Trumbull, for £5,000 to purchase blankets, coarse woolens, linens, stockings, shoes, and hats for the State, to supply the continental army. (Order delivered Col. Trumbull, December 1st.

IN SESSION, December 1.

An order was given to the selectmen of New London, to receive of Josiah Elliot, at Bedford, 98 bushels of salt.

An order was given to the selectmen of Stonington, to receive of Josiah Elliot, at Bedford, 90 bushels of salt. (Order delivered to William Woodbridge.)

A permit was granted to Elisha Scovil, to transport from any part of this State, four horse loads of salt, 20 yards of plain cloth, and 20 yards of flannel, to Westmoreland, for the inhabitants there.

IN SESSION, December 2.

A permit was given to Hezekiah Crowell, to sell or exchange 12 barrels of oil, 30 quintals of cod fish, 250 kegs of lamp black, and 145 bushels of salt, in this State.

Prepared and forwarded despatches to Congress, and Gen. Washington.

IN SESSION, December 3.

An order was given Capt. Samuel Mattocks, to receive of Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth, a piece of woolen cloth in his custody, for the continental army. And to receive of Mr. Payne, the various articles of clothing in his care, taken from Peleg Hyde, of Norwich, for the use of said army. Also, to deliver the clothing referred to above, to the soldiers according to appraisal, and take their receipts, and deliver them to the pay masters of regiments, or their respective captains.

Rowland Luce, of Rochester, was permitted to sell or exchange at a reasonable rate, 55 bushels of salt, 5½ gallons of rum, and 1 quintal of codfish, for money, flour, beef, pork, butter, cheese, or grain.

IN SESSION, December 4.

It was voted, that the Governor be desired to cause the resolutions of Congress of the 1st of November, 1777, recommending the 18th day of December, 1777, to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving through the United States, to be published, with a recommendation of a due observance thereof in this State. (Sent the proclamation to Mr. Green, to print.)

A letter was sent to Mr. Shaw, to effect an exchange of Lieut. Otway, for Capt. Palmer, and William Brooks, midshipman, and a boy, for proper persons.

An order was given to the selectmen of Lyme, to receive of Josiah Elliot, at Bedford, 68 bushels of salt.

Capt. Gideon Olmsted, of Hartford, was permitted to transport on board the sloop Sea Flower, 40 shoats to Martinico.

A permit was given to Aaron Olmsted, of Hartford, to sell 2 hogsheads of rum, 1 hogshead of sugar, 100 pounds of chocolate, and 100 pounds of coffee.

Stone Mills had permission to drive out of this State, 46 head of fat and lean cattle, to Massachusetts.

Joshua Robins, of Tolland, was permitted to transport by land, to Massachusetts, 1 firkin of butter, 600 pounds of cheese, 1,000 pounds of pork, and 1 ton of flour, to be exchanged for iron and salt.

An order was given to the selectmen of Norwich, to receive of Josiah Elliot, at Bedford, 122 bushels of salt, owned by this State.

Permission was given to Capt. Sylvanus Waterman, to go to Jamaica, to transact his mercantile business, (on parole.)

A permit was given to Thomas Coffin, of Martha's Vineyard, to sell or exchange 28 bushels of salt, 3 cwt. 3 qrs. and 14 pounds of sugar,

5 barrels of liver oil, 14 gallons of rum, 25 pounds of wool, 6 pair of stockings, and 6 pair of mittens—for 12 barrels of flour, 4 barrels of pork, 1 firkin of butter, 400 pounds of cheese, 1 hogshead of tallow, and 20 bushels of corn.

It was resolved, that Mr. Elijah Hubbard should forward, with the utmost despatch, the clothing provided by the towns for the soldiers of this State, in the continental army. And immediately send a person, by him appointed, to the several stores where said clothing had been lodged, and direct them to forward the same with the utmost despatch to the issuing commissaries to the respective regiments, to be by them delivered to the soldiers of the respective towns, from whence such clothing should be sent, under former orders. And that there should be one or more persons appointed in each county, employed forthwith, to apply to the selectmen, or committee of clothing in each town, and cause to be immediately collected in such town, the various articles of clothing provided; and the transportation paid by this State, of such articles to the army as they might think best to send on pack horses or otherwise, at the same rate as articles sent by the commissary. And in case of neglect or refusal of such selectmen or committee to transport such clothing, the persons aforesaid appointed were to send said clothes to Middletown, or other place, as commissary Hubbard should appoint, and by him to be sent immediately to the army. Roger Hooker on the west side of Connecticut river, and Elijah White on the east side of said river. In the county of Hartford, Thomas Seymour. In the county of New Haven, Capt. John Cockran, on the west of said river, and Capt. Nehemiah Waterman, Jr., on the east side of said river in New London county. William Hawley, Esq., in Fairfield county. Subaiel Abbe in the county of Windham, and Alexander Catlin in the county of Litchfield, were appointed for the purposes mentioned aforesaid, with power given to each of them to appoint suitable persons under them, if needed, to assist them.

IN SESSION, December 5.

David Trumbull was directed to exchange beef and pork, at Boston, for such quantity of salt as should be required to put up the provisions he was ordered to salt in barrels for this State, for victualing our navy there, if said exchange could be made on reasonable terms.

The Governor was desired to draw an order in favor of Maj. Nathaniel Ruggles, of Roxbury, (near Boston,) on Samuel Elliot, Jr., agent for Connecticut, at Boston, for 300 bushels of salt, owned by this State, for the purpose of curing provisions for the armed vessels

owned by this State, (then) fitting out at Boston, if said salt could not be procured by barter.

David Trumbull was directed to pay the expense of returning the teams owned by the State, from New London to Lebanon, being £4.

The Governor and Council appointed Andrew Adams, Esq. to enquire into the right of the use and improvement of the lot and barn, Col. Joshua Porter occupied, owned by Mr. Richard Smith, the owner of the furnace, lands, and appurtenances, at Salisbury ; and the matters in dispute between Col. Porter and the managers of said furnace, in behalf of this State, and report to the Governor and Council.

Col. Champion had an order on the store keeper of salt, (owned by this State,) at New London, for 200 bushels of salt to cure provisions for the State. Order delivered to Joel Jones.

Nathaniel Hovey, Jr., of Windham, was permitted to transport by land, to Rhode Island, 40 bushels of corn, 20 bushels of wheat, 30 bushels of rye, and 20 bushels of oats, to exchange for iron.

Capt. Perkins was directed to receive a box of tea, brought from Bedford to Lebanon, as though he had received it at Bedford, and a small quantity of green tea, from Boston to Lebanon, as though he had received it at Boston.

The ships of war, Oliver Cromwell and Defence, then in Boston harbor, were ordered to be immediately fitted out on a cruise against the British. And the captains of said ships of war were directed to enlist their crews, with all convenient speed, in order to proceed on their cruises. The officers, marines, and seamen on board said ships, while in said service, to be under the rules, orders, &c. prescribed by Congress for the continental navy, relative to the government of said ships, and the officers, marines, and seamen on board the same. And the officers, seamen, and marines, besides the provisions and their stipulated pay and wages, after all other necessary expenses were discharged, should be entitled to a division of one-half of all their captures, whether ships of war armed, or other vessels, their cargoes and appurtenances, legally condemned as lawful prizes, made agreeable to the rules and directions given by Congress ; and the other half to belong to this State.

IN SESSION, December 6.

Timothy Parker, of Norwich, was appointed captain of the ship Oliver Cromwell, of this State ; and the Governor desired to commission him as such. John Chapman, of New London, was appointed 1st lieutenant of said ship, under Capt. Parker. John Smith, of Hartford, was appointed 2d lieutenant of said ship.

The pay table were directed to draw on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of William Lax, for £35 : 9, for services due him.

IN SESSION, December 8.

A letter was received from Gen. Parsons, and answered. Also a letter from Congress by express.

Wrote to Gen. Putnam, wishing the raw hides sent to this State, for shoes for the soldiers in the continental army.

A permit was given Zachariah Gardiner, of Nantucket, to exchange in this State 133 $\frac{1}{4}$ gallons of rum, 1 hogshead of molasses, 13 bushels of salt, and 1 barrel of sugar—for flour, corn, beef, pork, flax seed, flax, 200 pounds of cheese, and 60 pounds of butter.

An order was drawn in favor of Capt. John Skinner, of Hartford, for £30, lawful money, to send to the detachment of light-horse from his company, in service with Gen. Parsons.

Capt. Parker received his commission, and a form for enlistment.

IN SESSION, December 9.

Several matters agitated.

IN SESSION, December 10.

A flag of truce was granted for the exchange of John Tully, a prisoner of war, for John Smith, of Haddam, at New York, to be transacted by Aaron Isaacs.

The Governor was desired to write to Messrs. Otis & Andrews, of Boston, to deliver Col. Joseph Trumbull, continental clothing in their hands, to clothe 4,000 men, with trimmings—crimson, scarlet, buff, or light colors for lappels for the same, and take Col. Trumbull's receipt therefor; to get the same made up and transported to the army, and delivered to the clothier general, or to the soldiers of this State, as Gen. Washington should direct. Also to apply to said Otis & Andrews for a proportion of blankets, shirts, caps, shoes, and stockings, to be forwarded as aforesaid. It was also voted, that Col. J. Trumbull was empowered to apply to said Otis & Andrews, commissaries to purchase clothing for the continental army, and receive from them clothing sufficient for 4,000 men, and give his receipt therefor, and forward the same to Connecticut, by the teams sent to Boston for that purpose. And he was directed to cause said clothing to be made as soon as might be; and for the purpose of expediting said business, to distribute said clothing to as many towns in this State as should be necessary to have it speedily made; and when made, to forward the same to the clothier general, or to the issuing commissaries of the respective regiments which belonged to this State, for the use of the

non-commissioned officers and soldiers in the continental service, enlisted for three years, or during the war, as Gen. Washington should direct ; and to make up their accounts of the expense of making and transporting, and apply to said commissaries for payment.

David Trumbull was directed to procure and send to Boston, 20 ox or horse teams, with carts or sleds to fetch such clothing as Col. J. Trumbull had to send to this State, and delivered in such places as J. Trumbull should direct ; and to load such teams with salt in the hands of S. Elliot, Jr., as should not be needed for transporting said clothing.

George West was permitted to exchange a quantity of salt, rum, wool, &c., for country produce, to transport to Massachusetts.

Cleaveland of the same place, had a like permit.

IN SESSION, December 11.

A letter was sent to New Haven, by Mr. David Austin, regarding a difficulty that arose there with some people from Nantucket, with goods for barter in this State.

The Governor was desired to grant a license to Caleb Huntington, of Norwich, to distil from rye, the spirit called Geneva, to supply the inhabitants of the State, as far as he could ; provided he should retail the same at a reasonable price, not to exceed 15s. per gallon, during the pleasure of the Governor and Council.

Abiather Camp, of New Haven, who was confined by an order of the General Assembly, at Eastbury, prayed to be removed, either to his farm in North Branford, to his house at Wallingford, or to Glastenbury, &c. The Governor and Council gave liberty to said Camp to remove to his house in Wallingford, and there to remain within the limits of said society, where his house was situated, until farther orders.

IN SESSION, December 16.

It was resolved, that the Governor should procure 300 copies of the Articles of Confederation, then (lately) received from Congress, and order the printer to transmit one such copy to the selectmen of each town in the State, as soon as possible, and the remainder of them, to the General Assembly, at their adjourned session, at Hartford, in January, 1778.

IN SESSION, December 22.

It was voted, to draw on John Calder, of Hartford, for 50 bushels of the salt, imported by Capt. Stillman, to be delivered to the managers of the furnace, at Salisbury.

IN SESSION, December 27.

Capt. John Deshon was instructed to give orders to transport to Connecticut, 200 bushels of (State's) salt, at Bedford, by water ; and

to send an account to the Governor of the quantity of salt on hand, in Bedford, owned by this State.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Esq., was permitted to purchase the twenty 9 pounders owned by the State, in Norwich, by his paying all cost after they were taken from the foundry, at Salisbury.

It was resolved, that the selectmen of Glastenbury should supply the families of sargeant Peter Pease, Samuel Dealing, William Sm***, and Benjamin Tucker, who were inhabitants and soldiers of said town, enlisted in the continental army, under Col. Samuel Brewer, of Massachusetts, with necessaries in the same manner as was provided by law for the families of soldiers enlisted in said army who belonged to and were in the service of the State ; and the extra expense paid by this State and charged to the State of Massachusetts ; and notice given to their Council or Assembly, and if disapproved of by their Council, to notify Gov. Trumbull, and give orders for the release of said Pease, Dealing, and others, that they might enlist into one of the regiments in this State, in continental service.

It was voted, to give James Day, lieutenant of marines of the ship Oliver Cromwell, an order on the pay table for £120, to recruit men for service on board said ship.

The Governor laid before the Council, a letter of the 23d of December, 1777, from the Governor and Council of War of the State of Rhode Island, which shewed the great danger the town of Providence was in from the ships of war in the harbor of Newport, and the army of the enemy there ; that they had good intelligence, that a body of 750 men were prepared, and about to embark with a design, as supposed, to burn the town of Providence, and destroy the vessels lying there unarmed. Also that the term of service of the troops there would expire on the 1st of January, 1778, and earnestly pressed for the aid which they claimed had been stipulated by Connecticut for their defence, and they had stood in need of, but at no time as much as at the date of the letter. The Governor and Council ordered 500 men, including officers, to be forthwith detached from the 1st and 5th brigades of militia in the State, and marched to Providence, without delay, under one colonel and one major, to consist of five companies, of one hundred men each, with officers included ; officered out of the militia officers by designation of the respective brigadier generals ; that 400 of said men be detached according to law, from the 5th brigade, under Gen. Douglass ; and the two field officers designated by him ; also, the necessary officers of the respective companies. And the other 100 men to be detached from the 1st brigade, under Gen. Erastus Wolcott, and the officers designated by him, and properly armed, &c., under the com-

mand of said field officers, to march to Providence, and there be placed under the command of Maj. Gen. Spencer, or the commander-in-chief on that station; to serve two months after their arrival at the place of their destination, unless sooner discharged; with the pay, rations, wages, and encouragements by law allowed.

IN SESSION, (at Hartford) January 9, 1778.

An order was drawn on the pay table for £500 lawful money, to be paid to Capt. Roswell Grant; £100 of which said Grant was ordered

The following scraps of historical facts and events, are extracted from the "Connecticut Gazette," published at New London, by Samuel Green, Esq., in 1777 and 1778.

New London, January 2, 1778. Last Wednesday, 16 sail of British shipping passed New London from New York. A few days previous to the above date, 130 Tories from the west end of Long Island, went to Southhold, and robbed the inhabitants of money, clothing, grain, cattle, &c., and took from one man £120 in cash.

January 9, 1778. Congress recommended to the several Legislatures of the States, to call in \$5,000,000, by quarterly taxes, within the year 1778, and proportioned the sum of \$600,000 to the State of Connecticut, (only three States were directed to raise more than Connecticut.)

On the last Sabbath of December, 1777, a contribution was taken up in the several parishes of Norwich, for the benefit of the officers and soldiers who belonged to said town; when they collected 386 pair of stockings, 227 pair of shoes, 118 shirts, 78 jackets, 48 pair of overalls, 208 pair of mittens, 11 buff caps, 15 pair of breeches, 9 coats, 22 rifle frocks, 19 handkerchiefs, and £258 : 17 : 8 in money, which was forwarded to the army. Also collected a quantity of pork, cheese, wheat, rye, Indian corn, sugar, rice, flax, wood, &c. &c., to be distributed to the needy families of the officers and soldiers. The whole of which amounted to the sum of £1,400.

New London, January 16, 1778. Capt. Daniel Deshon, (in the late armed brig Defence) was taken and carried into Jamaica. Last Sabbath a flag of truce sailed from New London for New York with British prisoners for exchange. The same evening a brig from Providence, bound to New London, was drove on Wickapeset reef by two British ships, who hulled her 16 times, and fired a great number of shot through her rigging, but the brig soon got off the reef and run into Stonington.

On the 25th of December, 1777, Lieut. David Barber, of Groton, with another officer, walked a few miles from the camp at Saw Pitts; and on their return, a party of Tories concealed, rose and fired at them with buck shot, and killed Lieut. Barber by a shot through his body; he died immediately. The Tories robbed him of his money and escaped. He sustained a high reputation in the army, of a bold and good officer.

New Haven, January 14, 1778. Thursday the green coats, taken near Tarrytown, New York, passed through New Haven, (52 in number) under guard, on

to pay to his company ordered to Rhode Island, under Gen. Spencer ; the other £400 to be paid by said Grant to Gen. Douglass, to be by him paid to four companies raised in his brigade, and ordered to Rhode Island, under Gen. Spencer.

Gen. John Douglass was directed to provide sufficient teams and carriages to transport the baggage of the four companies of soldiers, ordered raised in, and marched from his brigade, to Providence.

Capt. Roswell Grant was ordered to provide necessary teams and carriages to transport the baggage of his company to Providence.

their way to Hartford; 27 of whom were taken by Capt. Eli Leavenworth, who with a party of 27, surrounded more than 30 of the enemy, killed 3, wounded 3 or 4; among the prisoners was the noted Capt. Barnes, and his Lieut. Hunt, a New Yorker. Capt. Leavenworth had one man slightly wounded.

New London, January 23, 1778. The frigate Alfred, (Elisha Hinman, captain,) owned by the United States, carried two prize ships into France, and sold them.

New London, February 6, 1778. On Friday, two British ships went up the sound from the east, one of them came nearly within the light house towards New London. News arrived in New London that the enemy at Newport were preparing to attack some place on the sound.

February 20, 1778. Gen. Lee drew a prize of \$500 in a lottery in New York, which he immediately distributed among the American prisoners in New York.

Six sail of British shipping were drove on shore at Long Island, on the 6th of February, one of them a frigate of 36 guns.

A boat from Long Island, bound to Connecticut river, laden with British goods, (an illicit trade) was seized by a boat of the ship Trumbull.

In February, 1778, there were 83 British ships-of-war on the American station, carrying from 64 guns to 10 guns, beside the Richmond, a bomb ship, the Juno, the Orpheus, a fire ship, the Blonde, Potens, and Venus.

New London, March 13, 1778. Previous to this time, Capt. B. Appleton, formerly of New London, in a letter of marque sloop of 12 guns, and 50 men, was taken by the Gallattaa and 2 tenders, in the latitude of Bermuda, after a running fight of 5 or 6 hours, in which the sloop was cut down nearly level with the water. Nathan Moore, of Groton, commanded her during the action. The crew were carried to Jamaica, where the officers made their escape.

Report said, that of 3,000 Americans taken at fort Washington, only about 900 of them were living.

Capt. Coit, of New London, in the privateer sloop America, in company with another sloop, took a brig from Ireland, laden with provisions, and a ship from Bristol, and carried them into Martinico.

New London, March 20, 1778. Thirty sail of British shipping were in Gardner's Bay, with some men of war.

New London, March 27, 1778. Maj. Gen. Arnold arrived at Middletown, from Albany, and not out of danger by his wound.

IN SESSION, January 12.

An order was drawn in favor of the selectmen of Killingworth, on Josiah Elliot, of Bedford, for 33 bushels of State salt; and one in favor of the selectmen of Saybrook, for 44½ bushels of salt at said Bedford. The selectmen to pay all storage.

Lieut. Col. Larrence, was voted to be exchanged for Col. Samuel Webb; and Larrence to go to New York on his parole, and if not exchanged, to return by the 6th day of February, 1778.

The Governor was desired to write to Gov. Clinton, and inform him

Monday last, 6 ships from the westward went down Long Island sound. Same day a flag returned to New London from Newport, with American prisoners who had been in a guard ship. Michael Sage, of Middletown, died in a guard ship at Newport.

New London, March 3, 1778. On Friday night last, the continental ship Columbus, Capt. Hacker, was drove on Point Judith by two of the British ships.

New Haven, April 1, 1778. About the 20th day of March, 200 of the British troops landed under cover of a row galley and two armed sloops, on Greenwich Point, to destroy a quantity of flour, on the beach above the point, and to burn a row galley then fitting there. A small party of 15 men, from Col. Meigs' regiment, under Lieut's. Lay and Shailor, reinforced by a few of the inhabitants, attacked them, and prevented the destruction of the flour, retook most of the cattle and sheep they had taken, and extinguished the fire they had set to the galley in the harbor, and drove them off in the greatest confusion, without the loss of a man killed or wounded.

New London, April 10, 1778. Several ships passed New London on the Sabbath, towards New York.

Capt. Atwell, in a brig, and Capt. Brown, in a sloop from New Haven, were both taken by the British, and taken to the West Indies.

New London, April 24, 1778. On Saturday previous to the 14th of April, a party of 15 men, of Col. Meigs' regiment, under Lieut. Lay, crossed from Horse Neck to Long Island, and cut two sloops out of Hempstead harbor, bound to New York—one was deeply laden with wood; the other with vegetables, which they took safe to Horse Neck and unloaded; also took four prisoners. Last Tuesday a flag returned to New London, with five prisoners from Newport, exchanged for five British prisoners taken on Long Island after wood.

A man by the name of Phineas Fairbank, who had escaped in Worcester county, and lay secreted in Great Neck, in New London, and was assisted to escape to Long Island by some of the inhabitants of Great Neck, who had given great trouble to the public. Fairbank was soon after taken on Long Island, by a company of rangers, under Capt. Griffing, with important papers in his possession.

April 23, 1778. Gov. Trumbull's letter, dated April 23, 1778, in answer to a letter from Gen. William Tryon.

"Sir,—Your letter of the 17th inst., from New York, is received, with its enclosures, and the several similar packets of various addresses, with which it was accompanied.

of the condition on which the State prisoners from New York were permitted to return, and propose the exchange of Col. Ely for Col. Delancy ; or that each of them should be permitted to return to their respective abodes on parole, until exchanged.

It was voted, that a letter should be addressed to Congress, urging a general exchange of prisoners, as soon as possible.

IN SESSION, January 13.

An order in favor of Lieut. John Smith, of the Oliver Cromwell, for the sum of £150, lawful money, to pay the wages of the men he had or should enlist to serve on board said ship.

“Propositions of Peace are usually made from the supreme authority of one contending power, to the similar authority of the other ; and the present is the first instance within my recollection, when a vague, half blank, and very indefinite draft of a bill, *once only, read before one of three bodies* of the Legislature of the Nation, has ever been addressed to the *people at large* of the opposite power, as an overture of reconciliation.

“There was a day when even this step, from our then acknowledged parent State, might have been accepted with joy and gratitude ; but that day, Sir, is past irrevocably. The repeated, insolent rejection of our sincere and sufficiently humble petitions ; the unprovoked commencement of hostilities ; the barbarous inhumanity which has marked the provocation of the war, on your part in its several stages ; the insolence which displays itself on every petty advantage ; the cruelties which have been exercised on those unhappy men, whom the fortune of war has thrown into your hands ; all these are insuperable bars to the very idea of concluding a peace with Great Britain, on any other conditions than the most absolute and perfect independence. To the Congress of the United States of America, therefore, all proposals of this kind are to be addressed ; and you will give me leave, Sir, to say, that the present mode bears too much the marks of an insidious design, to disunite the people, and to lull us into a state of quietude and negligence of the necessary preparations for the approaching campaign. If this be the real design, it is fruitless. If peace be really the object, let your proposals be addressed properly to the proper power, and your negotiations be honorably conducted ; we shall then have some prospect of (what is the most ardent wish of every honest American,) a lasting and honorable peace.

“The British nation may then, perhaps, find us as affectionate and valuable friends, as we now are determined and fatal enemies ; and will derive from that friendship more solid and real advantage, than the most sanguine can expect from conquest.

“I am, Sir, your humble servant,

“JONATHAN TRUMBULL.”

“WILLIAM TRYON, Esq.”

New London, May 8, 1778. The American Revenue, Capt. Champlin, and Revenge, Capt. Conklin, both from New London, took the ship *Lovely-Lass*, Wade, late master, from London, with a valuable cargo, and sent her into Boston.

Last Sabbath, 21 sail of British shipping stood to the east, from Gardner's Bay, and the next day 7 sail of the enemy's shipping passed down the sound.

An order was drawn on Josiah Elliot, to deliver to the selectmen of East Haddam, 46½ bushels of State salt, &c. Also to deliver 48½ bushels to the selectmen of Guilford.

Voted, to draw an order on the committee of pay table, in favor of Col. Joseph Trumbull, for £5000, to replace the money advanced by him to Rice & Co., to procure clothing for the continental army.

IN SESSION, January 14.

Samuel Terry, of East Windsor, offered his account for 53 cartouch boxes and belts, at 11s. 6d. each, made by order of the Governor and Council, which was allowed, at £30 : 9 : 6, which were directed to be delivered to Gen. E. Wolcott, who was ordered to receive them. Also, other accounts were offered to the Board, by Lynd Lord, Esq., of Litchfield, for supporting the guard in Litchfield, on account of Gov. Franklin, and other account of services, &c., which was ordered to be liquidated by the pay table.

IN SESSION, January 15.

It was voted, that Gideon Hosford's account for transporting sick soldiers, in January, 1777, and carrying orders to Gen. Ward, amounting to £3, was referred to the pay table for adjustment, &c.

Dr. Isaac Knight's account, surgeon to Col. Ely's regiment, for medicines, &c. for said regiment, of £44 : 6 : 11, was referred to the pay table to liquidate, &c.

Capt. John Cotton was desired to procure 50 spars up Connecticut river, for masts, bowsprits, booms, and yards, for the use of this State.

Mr. Samuel Ogden, of New Jersey, was allowed to transport into this State, a quantity of rod and bar iron, to barter a part of it for salt and other West India goods.

Joseph Squire was appointed captain of marines, on board the ship Defence. Lieut. Day was appointed captain of marines, on board the ship Oliver Cromwell.

As it was evident to the Board that the quantity of salted and other provisions laid up for the continental army, within this State, would prove far short of what had been provided the preceding year, and greatly inadequate to the probable demands and necessity of the army; and as fat cattle were difficult to be obtained—it became the indispensable duty of the Board to exert every effort to procure as much of both, and on as good terms as possible. And as Col. H. Champion was considered a gentleman of great judgment, capacity, and experience in said business, especially beyond any other person in this State, and of most unexceptionable honor and integrity, and of universal acquaintance, and ability to promote the fattening of cattle, and skill in

purchasing ; the Board applied to him to undertake said business ; but he appeared to have insuperable objections, and judged it impracticable to conform strictly to some of the rules prescribed by Congress for regulating the commissary department ; but agreed, with reluctance, to exert himself for that purpose, and with fidelity to procure and purchase all the live fat cattle for said use, and to take receipts from all persons of whom he should purchase, expressing the sums received, the number and kind of cattle purchased, for which the same was paid ; and brand all such cattle with the initials of his name, and the letters C. A., (for continental army,) to be drove and delivered to such persons and places as he should be advised by the commissary general of issues, or other proper authority, (inevitable casualties excepted,) and to take his or their receipts for the same ; to be allowed a reasonable reward for his trouble and his expenses ; and to make up his account, and settle the same with the proper officers of Congress, as fast as he should be able, and to execute the whole with all fidelity, honor, and integrity. Peter Colt, deputy commissary general of purchases, was present, and earnestly desired to be excused from that part of purchases ; and for the public good, and by continuance of the resolution of Congress, authorized and appointed Col. Henry Champion, the sole purchaser of live beef cattle within the eastern department, for the use of the continental army, with power to employ such assistants as he should find necessary to execute the business. Said Champion was required to go immediately into the execution of said business, and to begin to drive by the 1st day of February (then) next. It was also resolved, that said appointment should be laid before Congress as soon as might be ; and if said Congress disapproved of it, to signify the same to the Governor of this State, when said appointment should cease. Said Colt was released from that part of his service in said department, which had been assigned to Col. Champion. It was also resolved, that one-half the draft for \$200,000, by the Hon. President Laurens, on the continental loan office in this State, (dated December 20, 1777,) in favor of the Governor and Council, was assigned to Peter Colt, Esq. ; and the other half to said Champion, and they accountable therefor.

Whereas many persons who belonged at the islands of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and other places out of this State, had obtained permission from the Governor to barter and trade in this State, for many articles of provisions, wares, and goods, the produce of the State, in exchange for salt, and other necessaries, on certain terms and conditions ; and representation was made that all such provisions, wares, and goods were wanted for the supply of the necessities of the

inhabitants of the State, and for the use of the army of the United States, and could not be spared without material injury to both. Also that many or all such persons had been guilty of abuses in such trade, by bidding very excessive sums for articles purchased, and enhanced the already exorbitant prices of the necessaries of life, to the injury of the people and the public, and bartered at unreasonable prices, and violated the spirit and terms of such permissions: It was therefore ordered, by the Governor and Council, that all permits before granted, should cease, and were declared null and void; and all persons who held them were strictly prohibited all deal, trade, or traffic in this State any farther, under the pains and penalties of the law; and were forbidden to depart from the ports or harbors of the State, with their boats or vessels, without special license from the Governor. Mr. Isaac Doolittle and Mr. Timothy Jones, Jr., of New Haven, were hereby directed to give notice hereof to any person or persons who held such permissions, by reading said order in their hearing, or by copy. It was farther provided, that Roger Sherman, William Hillhouse, and Benjamin Huntington, Esq's., or either two of them, were appointed a committee to enquire into the conduct of all persons who had traded and bartered in this State, under a permission, as to the terms, manner, prices, rate of exchange, and barter made, or bid by any such persons, of any abuses of said trust; and to bring before them any persons for the purposes aforesaid, and make their report of facts to the Governor and Council.

IN SESSION, January 16.

It was represented by Gen. Samuel H. Parsons to the Governor and Council, that a small privateer was then fitting out by the general's order, to drive small tenders and boats from the western coast, which could not be completed unless he could obtain the loan of one of the 9 pounders at New Haven, owned by the State, and prayed for the loan of said cannon; which was granted by the Governor and Council, by Gen. Parsons' giving his receipt therefor.

IN SESSION, January 19.

Capt. Jesse Leavenworth, of New Haven, under proper orders, gave his deposition respecting the evacuation of Ticonderoga. The pay table were directed to settle Capt. Leavenworth's account, and draw for the payment, and charge the same to the Continent, as the service had been done by order of the President of Congress to the Governor.

Maj. Otis, of Middletown, was permitted to transport to Massachusetts, 600 pounds of flour.

There was a quantity of clothing then in the hands of Col. Joseph Trumbull, owned by the United States, which he had received from the commissaries of clothing at Boston, for the continental army from Connecticut; therefore Col. Trumbull was directed to deliver to the several field officers the said clothing for the use of their respective regiments, to be equitably divided according to their numbers, and take duplicate receipts for the same, to be delivered to the clothier general, according to Gen. Washington's orders; and when so received, be forthwith made up suitable for the soldiers, and that the chief tailor or tailors in making the same for each regiment should be under oath, frithfully to make up all the cloth delivered to him or them, and to deliver the same accordingly; to be made at the customary prices set by the commissary of clothing, and transported at continental expense, and made under the directions of the field officers.

IN SESSION, January 20.

An order was drawn in favor of the selectmen of Milford, on Josiah Elliot, at Bedford, for 25 bushels of salt.

The Governor and Council voted, to sell twelve 4 pound cannon at the furnace in Salisbury, and a quantity of steel, suitable for the same; and the same number of swivels (if on hand) to William Hart, Jr., at the usual rate and pay.

Jemima Ellison, of Hartford, stated that she left New York a short time before the enemy took possession of it, and left some of her effects with her friends, who afterwards moved into New York with her effects; that she had three children with her, and was likely to be reduced to want; and asked liberty to remove with her children and effects, to New York. The Governor and Council gave permission to her to remove with her children and effects, to New York.

IN SESSION, January 23.

The pay table committee were directed to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Elliott, Jr., Esq., agent for this State, for £1,000. (Order delivered to John Wasson, clerk of the ship Defence.)

The committee of pay table were directed to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Smedley, captain of the ship Defence, for £400 in money.

Also an order in favor of Col. Noah Phelps, for £160, to enable him to transport a number of cannon from Salisbury to Boston, for the use of the ship Defence.

The accounts of the committee appointed by the Governor and Council to join the committees from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to enquire into the reasons of the failure of the expedition formed

against Newport, was referred to the pay table for settlement and payment.

IN SESSION, January 24.

James Hall, a lieutenant of an artillery company, shewed to the Board, that he was ordered by the commander-in-chief in the northern department, to the town of Farmington, where he had just arrived with 27 men, under an expectation of taking winter quarters; and that within one or two days after his arrival he was ordered to march to Gen. Washington's head quarters; and that his men were nearly naked, and could not perform the march without endangering their lives; and asked for the following articles to be supplied his men from the State, viz. : 24 shirts, 19 pair of breeches, 30 pair of stockings, and 26 pair of shoes. The Governor and Council directed Messrs. Whittlesey and Elijah Hubbard, or either of them, to deliver said clothing to Lieut. Hall.

IN SESSION, January 26.

Nathaniel Shaw, Esq., of New London, wrote a letter to the Governor and Council, in which he stated that a French gentleman had arrived in New London with a quantity of spirits; that he had a quantity of salt at Bedford, and proposed to bring it, with a further quantity of salt, from the island of St. Peters into Connecticut, and was desirous of exporting from this State, ten fat cattle, &c. The Board resolved, that the Governor should grant a permit to Nathaniel Shaw, of New London, to export out of this State ten head of fat cattle for said purpose, to be purchased by Henry Champion, and exchanged for spirits, if the gentleman should bring the salt into this State, and would dispose of said salt, &c., upon reasonable terms to the State; and said Shaw was desired to negotiate the exchange accordingly.

IN SESSION, January 27.

The Governor was desired to permit Ezekiel Gorham, Seth Baker, and Hezekiah Crowell, from Massachusetts, who were in this State, and by permission had disposed of a part of their cargoes—to dispose of the remainder of said cargoes for money only; and to depart with such articles as they had purchased by barter or otherwise, in this or the State of New York, or such as they should purchase for money; also such part of their cargoes as were not disposed of as aforesaid.

IN SESSION, January 28.

The committee of pay table were directed to furnish Jesse Brown, (a continental express) with money necessary in that service, from time to time, and charge the United States.

IN SESSION, January 29.

Christopher Leffingwell, Esq., was permitted to transport out of Connecticut to his farm at Pittsfield, 3 barrels of salt, and 2 barrels of New England rum.

Walter Henderson, of Morristown, in New Jersey, was permitted to carry out of this State, 4 bushels of salt, and 4 barrels of rum, to New Jersey. And Woodbridge Little was permitted to carry to Pittsfield, 12 bushels of manufactured salt, and 3 bushels of foreign salt, &c.

An order in favor of Capt. John Cotton, of £250, was given to procure spars for the State.

It was voted, that the managers of the furnace at Salisbury, should be directed as soon as might be after they had cast the mortars ordered, to cast 6 large stoves, 6 receivers, and 12 refining pots with doors or covers, for refining sulphur, for the Hon. James Duane, of the State of New York.

IN SESSION, January 30.

The Governor and Council consulted with Mr. Colt and Col. Champion on commissary matters.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) February 4.

Consulted with Mr. Whiting regarding the furnace at Salisbury, and various other matters.

IN SESSION, February 5.

Lieut. John Smith, of the ship Oliver Cromwell, had resigned his commission, and exhibited his account for services, which amounted to £159 : 4 : 6, which was referred to the pay table for settlement.

James Davis, of Barnstable, was permitted to transport by water into the State of Massachusetts, in the schooner Sea Flower, 8 tons of flour, 400 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of rye, 2,000 pounds of flax, and 200 pounds of cheese, by making oath and giving a bond.

Also a permit was given to Capt. John Coleman, of Nantucket, to sell in Connecticut, 1 barrel of oil, and to transport to Nantucket 20 bushels of rye, by making oath and giving a bond.

William Whiting, one of the overseers of Salisbury furnace, was directed to purchase 1 hogshead of New England rum, and 1 barrel of West India rum, for the workmen at the furnace.

Capt. James Noble was permitted to transport by land to Pittsfield, 4 barrels of clove water, and 4 barrels of New England rum, by his paying the cost that had arisen.

William Whiting was continued an overseer in carrying on the Salisbury furnace.

IN SESSION, February 6.

Mr. Whittlesey, of Middletown, was directed to supply William Whiting, for the workmen at the furnace, with 10 blankets, if not obtained at the pay table.

An order of £120 was drawn on the pay table in favor of Capt. James Day, of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, for enlisting men for said ship.

An order also in favor of Jonathan Strong, post rider, in part of his account afterwards to be adjusted, for the sum of £200.

The Governor and Council voted, that the privateers then lying in the harbor of New London, should not pass the fort, until the commanders had respectively given a bond to the Treasurer of the State of £1,000, conditioned that they would not carry out on board said privateer, any person concerned in the (then) late riot or mob, and breaking the gaol in New London.

Adam Shapley was appointed captain; Richard Chapman, 1st lieutenant, and Daniel Dee, 2d lieutenant of a company of artillery men, ordered raised by the General Assembly, in January, 1778.

William Ledyard was appointed captain, and William Latham, 1st lieutenant of a company of artillery men, ordered raised by the Assembly.

Mr. Wilmott was appointed lieutenant of a company of artillery men, ordered raised as aforesaid, and stationed at New Haven.

Benjamin Hine was appointed lieutenant of a company of artillery men, to be stationed at Milford.

William Seymour was appointed lieutenant of a company of artillery men, to be stationed at Norwalk.

John Bear was appointed a lieutenant of a company of artillery men, and stationed at Stamford.

Sylvanus Marshall was appointed a lieutenant of a company of artillery, and stationed at Greenwich.

Orders sent to Capt. William Ledyard, at Groton fort.

Capt. William Ledyard, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, on the 2d Thursday of January, A. D. 1778, was appointed captain of a company of 50 men, including 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, one 2d lieutenant, 1 lieutenant fire worker, 2 sergeants, and 2 corporals, to be stationed at Groton and Stonington, and to be continued in service until the 1st day of January, 1779, unless sooner discharged; to do the duty of artillery men as far as necessary on their station, and such other duty of soldiers as should be reasonably required by their officers, or the commander on the station. And the officers and soldiers carefully to attend the duty of their offices, and places for the best

protection of the towns and places where stationed, and liable to be removed on any sudden emergency for the relief of any place on the sea coast in this State, by order of the General Assembly, or Governor and Council, where such place is in danger of attack. And was ordered to raise by voluntary enlistment the number of 46 able bodied men, including 2 sergeants and 2 corporals, with all speed. And as an encouragement to such as should find his own blanket to pay 12s. ; and for a good gun, bayonet, cartouch box, belt, &c., to the acceptance of his chief officer, the sum of 10s. as a premium, and 6d. a day for billeting money, from his enlistment until provided by the State, and one months pay in advance ; and all the officers and soldiers to receive the same pay, wages, &c., as had been made to soldiers in like service, in the year 1777. (Order dated at Lebanon, February 6th, 1778.) Like orders and directions were sent to the other officers on the sea coast, to New Haven and Milford, and to Capt. Shapley.

IN SESSION, February 7.

Orders of yesterday despatched, and adjourned without day, and the Council went home. Last night a violent driving snow storm.

IN SESSION, (at Hartford) February 18.

An order in favor of Samuel Elliott, Jr., Esq., of Boston, was drawn by the pay table on the Treasurer of this State, for £4,000 lawful money, to fit out as soon as possible, the ships Defence and Oliver Cromwell, &c., to be in account as agent for this State, and the order delivered to Robert Wasson. The Governor was desired to give the necessary sailing orders, and all necessary directions for said ships.

IN SESSION, February 21.

Capt. Elijah Hubbard, of Middletown, was ordered to procure as soon as possible, 10 ton of flour, 60 bushels of peas and beans, and forward the same to Boston, to be delivered to Samuel Elliot, Jr., and take his receipt therefor.

Jabez Fitch, of Greenwich, was appointed pay master for the regiment and forces under the command of Col. John Mead, stationed at Saw Pitts and parts adjacent.

IN SESSION, February 23.

The committee of pay table were ordered to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Ebenezer Ledyard, of Groton, for the sum of £1,000 to be in account.

IN SESSION, February 25.

The Congress of the United States requested the Governor and Council to cause the continental frigate Trumbull, then lying near the

mouth of Connecticut river, and there detained by reason of an apprehended difficulty of getting over a sand bar (called Saybrook bar) to be removed, and got over said bar, ready to proceed to sea. The Governor and Council ordered Capt. John Cotton, of Middletown, forthwith to endeavor by all practical means in his power, to cause the continental frigate to be removed over said sand bar into the harbor of New London; to employ such help of men and materials as he should find necessary. Dudley Saltonstall, Esq., commander of said ship, and all other officers and men who belonged to said ship, were directed to render Capt. Cotton every aid and assistance in their power, to effect the important and necessary object, which Congress had so much at heart; and Capt. Cotton was directed to use his best prudence and discretion in prosecuting the important business of preventing said ships falling into the hands of the enemy, or any other misfortune; and to report his doings to the Governor in the premises, together with all expenses, that the same should be defrayed, and information given to Congress.

Nathan Frink, Jr. was permitted to go into New York, by a flag, to transact some business.

IN SESSION, February 26.

Capt. Robert Niles was directed to deliver to the Hon. William Pitkin, or order, 2 hogsheads of sulphur, and take his receipt; and to Isaac Doolittle, of New Haven, 1 hogshead of sulphur; and to Jedediah Elderkin, or order, 1 hogshead of sulphur; and to Nathaniel Wales, Jr., Esq. 1 hogshead of sulphur, &c.

Jeremiah Ripley, of Coventry, was directed to send, under a guard, as soon as might be, 2 tons of fine powder, in his hands, and owned by the continent, to Ezekiel Chevers, Esq., commissary of artillery, at Springfield.

Col. Delancy was permitted to go to New York on his parole, and return when required; and requesting on the part of Connecticut for the same indulgence to be granted to Col. Hart and Col. Hobby, or one of them; and the Governor to carry the same into effect.

IN SESSION, February 27.

The committee of pay table were directed to draw an order on the Treasurer, in favor of Capt. John Cotton, for £100, towards defraying the expense of getting the ship Trumbull over the sand bar, at Saybrook, and charge said Cotton, for the purpose aforesaid.

The Governor and Council were made acquainted, by a private letter to one of the Council, from the Hon. Eliphalet Dyer, a member of Congress from Connecticut, that Congress had sent an express to

Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth, of this State, requesting his immediate attendance before their Body, at Yorktown, on business of much importance to the interest of the United States. And it appeared to the Governor and Council, on enquiry, that Col. Wadsworth had not received the letter which required his attendance as aforesaid. And the Governor and Council who were desirous to promote the public service in every matter, therefore earnestly recommended to advise said Wadsworth to repair as soon as possible to Yorktown, to wait upon the Hon. Congress, and attend upon the business they should have to lay before him.

By reason of the badness of the roads, the scarcity of forage, the want of oxen for fattening, to supply the army with meat, it had become extremely difficult to transport so large a quantity of salt as had been ordered to the North river; and as a large quantity was then at or near said river—it was voted, that Peter Colt, deputy commissary general of purchases, should be advised to stop the further sending on the salt to the North river, even if it might be done with safety.

IN SESSION, February 28.

It was voted by the Governor and Council, that the Governor should be desired to write to Maj. Thomson, commanding officer of Col. Nixon's battalion, stationed at Farmington, and request him to march, with all convenient speed, to Greenwich, pursuant to Gen. Putnam's orders, with all of said regiment who were able to do duty, and leave the sick and unfit for duty at Farmington, with a proper officer to take them on when fit. And Col. Root was ordered to repair to Farmington and acquaint Maj. Thomson herewith, and enquire into the state of the regiment, and find what would be necessary to furnish the battalion to enable them to march, and report to the Governor and Council.

James and Horace Hooker stated to the Governor and Council, that they had been appointed by Isaac Foster, Esq., deputy director general, &c., to receive and store a large quantity of hospital stores for the use of the United States; a part of which had arrived at Windsor, and the remainder daily expected; and had received orders from said Foster to apply to the Governor for a guard, and asked for a proper guard, &c. The Governor and Council ordered Col. Roger Newbury to furnish from his regiment, in such manner as he should judge most convenient, to said James and Horace Hooker a proper guard, of 1 sargeant and 12 men, for the time being; with power, if he should think necessary, to increase said guard to 18 men, to guard said stores until further orders; and proper pay rolls be made and presented to the pay table for payment of the Treasurer, and charged to the United States.

Col. John Chester, of Wethersfield, and others, shewed the Governor and Council, that in January, 1778, they purchased of this State, a number of salt pans, &c., to the value of £320:18:9, and by reason of large holes in said pans, they were useless; and they had been at great expense in transporting said pans, &c. from the furnace in Salisbury; and asked to be released from said contract. The Governor and Council released said Chester and others from the payment of said sum; and ordered Maj. William Williams to receive said pans, and dispose of them to the best advantage he could for this State.

IN SESSION, March 5.

The overseers of the furnace, at Salisbury, were directed by the Governor and Council, to cast a trundle head for Mr. John Gillet, of Windsor, if it would not impede the casting of cannon.

The overseers aforesaid were ordered to hire pastures for the cattle used at said furnace.

Hannah Church, of Danbury, the wife of Asa Church, (then) late of said Danbury, shewed the Governor and Council that her husband had joined the British army, and was then in New York, and that she had no estate to support her; and prayed for liberty to go to New York to her husband. The Governor and Council gave her liberty to go to New York, with such necessary apparel as the committee of inspection of said Danbury should think proper. And Gen. Silliman was directed to grant a flag, or passport, to the said Hannah accordingly.

IN SESSION, March 6.

Joseph Beak, a refugee from New York, by reason of the British troops and their tyranny, then at New Haven, stated that by reason of losses, and high prices of provisions, &c., he was reduced and unable to support his family; that he had several debts due him from prisoners, &c., in New York; and wished for liberty for his wife Margaret, to go to New York, and collect said sums, and return again. N. B. The purpose of her going not to be expressed, as it might frustrate the design. The Governor and Council gave permission.

IN SESSION, March 9.

On motion of Mr. Colt and Col. Champion, it was resolved by the Governor and Council, that an order of President Laurens, dated Yorktown, January 27, 1778, on Joseph Lawrence, Esq., continental loan officer in Connecticut, for the sum of \$200,000 in favor of the Governor and Council of this State, be disposed of as follows, viz.: \$50,000 in favor of Peter Colt, deputy commissary general of provis-

ions of the eastern department ; the remaining \$150,000 in favor of Col. Champion, purchaser of beef cattle in said department. And the Governor was desired to inform Congress, or the Board of Treasury, of this disposition, that it might be entered to the debit of said Colt and Champion.

Liberty was granted to the managers of the cannon foundry, to sell to Capt. William Griswold, sixteen 4 or 6 pound cannons, the property of the State, at the rate heretofore given.

IN SESSION, (at Lebanon,) March 16.

The Governor and Council consulted on sundry matters with the French captain, Michel, arrived at New London, with a large cargo of goods, &c.

Col. McLellan consulted about his undertaking in the new ordered regiment, &c.

Capt. Niles was present, concerning his late voyage.

Gen. Wadsworth and Mr. Payne were written to, to attend on Thursday.

IN SESSION, March 20.

The Governor, by consent of the Council present, gave a commission to Griffith for a whale boat, to cruise in the sound.

The Governor, with the Council present, gave liberty to Mrs. Winthrop, on her petition, for her two sons Benjamin and Robert, to go to New York to the care of their uncle, Maj. Theriff, who had offered to take them and send them to London to be educated, under such convoy as the selectmen of New London should approve, &c.

IN SESSION, March 21st, 23d, and 24th.

Many things consulted, but there being no quorum, no votes were passed.

IN SESSION, March 25.

It was voted, that Andrew Rowland, Esq., should deliver to Mr. Edward Hallam, commissary at New London, 5 barrels of pork. Also to Capt. Samuel Squire, commissary at Fairfield, 14 barrels of beef, in part payment of the provisions due from said Rowland to this State ; and to procure as soon as might be, such quantity of salted beef and pork, and flour as was still due ; and notify the Governor and Council thereof for giving further orders thereon.

John Ireland, an inhabitant of Long Island, and there taken a prisoner in arms against the United States, and was brought to this State, was permitted to return to Long Island to procure necessary clothing, &c., by giving his parole in common form, and to return and deliver

himself to the deputy commissary general of prisoners in this State, within 30 days from the 25th day of March, 1778.

Joseph Harris, Jr., Esq., was appointed major in the battalion ordered raised in the 3d brigade in this State, in the place of Joshua Huntington, Esq., resigned.

John Ripley, Esq., was appointed major of one of the battalions ordered raised by the General Assembly, in the room of Levi Welles, resigned.

John Penfield was appointed lieutenant colonel of the battalion ordered raised as aforesaid, in the 2d brigade, in the place of James Arnold, Esq., resigned.

William Ledyard, Esq., was appointed to command the forts at New London, Groton, and Stonington, with the rank and pay of major; to superintend the works, give proper orders about the military stores and tools in said fortifications; to continue in service until the 1st of January, 1779.

William Latham was appointed captain of the artillery company ordered raised and stationed at Groton, for the year then ensuing, or until the 1st of January, 1779.

Youngs Ledyard was appointed 1st lieutenant of matross or artillery company, stationed at Groton. Achas Sheffield was appointed 1st lieutenant of the company of 20 men stationed at Stonington.

An order was voted to be drawn by the pay table on the Treasurer, in favor of Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Esq., for £5,000, to be in account with this State, agreeable to an order added to Thomas Shaw.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was directed to purchase of Capt. Michel, of the ship Lyon, arrived at New London from France, 750 bushels of salt, for this State, on condition he had engaged more, to release the overplus so engaged, to Mr. Colt, or any continental purchasing commissary, for the use of the United States; and to send one-third part of what he should purchase to Norwich; one-third to East Haddam, and the remainder to Middletown, to be lodged in proper stores, for the use of this State.

IN SESSION, March 26.

Letters were sent to John Deshon, Esq., respecting the getting out the ship Trumbull.

Letters were sent to Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., in answer to his by his brother, relating to goods, salt, &c.

It was voted, that the pay table, upon application of any of the proper officers of either of the six battalions (then) lately ordered raised for the defence of this State, to order such an advance of money to

them, to fill their companies or battalions, agreeable to the encouragements given by the act of Assembly for raising said battalions, and take proper security for the disposition thereof.

John Odel was appointed lieutenant of a company of artillery of 24 men, to be raised and stationed at Fairfield.

It was voted, to continue Benjamin Henshaw and William Whiting, overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, with the appurtenances, with all other buildings and estate of Richard Smith, (then late of Boston,) situated in said Salisbury, which had been ordered by the General Assembly to be improved for the use of this State; and to obey the orders received from the General Assembly, or the Governor and Council, and be accountable for their conduct and management of the same when required. The overseers of said furnace were ordered to proceed immediately to make the necessary preparation to put said furnace in blast, for the year then ensuing, and to collect the articles necessary for that purpose, particularly to collect a sufficient quantity of ore and charcoal. To learn the prices and terms on which teams could be hired or purchased, for transporting such articles for said furnace; and report to the Governor and Council; and to purchase a sufficient quantity of wood as near the furnace as could be obtained, for coal. To employ a suitable number of men to carry on said business, and make the necessary provision for their subsistence. To exchange pig iron for good barrel pork, for the accommodation of the people employed. That there should be built a small house on the furnace lot, not to exceed in expense £100 lawful money, for the use of Mr. Whiting's family; to use the house where Mr. Whiting then lived for the workmen, to lodge and work in, &c., as said managers should direct. It was found a sum was due the committee appointed to build the bridge between the towns of Canaan and Salisbury; the Governor and Council therefore voted, that the managers should enquire into the same, and pay what they should find justly due for building said bridge, and charge the same to this State.

Messrs. Otis & Andrews, of Boston, deputy clothiers for the continental army, on request of the Governor and Council, had sent into Connecticut, cloths and trimmings to be made into garments for the continental soldiers, and requested the Governor to nominate a proper person to take the management and oversee the same properly executed. And Maj. John Bigelow was appointed to oversee the same, to collect the costs of making, and number the full suits made for the soldiers of each regiment, and exhibit them to Otis & Andrews, aforesaid, for payment; and to apply to them for directions how to carry said clothes to the army, and to correspond with them touching said business, and pursue their instructions, or the instructions of said Board, agreeable to the desire of said Otis & Andrews; to have commissions

on any purchases, and a reasonable allowance for his trouble in said affairs, as was offered Mr. David Trumbull. And it was voted, that the committee of pay table should draw on the Treasurer in favor of Maj. John Bigelow, superintendent aforesaid, for £200, in account with this State, to be replaced on his receipt of the same from said Otis & Andrews.

IN SESSION, March 27.

Mr. Trumbull, from New Haven, presented a petition from said town, stating their exposed situation, and great apprehensions, &c. from the enemy; and a report of their committee approved by the town, &c.; and prayed for a number of men to be stationed there, &c. The Governor was desired to order Thaddeus Cook, Esq., colonel of one of the battalions ordered to be raised by the General Assembly, on the 12th day of February, 1778, for the defence of this State, to forthwith detach and order two companies of his battalion, to march and take post at New Haven, for the defence thereof, and places adjacent, to be commanded by the major, and such other officers as the colonel should direct; and said officers to be in proportion to the number of non-commissioned officers and privates; and in case there should not be two full companies then enlisted, that said two companies be made up of such as had enlisted in any of the companies in said battalion; but if there were not then enlisted a sufficient number to make two companies, the colonel was directed to apply to Gen. Ward, who was ordered to draft from the militia in his brigade, so many men as would be sufficient to complete the two companies; and said militia men to be released from said service as fast as soldiers should be enlisted in said battalion and ordered to said post, at the discretion of the commanding officer on said station. And Col. Cook was further ordered to continue to send on for the defence of said post, so many officers and privates as to make three full companies.

Mr. Bradley, who was 2d lieutenant of the company of artillery, stationed at New Haven, in 1777, was appointed lieutenant of the company of matross, of 24 men, ordered by the Assembly to be stationed at New Haven.

Commissions were sent (by Col. S. Hall) to Col. Thaddeus Cook, Lieut. Col. John Penfield, and Maj. Abraham Tyler; and blanks signed for commissioned officers of the 2d regiment ordered raised by act of Assembly.

IN SESSION, March 28.

John Shipman, Jr., was appointed lieutenant of the company of matross, of 24 men, ordered raised and stationed at Saybrook, by the General Assembly for 1778.

IN SESSION, March 30.

Commissions were sent by Col. Bradley for three of the six regiments ordered by the (then) last Assembly to be raised for the defence of this and the United States, (for Col. Mead, Col. Enos, and Col. Hooker.) And sent commissions filled, to sundry officers of the artillery companies, viz. : Lieut. Bradley, of New Haven ; Benjamin Hine, of Milford ; John Odel, of Fairfield ; William Seymour, of Norwich ; John Bean, of Stamford, and Sylvanus Marshall, of Greenwich. N. B. The commissions for Col. Thaddeus Cook's regiment were sent on the 27th, by Col. Street Hall.

John Trumbull exhibited an account for printing, of £15 ; referred to the pay table.

Thomas Fanning exhibited an account of transferring the account of the Governor and Council ten days, at 12s. per day, to be adjusted by the pay table.

An order was given to Capt. Dewitt, of Norwich, to receive of Maj. Ledyard, the two wrought iron 4 pound cannon with the apparatus, which had been removed from Norwich, by Col. Ely's regiment. The order delivered Gen. Huntington.

IN SESSION, March 31.

Capt. Jacob Dewitt was directed to provide the necessary apparatus for preparing for service the two field pieces at Norwich, mounted on carriages, and receive of Maj. Gen. Huntington a sufficient quantity of powder and balls to complete 80 cartridges, and 40 cartridges for said pieces, and 40 for the wrought iron field pieces under his care.

Paul Pinkham, of the island of Nantucket, master of the sloop Fanny, was permitted to sell in this State, 100 bushels of salt, 400 pounds of coffee, 50 gallons of rum, 9 barrels of tar, 6 of turpentine, and 160 kegs of lampblack, at the regulated prices ; and to purchase any article except provisions of every kind, and flax exceeding 1 ton weight, lard exceeding 3 firkins, leather and iron, the property of the people of this State.

Capt. Seth Harding was directed to pay to Justus Jennings, his wages for services on board the brig Defence, being £54.

Maj. Elijah Hyde, Jr., exhibited an account for the expense and wages of four light horse men, to escort Gen. Prescott from Lebanon to East Windsor, being £5 : 5 ; referred to the pay table, and charged to the United States.

It was voted, that the resolution of Congress of the 2d of March, 1778, respecting the raising of light horse in this and several other States, to serve in the (then) next campaign, &c., should be sent to the majors of the light horse in this State as soon as could be ; and a copy of said resolution enclosed to each major accordingly.

Sent by Gen. Huntington the commissions for Col. Mott's battalion, ordered by the Assembly, in February, 1778, to be raised, &c. Also the commissions of Maj. William Ledyard, as commander of the fort at New London, George Stanton, Youngs Ledyard, Capt. W. Latham, Capt. Shapley, Lieut. Richard Chapman, and Dan Dee, New London; Lieut. Achas Sheffield, for Stonington artillery companies.

IN SESSION, April 1.

The day was spent in writing letters to Congress, the Board of War, Gen. Putnam, Gen. Silliman, &c.

IN SESSION, April 2.

Mr. Samuel Fitch, issuing commissary to Col. Durkee's regiment, made his resignation to the Governor and Council, dated February, 1778, and was accepted.

The day spent in consultation, and preparing letters.

IN SESSION, April 3.

Daniel Hall, Jr., of Durham, exhibited his account, for making 50 cartouch boxes and 50 bayonet belts, of £45; delivered, the same to Gen. Wadsworth.

Jeremiah Butler, of Durham, offered his account for making 20 cartouch boxes and 20 bayonet belts, of £46. The pay table drew for the same.

Orders to the following effect were sent to Col. Mott, of the 3d regiment, ordered to be raised for the defence of this and the United States. To detach from the regiment under his command, 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 ensign, and 86 non-commissioned officers and privates, if such a number were enlisted, to take post at Great Neck, in New London. Also, 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 ensign, and 86 non-commissioned officers and privates, to take post at Groton, for the defence of those places. And in case a sufficient number to complete two companies were not enlisted, to apply to Gen. Tyler, who was directed immediately to give orders for detaching from his brigade such number of non-commissioned officers and privates as should be wanting in Col. Mott's regiment to complete said two companies; and order the men so detached to join said companies, and stationed at New London and Groton; to continue in service until relieved by such as should enlist into said battalion, who Col. Mott was to order on for that purpose; and to make weekly returns, until further orders.

The Governor was directed to give orders to Col. Mott, to send on one company in addition to the one before ordered to New London, as soon as a sufficient number should be enlisted in the regiment under his command, with a field officer to command.

An order was given in favor of Col. William Worthington, for £200, for service done in attempting to annoy the enemy's shipping, by order of the Governor and Council.

The account of Capt. Richard Dickinson, for services, &c., for the armed vessel, brig *Minerva*, owned by this State, (then) lately under the command of Capt. Giles Hall, was referred to the pay table for settlement, &c.

The Governor was desired to write to the delegates from Connecticut, in Congress, relative to Bushnell's machine, and request them to lay the same before Congress, &c.

Dr. Samuel Lee, of Windham, was discharged from the office of surgeon to Col. Durkee's regiment, in continental service; and Dr. David Adams, of Preston, appointed in his place in said regiment.

The Governor gave an order on Col. H. Champion, to deliver Col. Jonathan Fitch, 8 barrels of pork; another order on Mr. Elijah Hubbard, to deliver 1 ton of flour to Col. Fitch, for the troops stationed at New Haven. Order delivered in a letter sent by Samuel Thatcher.

Sent an answer to Capt. Levi Leavenworth as to shoes.

On motion of Ezekiel Williams, Esq., deputy commissary general of prisoners in this State, for liberty to obtain a guard over the prisoners of the United States, (then) about to be confined on board a prison ship then fitted at New London, and ready to receive the prisoners on board, agreeable to the orders of Congress. The Governor and Council resolved, that said commissary should be supplied with a guard, of 1 lieutenant, 1 sargeant, 1 corporal, and 20 privates, for guarding the said prisoners, under the direction of said commissary, at the expense of the United States; provided that said men could not be otherwise obtained, the commissary was directed to apply to Samuel Abbott, colonel of the 20th regiment of militia of this State, who was in such case, if need be, to order a detachment of as many men out of his regiment as should be wanting to complete said number for the purpose.

IN SESSION, April 20.

Sundry matters consulted, but no votes passed.

IN SESSION, April 21.

An order in favor of Samuel Elliot, Jr., Esq., agent at Boston, for £6,000, to be in account of business by said Elliot for this State, in the naval department. Said Elliot was desired to prepare his account for settlement at Hartford, during the session of the General Assembly, in May. Said Elliot was directed to sell the guns, tallow, fat, and bad bread in his hands owned by this State, to the best advantage, for the benefit of said State; and render his account as soon as might be.

Also, that said Elliot should be instructed to act his discretion to secure the stores in the State of Massachusetts owned by this State, in such manner as he should judge prudent, that they should not fall into the hands of the enemy.

It was voted, to draw on Capt. Samuel Squire, commissary, for four tons of flour, in favor of Samuel Elliot, Jun., Esq., to be replaced where borrowed by him for the use of this State.

Samuel Butt was appointed lieutenant, and Benjamin Brown, ensign of the 6th company of alarm list, in the 21st regiment of militia of this State, and were commissioned.

Jabez Stow was appointed lieutenant fire worker to the company of artillery under Capt. Adam Shaply, at New London, and commissioned.

Henry Denison, of Stonington, was appointed 2d lieutenant of the artillery company under Capt. Latham, at Groton, and commissioned.

It was resolved, that four men should be allowed, in addition to the number of artillerymen under Lieut. Sheffield, at Stonington; and said Sheffield was ordered to enlist them.

An order was drawn on the store keeper at Preston, to deliver 12 barrels of pork, for the use of the matross at Groton and Stonington.

An order was drawn on Gen. Jabez Huntington, for about 1,200 pounds of cannon powder, in favor of William Ledyard, major of artillery, at New London, Groton, and Stonington. And ordered Nathaniel Wales, Jr., Esq., to send 400 pounds of musket powder to Maj. Ledyard, as soon as might be.

Gen. Huntington was desired to prepare apparatus for the two wrought field pieces at Norwich.

Capt. Nathan Palmer was directed to deliver to Lieut. Sheffield, as many guns, over and above the eight guns he had to arm his whole party of 24 men.

Maj. Gen. Wadsworth was directed to enquire into the state of the guards at New Haven, and dismiss the militia there, in whole or part, as he should judge best; and to order the two companies raised in Col. Cook's regiment, to New Haven, to take the place of the militia in service there; and order the next company raised in those parts to Guilford, to guard the coast of that town, as he should judge best, till further orders.

Capt. Niles, of the Spy, and Capt. Smith, of the Dolphin, were ordered to immediately refit said vessels.

Capt. Robert Niles was appointed to the command of the sloop Dolphin; and was ordered forthwith to refit her for sea, and engage seamen necessary to man her for a merchant voyage to the West Indies, with such loading as should be prepared.

Capt. Zebadiah Smith was ordered to refit for sea, the schooner *Spy*, and engage seamen necessary to man her for a voyage to the West Indies, with such cargo as should be prepared, and apply to Capt. J. Perkins for money and advice.

Capt. Perkins was ordered to procure a suitable quantity of staves and hoops, to load the *Dolphin* and *Spy*, for a voyage to the West Indies, and to collect all the hog's lard that belonged to this State, in the care of Col. Champion and others, to be disposed of as he should be ordered, &c., by the Board.

IN SESSION, April 27.

John Way was appointed lieutenant fire worker for the company of artillery under Capt. Adam Shapley.

Benjamin Huntington was desired to permit Capt. Jabez Perkins to cut staves on lands in his care, owned by the heirs of C. Shillby, of London, deceased.

Capt. J. Perkins had liberty to use one hogshead of molasses, and one of sugar, owned by this State, to purchase staves and other articles, to fit out the *Dolphin* and *Spy*, to the West Indies; and Capt. Bill was directed to deliver said Perkins the sugar.

IN SESSION, April 28.

Maj. John Bigelow was appointed and directed to purchase woolen cloths, at the lawful prices, suitable for officers' clothing, from this State, in the continental service, to an amount not to exceed £3,000, lawful money. Also, to take half the pieces of linen in his hands, purchased of Capt. Michel, master of the French ship at New London, suitable for officers' shirts, and procure them to be made for that use. The clothing for the officers, to be sent forward for them, such as could be made, and the residue sent unmade, with suitable linings and trimmings; and take receipts of the officers so furnished, by the rules of Congress. That said Bigelow should lay the prices of said clothing and linen, before the commissioners of accounts at Hartford, who were directed to settle the prices at which the officers should account, and to charge the surplus to the United States; and to lay his own doings and expenses in said business, before the Governor and Council, as soon as might be.

IN SESSION, May 6.

It was voted, that Mr. Dart, of New London, should be exempted from all military duty, for and during the time he should be employed in cutting and carrying 50 loads of wood to the fort—having been requested by Capt. Hallam.

It was voted, that Capt. Cockran might receive of Col. Champion,

four barrels of pork, for the guard of 20 men stationed at Saybrook. Also, that Mr. David Trumbull might receive of said Champion, two barrels of pork, for so much received for Capt. Niles, of the schooner Spy, before, and not charged.

Mark Foquet, in behalf of his father, Capt. Nicholas Foquet, and himself, stated to the Governor and Council, that they were employed by the Continental Congress to inspect powder mills, and powder and salt petre in the United States; and while in any particular State, to be under the direction of the Governor thereof, and supported by the United States, and empowered by Congress to call upon any continental quarter master in any State for such assistance and support they should need; that Congress furnished them, at Yorktown, with a wagon, four horses, and a wagon master, to convey them and their baggage from State to State, and that the wagon master deserted them at Hartford, in this State; that their money was nearly expended, and considerable expense had arisen since they came to Connecticut, and more expense would arise, and they should be obliged to go to the eastern States when Gov. Trumbull should direct; that there was no quarter master to whom they could apply; and therefore asked to be furnished with a wagon master, and necessary funds to defray their expense while here, and to convey them to such State as they should be directed. The Governor and Council ordered that Nathaniel Wales, Esq., should be desired to advance to the said Nicholas and Mark not exceeding \$200, to be repaid to him, and charged to the Continent.

On the request of Maj. William Ledyard, who represented the necessity of having 5 dozen spades and shovels, to carry on the works at New London and Groton forts; the Governor and Council authorized Maj. Ledyard to procure said number of spades and shovels, for said purpose, to be under his care, and obtained in the most reasonable manner. And to employ three or four head workmen for carrying stone, of the men employed in the public service at and about the forts, if practicable, with an additional allowance to said men, or in the best and most reasonable manner he could, to be employed in the works on fort Trumbull, at New London. And it was voted, that Capt. Edward Hallam, commissary of the fort at New London, should receive of Mr. Crary, at Preston, eight barrels of pork owned by this State, in his hands, for the use of the garrison at said fort, and said Crary was ordered to deliver the same, and take a receipt accordingly.