At a Council held at Savannah
6th September 1799.

Present
Wm. Graham.

Mr. Lewis Johnston. Mr. Martin Sollice.
John Stone. James Wright.

The necessity of a further supply of negroes to work at the Fortifications of Savannah being taken into consideration, it is appearing that of these family ordered to send negroes had omitted. It was agreed that the following order of council should issue with the signatures underneath to the persons or persons having charge of the negroes to send.

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At a Council held at Savannah
8th Sept 1799.

Present
Wm. Graham.

Mr. Lewis Johnston. Mr. Martin Sollice.
John Stone.

Whereas it was expedient to declare
proposed by the Gov. the irregularity of declaring Martial Law, there was being no communication with the country the Town blocked off by sea & land, and the Board have at last considered the

requiring that the present punishment for declaring Martial

Law could only respect the inhabitants within the limits who were ready to enrol in sundry arms, were an animosity of Opinion, that it was unnecessary.

and considering that the other powers usually exercised in Time of Martial Law, were wholly in the hands of the General, commands by Majesty's Forces, it was therefore the unanimous

opinion of the Board that the same was unnecessary.
A council held at Savannah.
28th Sept. 1779.

Rev. M. S. Dr. James Wright, Barb. Pm.
Mr. North. John Graham, Esq. L.C. Pm.
Mr. Kendall. Anthony Hedges, Esq. Mr. North. Martin Lottie Edg.
Mr. Kendall. Lewis Johnston, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. Board that Mr. Mle. John, and of the customs, had called upon him. To acquaint him, that he had received upwards of £400 for duties due to his Majesty. That he did not think it safe to keep so large a sum by him at this particular juncture. Therefore had applied for payment of money due to the Province troops to whom he is convinced, and proposed to lodge Bills of Exchange in their hands, in the hands of such persons as might be thought proper. The Board having made consideration the matter unanimously determined, approve of what Mr. Mle. had done. It advise the Bills should be taken in the possession of New York for such money as he may be answerable for as collector. That the Bills should be drawn in equal sums.
The 2d. It continued.

Mr. E. laid before the Council the following State, or Representation for their mature consideration. 1st. That the Governor, in order to make the laws and Ordinances for the better Government of the Province, be authorized to call an Assembly of the Freeholders in order to join in the making of laws and Ordinances, for the benefit of the Province. 

2d. That the 1st of the 12th Month next, be directed to issue writs in the King's name directed to the Prov. Marsh, or, other proper officer in the several towns & districts requiring them to summon the Freeholders in the 1st towns & districts to meet at some convenient place within the same, to choose select such persons as shall be thought proper by the Majority of the Freeholders to be their Representations in a General Assembly to be held at such time & place as the council shall judge proper convenent for the King's Service for the convenience of the Inhabitants. 

3d. The 13th of the same month shall be conv'd of 19 Regular Writs, by the Freeholders of Savannah incl. the Villages of North and South Hampton, the Settlement on the River to the Eastward of the Town, by the Freeholders of Esmarsburg, by the Freeholders of Acton, by the Freeholders of Coleraine & Gahee, by the Freeholders of Bonecaz, by the Freeholders of Malij, by the Freeholders of Stafford, by the Freeholders of Great Walter, by the Freeholders of Tappan, by the Freeholders of Deception, by the Freeholders of the East of the Towns, by the Freeholders of Talley, by the Freeholders of Williamson, by the Freeholders of Tabee & Green Island.

2d. Mr. E. in God's name, asked leave from hence. The number was 386, which increased by 21 since 2d or 22, when came: That after the election of the Freeholders from the River Jamaica to S. Anne's, which was by the Council to be held at New York; I now declared to the members that the courts were permitted to do so for any member, so that the last Assembly consisted of 28 or 29 members, who had been examined by the Election Act, the 1st section of which directs the manner of issue: 1st. The 2d. The Qualification of the Voter. The 3d. Of the present Towns in Elections. The 4th. When votes are to be taken. The 5th. What persons are qualified to vote in Assembly. The 6th. How Vacancies are to be filled up. The 7th. What votes to the Prov. Marsh may admit; or person offering to vote. The 8th.
the prov. Mass. not to return himself, the 9th mo. fore the overn in the
day of election, the 1st mo. the persons to be elected to the

This act shall not take away any privilege any Govt. off. before had, or
This law intends only direct the mode of

V. Inst. It Reved remember that the

The powers of the whole is

Any part of the whole is

The law was only made in aid of these, but absolute justice into

At large: Upon this state of the matter I join the follow.

Punished for the consideration & Report of the 12th. I fully

Whether an assembly can be called without giving notice

of elections for the whole, for all the parishes & districts. 2. If the prov. Mass.

returns for one or more parishes or districts, that the

Notice required of the election, and that these

in the parish or dist. or that none appear to bear or came
to the place at the time appointed to make such election,

therefore none could be made. As if he should return that a number

of rebels had assembled or near the place appointed & therefore

he does not venture to receive the suffrages of the electors by

that for any other reasons which he may give, it was not

in his power to proceed for to take the election &


The only returned for part of the parishes for

If this or 2 or 3 do move for the other, whether an

assembly consists of members from part of the Parishes or

assembly only, will be a lawful assembly or Representation of

The inhabitant of the whole prov. 2dly, such a partial

assembly or Representation of the people legally proceed on

Resolves in assembly join in making law

The council having attentively considered the said state,

in consequence &

Unanimously, that of the utmost ability to

with the good of the people, in sending an assembly. That 11. 8.

had clearly represented in his state of the matter, every part
n which any difficulty could occur in bringing accomplish-
so desirable an object, I advised the same be referred 
as soon may be to H. Justice & rocky for their Opinions 
how far it may be practicable under the powers therein 
set forth.

at a Council held at Savannah 
1st Oct. 1799.

Present
H. E. Sir James Wright, Bart. the Gov.
The Hon. A. Statie
J. Morris Capt.
I. Pollock Capt.
J. Wright

x. Then whether an &.
As a council held at his excellency's house in Savannah on Monday the 10th day of November 1779.

Prevent.

W. E. Sir James Wrights, Bart. Governor.
The Hon. John Graham, Esq. 25th Gov.

The Rev. Dr. Mottley, Rev. Mr. Standish
Rev. Mr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Jolin.

At the request of the late Mr. James Wright, and

The R. laid before the Board the report of the Chief Justice, 
Attorney General in answer to the representation of his excellency, 
of the last month. Report.

After reading the report, the which was returned, Mr. E. desired the opinion of the Board at what period it would be proper to declare an amnesty, when after a consultation of the subject of this matter, it was agreed that the greater number of those who should rescind their former acts of allegiance by returning would not admit of suspending this measure into execution.

It was then mentioned that the present law of Justice was not sufficient from some objections. It was therefore thought that a law on the subject should be enacted for the future.

A law was accordingly drawn up by the Board, to the effect that all who should return should be regarded as free men.

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The Board that many complaints have been made that cattle are taken by
persons unknown and are driven off cattle belonging to
the Inhabitants of this Province, as the same some threatening
the owners of cattle objects, such proceedings were contrary to all
previous laws. It was agreed by the Board that
immediate steps be taken to stop this practice. Further,
the Board was requested to thepropose a new system of
enforcement. The Board was also requested to stop
any future such practices. The Board was also requested to
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Mr. E. then mentioned that at Col. Moore of the Carolina Loyalists, he had made proposals for that he was commissioned as a Col. of the Militia, for the defence of the Province, where he was under a necessity of going on other duty, he conceived he should be able to be of considerable service in driving away the Rebels from that part of the Province, and from that suggestion and assurance from him to commands the most satisfaction, whom he represented as well agreed to greatly disposed to accepting the Command in defence of the Province and the King. The Board were unanimous by opinion that the proposal of Maj. Col. Moore, was greatly for the public good and service, and advised that his commission issued in his place should be given him accordingly.

Mr. E. then said before the Board that Mr. Swanston the Provost of the Garrison had reported that the prisoners he had been at, in maintaining prisoners committed to the Provost prison by Warrants from the Chief Justice, for which he was ordered, he was appointed to be one and was able to join and that Provost report was approved. The Board approved of the Assembly's advice that if the if be discharged from the money arising from
At a council held at His Excellency's House, in Savannah, on Thursday, the 18th Day of November, 1779.

Present

H.E. Sir James Wright, Baronet, Gov.
The Honble John Graham, Esq., Lt. Gov.
The Honble Anthony Ingraves

[Signature]

John Hume
Martin Jolley

H.E. laid before the Board the following Letter.

Letter from Mr. Bethunecliff,

reading and examining the Law for Preventing Smallpox Fever on which Letter H.E. addressed, that the Clerk of the Council should answer the same, acquaint Mr. Bethunecliff, that he had before the Board, from him, he was at liberty to inoculate any part of his Family, under the circumstances mentioned by him in his letter, provided he regulated his conduct agreeably to the laws of the Province respecting the spreading of the smallpox excepting contagious disorders which then were yet in Town.

The Board approved of the same, and resolved, that the Clerk be ordered to write according.
Mr. L. then informed the Board he had aided many applicants people in the country in favor of certain persons, whom they may receive commissions as militia officers, for there being men of character, be well affected to Government, that he had made inquiry to concerning the conduct both of the obtaining to fill these places, which was relative to the persons proposed for officers, but without
deciding the opinion of the Board whether some officers might not be subject to commission for the reason it was much wanting in Canada of the province, under of the province, and that such being a major officer there many officers would be disposed
of, in defence of government, as he thought no commission could be offered to mistaking the persons named, otherwise, had their character affected the opinion of the Board, so that he advised that commissions be given accordingly. Orders that the
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Provincial Council
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