This is a Register of all such materials Orders and agreements as have been made by the Proprietors of East New Jersey from time being.

As they stand in the Minute Booke.

In London

Robt. West

Ames Rigg

Tho. Hart

Sum. Grome

Hugh Harthouse

Tho. Plimstede

Rich Merv.

Tho. Wilsoe

Wm. Penn

Tho. Cooper

John Haywood

It’s unalterably agreed that the 12 Proprietors will enlarge their number from twelve to twenty and no more for ever hereafter, and that no one Proprietor shall have nor be capable to hold more than one Propriety.

It’s also unalterably agreed that two thirds of the Proprietors in their own names and by their agents, shall be the Quantum, and shall settle on all matters arising to the management of affairs of a Province of East Jersey.

It’s unanimously agreed that 1326 the first foure & twentieth part of the Propriety in East Jersey is and shall be at least three hundred pounds, and that every one of the 12 Proprietors may at his option exhort no one or more than the same to a joint Propriety.

Two thirds whereas are to approve or disapprove things from time to time.

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Wm. Penn

Tho. Plimstede

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Figure 4.1 The first page of the Minutes of the Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey, 1682 – 1684
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At a meeting of ye Proprietors of East New Jersey: June ye 6th 1682

Rob' West          Hugh Hartshorne         Tho: Wilcox
Ambr Rigg          Tho: Rudyard            Wm Penn
Tho: Hart           Clem' Plumsted         Tho: Cooper
Sam Groom          Rich Mew               John Haywood

It’s unalterably agreed That the p’sent Proprietors will enlarge their number from Twelve unto Foure & Twenty and no more for ever hereafter, and that no one Proprietor shall have nor be capable to hold more then one Propriety.

It’s also unalterably agreed That two thirds of the Proprietors in their own persons or by their Proxies shall be the Quorum, and shall resolve on all matt's in order to ye managemt of ye affaires of ye Province of East Jersey.

It’s unanimously agreed That ye price and cost of a foure & Twentith part of the Propriety in East Jersey is and shall be at least Three Hundred pounds sterling And that every one of the p’sent Proprietors may at that price Contract w’th one and p’sent the same to ye p’sent Proprieto’n for approbacon. Two thirds whereof are to approve or disapprove therof from time to time.

Tho: Wilcox        Wm Penn                      Ambrose Rigge
Ric Mew            Rob West                    Clem Plumsted
Tho: Hart           Tho: Rudyard                Tho: Cooper
Hugh Hartshorne    Sam Groom Sen:            Jno Heywood
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 26th of June 1682
p. Generall agreem\textsuperscript{t}

Old Proprietors present: \{ Rob\textsuperscript{t} West, Tho: Rudyard, Sam Groome, Tho: Hart, Ric\textsuperscript{o} Mew, Tho: Cooper, Jno\textsuperscript{n} Heywood, Hugh Hartshorne \}

New Proprietors present: \{ Jno Ayliffe, Edmd Waller, Nath: Wade, Tho: Merry, Wm Gibson, Tho: Barker \}

A Letter of the 9\textsuperscript{th} of May 1682 from George Heathcot President at New Yorke in America (was here read) Intimating that he had delivered the 2\textsuperscript{d} of that instant to Capt\textsuperscript{n} Carteret now or late Governo\textsuperscript{r} of East Jersey one Letter sent to him from the Earle of Bath & other the Trustees of Sr George Carteret deceased for w\textsuperscript{th} the said Carteret gave a receipt. And further intimating that the said Capt\textsuperscript{n} Carteret had divulged so much of the said Letter as declared against Scots p\textsuperscript{t}ended Title, but nothing that related to y\textsuperscript{e} Trustees prohibiting his disposicon of Lands: And the said Letter of G: H further intimates that Capt\textsuperscript{n} Bullen y\textsuperscript{e} later Secretary of East Jersey is deceased; And that the said Capt\textsuperscript{n} Carteret has put one Bickerstaffe into y\textsuperscript{e} Secretaries place; upon debate and consideracon whereof: It’s agreed that the persons to whom y\textsuperscript{e} 23\textsuperscript{d} instant was referred to draw up y\textsuperscript{e} Constitutions (who have agreed to meete to morrow morning) do then draw up such Letters, and procure such from the Earle of Bath &c as may be requisite for y\textsuperscript{e} p\textsuperscript{sent} circumstances of affaires, and y\textsuperscript{e} the same be dispatched there the first opportunity of Conveyance.

It is agreed that all Orders, Commissions, Declaracons and Letters relating to the managem\textsuperscript{t} of y\textsuperscript{e} affaires and Interest of the Proprietors in East Jersey be entred in this or some other booke to be prepared for that purpose.
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East
New Jersey ye 27th of June 1682

Old Proprietors present

{ Tho: Rudyard Ricn Mew Tho: Cooper
  Sam: Groome Tho: Wilcox Jn\n Heywood
  Tho: Hart Hugh Hartshorne Clem\ Plumsted

New intended Proprietors

{ Wm Gibson Jn\ Ayloffe Tho: Merry
  Tho: Barker Edmd Waller

It is agreed, that Rob\ West forth\ draw up and prepare such Letters as yesterday were determined to be sent for East Jersey and y\ Tho: Wilcox assist in y\ affaire to attend y\ Earle of Bath as was before agreed.

Takeing into debate and consideration what Lands are proposed at present to be exposed to Sale, and are Sitting for s Speedy improvem, Building and Plantacon in East Jersey: It’s proposed and agreed that y\ Lands called Ambo point Supposed One thousand five hundred acres little more or lesse lying convenient for a Harbour for Shipping, for a Towne of Trade, Fishery & Navigacon be divided and layd out into One hundred & Fifty parts or allotm\ to be equally divided by twelve men in the Countrey to be appointed and agreed upon by the Proprietors & Adventurers or their Proxies, each Lott to be Ten acres, and to have a proporconable Share to y\ Water side, where a Towne is intended to be built, and also a proportionable part of y\ Marsh & Island grounds in such Division. Reserving foure acres for a Marketplace, Towne house &c: and Three acres along the Water side for publick Wharifes. These parts or Lots to be appropriated to every Adventurer by Lott as well to the Proprietors themselves as others, and each Lott to be valued and Sold at or after the rate of Twenty pounds Sterling money; Each Purchaser or Adventurer to be obliged to build a house in the intended Towne, and cleare Three acres of Upland in three years or else the Proprietors to be reestated in such Lotts wherein default is made, repaying the Purchase money, at the choice of the Proprietors.

It is agreed, that there be a Draft or Chart of the intended Towne fairly drawne out. And also that the proposalls above be drawne and prepared for publication. And it’s referred to Sam\ Groome, Nathaniel Wade, Edmond Waller and Tho: Rudyard to meete to morrow at Nine a Clock at the Sugar loafe at Templebarre.

It is agreed, that the next Fifth day it be taken into Consideracon what other methods shall be taken to dispose of Land in generall in East Jersey:

Rob\ West Jn\ Ayloffe Tho: Wilcox
Tho: Rudyard Hugh Hartshorne Tho: Barker
Sam Groome Tho: Cooper Clem\ Plumsted
Tho: Hart Ricn Mew Edmd Waller
Jn\ Heywood Wm Gibson
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the first day of July 1682

Old Proprietors present:

Rob' West
Tho: Rudyard
Hugh Hartshorne
Tho: Wilcox

Sam: Groome
Tho: Cooper
Tho: Hart
Clem: Plumsted

Jnº Heywood
Ricº Mew
Ambrose Rigge

New intended Proprietors

Jno Ayloffe
Edmd Waller
Tho: Barker

Wm Gibson
Nathl Wade
Tho: Merry

S' Gilbº Gerrard
Jnº Freke
Sº Hen: Ingolsby

It is agreed. That there shall be no Office or Place of Auditor supplyed by any Single person, but all accompts of the Province shalbe managed by a Comittee not exceeding Five and not under Three, who shall from time to time be nominated by ye Governour & Councell.

It is agreed. That there shall be an Attorney Generall & Two Registers and One Secretary for the Province, which places are agreed to be Supplyed at present by Nathaniell Wade and Thomas Rudyard, and that the profits of all the said Offices shalbe equally shared betwixt Nathaniell Wade and Thomas Rudyard.

It is agreed. That the p'sent Surveyº Generall shalbe removed & that Thomas Merry shalbe Surveyº Generall and yº p'sent Surveyour to be one of his Deputyes, and if Tho: Warne of yº Kindome of Ireland shall hereafter become a Proprietor that some provision shalbe made for him under the Surveyer Generall.

It is agreed. That Samº Groome shalbe Treasurer & Receivº Generall of yº said Province, and that he shall have powº to Depute Geo: Hethcote to execute that Office in his Sicknes or absence.

Robº West
Jnº Ayloffe
Nath: Wade
S' Gilbº Gerrard
Tho: Merry
Sam: Groome
Ricº Mew

Wm Gibson
Tho: Cooper
Jnº Heywood
Hugh Hartshorne
Tho: Barker
Tho: Hart

Jnº Freke
Tho: Rudyard
Ambr: Rigge
S' Hen: Ingoldsby
Tho: Wilcox
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 4th of July: 1682

Old Proprietors present:
- Wm Penn
- Robt West
- Sam: Groome
- Tho: Hart
- Tho: Rudyard
- Tho: Wilcox
- Clemt Plumsted
- Jno Heywood
- Tho: Cooper
- Ric: Mew
- Hugh Hartshorne
- Ambrose Rigge

New Proprietors present:
- Sr Hen: Ingoldsby
- Jn: Ayloffe
- Edmd Waller
- Tho: Merry
- Wm Gibson
- Tho: Barker
- Jn: Freke
- Nath: Wade
- S: Gilb: Gerard

The Comittee for ye Settling and disposeing the Stock reporting theire Opinion for sending the whole 1200li stock by ye next Shipps, ye matter was debated and put to ye question by ye Ballott, and carried by 16 votes against 5, that the whole 1200li Stock shall be sent.

It is agreed. That Tho: Hart, Sam: Groome & Wilcox shall Consid r what Cargo is most proper to disburse the 1200li in.

The disposall of Land and ye price of it being taken into Consideracon and Debate; Two pence and Three half pence rent for every acre being proposed and 12 yeares purchase for the Inheritance, the question was put by the Ballott and carried for two pence an acre rent & two shillings an acre for ye Inheritance, and this value to continue till ye 25th Decemr 1684.

It is referred to Saml Groome, Nathaniell Wade, Robt West and Tho Merry to prepare the paper of Proposall of disposeing Lands to be Published.
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey on the 6th day of July 1682

Old Proprietors present:
- Rob’ West
- Sam: Groome
- Tho: Hart
- Tho: Wilcox
- Ric’ Mew
- Jn’ Heywood
- Tho: Rudyard
- Wm Gibson

New Proprietors present:
- Ayloffe
- Jn’ Freke
- Edmd Waller
- Nath: Wade
- Tho: Merry
- Sr Gilbt Gerard

The Paper of Proposalls of disposing of Lands referred at the last Meeting to Samuel Groome Nathaniell Wade Robert West and Thomas Merry to prepare is read, amended & approved and Ordered to be printed and published.

Proposalls for the Building of a Towne on Ambo point and incouragement of Artificers and Workmen to goe thither to be imploied in the Service of the Proprietors Agreed and Ordered to be printed and published.

Rob’ West
Edmd Waller
Nath: Wade
Sr Gilbt Gerard
Jn’ Ayloffe
Tho: Merry
Jn’ Freke
Sam Groome
Wm Gibson
Ric’ Mew
Tho: Rudyard
Tho: Hart
Tho: Wilcox
At a Meeting of the Proprietors
of East New Jersey ye 11th of July: 1682

Old Proprietors present:

Tho: Rudyard
Tho: Hart
Tho: Cooper
Sam: Groome
Hugh Hartshorn
Ric o Mew
Clem t Plumstead
Jn o Heywood
Rob t West
Wm Penn by
Wm Gibson
his Proxie

New Intended Proprietors present:

Jn o Ayloff e
Edmd Waller
Nath II Wade
Sr Gilb t Gerard
Jn o Freke
Tho: Merry
Wm Gibson
Tho: Barker

It is agreed. That the Committee appointed the 23d of June last for drawing up the Fundamentall Constitutions doe meet about the affaire at Nine a Clock next Fifth day morning at Jn o Frekes in the Middle Temple, and make their report here next fift day afternoone.

Jn o Freke
Tho: Merry
Jn o Ayloff e
Wm Penn
Wm Gibson
Tho: Barker
Sam: Groome
Rob t West
Tho Rudyard
Ric o Mew
Tho: Cooper
Hugh Hartshorne
Clem t Plumstead
Tho: Hart
Jn o Heywood
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 12th of July 1682

Old Proprietors present

- Robt West
- Sam: Groome
- Tho: Wilcox
- Ric: Mew
- Tho: Cooper
- Tho: Rudyard
- Hugh Hartshorn
- Clem: Plumsted
- Jno Heywood
- Wm Penn
- Tho: Hart

New Intended Proprietors

- Edmd Waller
- Nath: Wade
- Wm Gibson
- Tho: Barker

It is unanimously agreed That the Governour of East Jersey appointed and Constituted by the p'sent Proprietors shall have allowed and paid him for and towards his expenses in managing ye Governm in that Province for the first yeare he shall execute ye same the Summe of value of Two hundred pounds sterling whch shall be paid and allowed him by the p'sent Proprietors, in case hee shall not have and receive the same by some provision already made or that hereafter shalbe made by the Generall Assembly of the said Province.

It is agreed that the first yeare shalbe accounted from ye time of the Governours first arrivall in that Province.

It is agreed That the Twelve hundred pounds Stock before determined to be brought in for the joint use of all the Proprietors be paid in unto Sam: Groome or his Assignes to be by him disposed for the use before expressed. And that Notes be given unto him for Security untill the Conveyances be exempted.

It is agreed. That Samuell Groome bespeak and buy an Instrum to distiguish the Latitude betweene East Jersey and New Yorke and that he also cause to be printed the Mapp of East Jersey upon the best tearmes he can.

Jno Freke
Nath: Wade
Tho: Wilcox
Edmd Waller
Wm Penn

Tho: Hart
Wm Gibson
Sam Groome
Ric: Mew
Tho: Cooper

Robt West
Tho: Rudyard
Hugh Hartshorne
Clem: Plumsted
Jno Heywood
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of
East New Jersey the 20th of July
1682

Present

Ambrose Rigge
Hugh Hartshorne
Jno Heywood
Tho: Cooper
Tho: Hart
Tho: Rudyard

Clem Plumstead
Tho: Wilcox
Rob West
Wm Gibson
Wm Penn

Thomas Wilcox is desired to inquire of the Lady Carteret, Stephen Melchampe of any other who can informe whether S’ George Carteret had any Common Seale of the Province of East Jersey; And if any be, to get the same the use of the present Proprietors & retourne answere to the next meeting, And it is agreed that if there be no common Seale, that then one be made ready for the said Province.

It is agreed upon that Samuell Groome and Thomas Hart doe forthwith provide a Cargo of Goods to the value of Six hundred pounds sterl. fitting for Trade and Commerce in East Jersey And that the said Stocke of 600li be raysed by the present Proprietors, viz’, each of the p’sent Twelve Proprietors or their Assignes Fifty pounds sterling And that the said Cargo of Goods be provided and made ready against the latter end of the next March at furthest.

Samuell Groome
Ambrose Rigge
Tho: Rudyard
Clem Plumstead
Tho: Willcox
Rob West

Tho: Hart
Wm Gibson
Wm Penn
Hugh Hartshorn
Tho: Cooper
Jno Heywood
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of
East New Jersey ye 27th of July: 1682

Rob: West  Tho: Wilcox  Wm: Gibson
Sam: Groome  Tho: Rudyard  Wm: Penn
Rico Mew  Clemt Plumstead
Tho: Cooper  Hugh Hartshorn


Agreed that Tho: Wilcox and Tho: Hart attend the Earle of Bath and Stephen Mellichampe for the old writings belonging to the late Sir Geo: Carteret and Proprietors of East Jersey And also inquire if Sir Geo: Carteret the Grandsonne be in England. That if advisable wee may have a Conveyance of Deputacon from him for ye Governm of East Jersey wch hee claimes under ye Duke of York’s grant lately made to him.

Tho: Wilcox brought in here a Bill of petty expences from the 20th of May to ye 25th instant amounting to 5li 16s 9d: Agreed that every Proprietor pay ten shillings a peice towards the petty expenses and that Rob: West receive the same from the new intended Proprieto: such part thereof as he can and be accountable to ye p’sent Proprietors for ye same.

It is agreed That Rob: West receive from the late proposed Proprietors (or their Agents who represented them) falling off from us, the Costs of the Deedes made for them after ye rate of 35s a piece. Agreed that Rob: West be paid ten shillings a Deed for the Deeds of Survivalhipp.

It is agreed That Tho: Wilcox get a Seale cutt for ye Province of East Jersey: in the Field a Wheat Sheafe: wthin the Field round the Sheafe (It is God that giveth ye increase) wthout the Field (Righteousnesse exalteth a Nation) in a Ring the outside, The Seale of ye Province of East Jersey in America) to be made ye breadth of ye Draft now made for that purpose.

Rob: West  Sam: Groome  Tho: Cooper  Wm: Penn
Tho: Rudyard  Rico Mew  Tho: Hart  p.: Wm: Gibson
Clem: Plumstead  Tho: Wilcox  Hugh Hartshorn  Wm: Gibson
Att a Meeting of the Proprietors
of East New Jersey ye 10th of Augt 1682

Present

Sam'l Groome Jn'o Heywood Wm' Gibson
Ambrose Rigg Ric'o Mew Tho: Barker
Tho: Cooper Tho: Rudyard Wm' Penn
Clem' Plumstead Tho: Wilcox Tho: Hart
Hugh Hartshorne Rob' West

It is agreed That Three Mapps or Draftes of y'' Province of East Jersey be delivered by Sam: Groome to Jn'o Heywood at y'' p'sent cost of the Proprietors, That Jn'o Heywood gave them acco' of the Cost viz. 12s a piece. That he, if possible p.cure the same for the persons who desire them.

It is agreed That a Propriety or 24th part of East Jersey can onely be made and conveyed to one person onely and not to Two or more persons. And that every of y'' p'sent Proprietor's having a 12th part of East Jersey may sell and dispose of moiety thereof: And that all Sales and Conveyances thereof be Registred or Inrolled in a Booke or Rolls to be provided for that purpose for y'' better Security and understanding of y'' p'sent and future Proprietors what is sold and to whom Sold.

Agreed That Rob't West and Tho: Rudyard doe forthwth draw up a Commission to Commission's to be therein named for y'' managing & executing y'' Governm't of East Jersey. And that they also draw up and prepare a Draft or Scheme of Governm' for the said Province to be proposed to the Generall Assembly of East Jersey in Order there to be passed and Confirmed by the Act of the said Assembly. And that they p'sent the Drafts by them made to the p'sent Proprietors, that they may Consider of the same and advise thereon by Councell as they shall judge meete and expedient.

Tho: Wilcox Ambrose Rigg Wm' Gibson
Rob' West Tho: Hart Ric'o Mew
Jn'o Heywood Clem' Plumsted Hugh Hartshorne
Tho: Rudyard Tho: Cooper
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 17th of Augst 1682

Present

{ 
  Wm Penn
  Robt West
  Tho: Rudyard
  Sam: Groome
  Ambrose Rigge
}

{ 
  Tho: Hart
  Tho: Cooper
  Ric° Mew
  Jno° Heywood
  Tho: Barker
}

Upon the further debate and Consideration of what was agreed last meeting about admittance of Proprietors of East Jersey to the Number Fourty Eight. It is agreed That notwithstanding any person (having a four and Twentieth) shall part with a Moiety thereof: Yet the person who buyes the same shall have no Vote or Voice in the manageing the Affairs of the Province unlesse the person Selling the same doe part with his Voice and Proprietorshipp. And then the person Selling shall have no Voice reserved to himselfe, And noe person to have a Voice by such Sale but to be approved of by the Proprietors: Wm Penn here Declares that hee appoints and Constitutes Wm Gibson his Proxie in the manageing ye Concernes and affaires of the Province of East Jersey to whom he grants his full power in the premisses.
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 14th of Septemb' 1682

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It is agreed That a 24th part of East Jersey be granted to Robert Barclay gratis from the Proprietors upon Condition that he bring in as Purchasers such four persons who will buy each a 24th part of East Jersey as he has mentioned to the present Proprietors:

And that Robert Barclay take a Grant of a 24th part from Philip Ford of a Moeitie of William Penn’s 12th part of East Jersey. That all endeavours be used to procure a Patent for the Government to him and his heirs. And if a Patent for the Government cannot be procured. That a Grant of the Governm' be made from the Proprietors to Rob Barclay.

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Robert Barclay having acquainted ye Company that Edwd Bylling proposed to refer his Claim and p'tence to East Jersey to ye Determinacon of two friends, the said proposall was accepted & Wm Mead nominated to be Arbitrator on behalfe of ye Company and Robt Barclay, Sam: Groome, Tho: Rudyard & Tho: Hart attend and instruct ye Arbitrators or any others that wilbe there. It is further agreed that if Wm Mead be absent or will not undertake ye trouble of the reference, then Robert Barclay be Arbitrator on behalfe of the Company.

It is agreed that the 4 persons who are to Convey to ye 4 persons named by Robt Barclay shall severally Covenant w th the said 4 persons to pay them 150li a piece if the difference w th Edwd Billing shall not be composed, and he shall obtaine a Judgm or finall decree agt the present Proprietors for a Moiety of East Jersey.

Whereas the Company agreed to finde freight for the Ship the Globe now going for East Jersey according to the rates menconed And also to employ the same Ship for three yeares next ensuing, And whereas ye Charter party for the said Freight and the Covenant for employing the said Ship are made betweene the said Samuell Groome of ye one part And Robt West, Tho: Rudyard and Tho: Hart of the other part only on behalfe of themselves and the rest of the Proprietors. It is agreed that all the Proprietors shalbe equally obliged to ye performance of ye said Chart party and Coven and for the Damages for any breach of the same.

It is agreed: That the further Stock of the Company be paid into ye hands of Robt West who is appointed Treasurer here in England and to allow interest after the rate of 4li p.Cent for every hundred pounds.
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of
East New Jersey the 19th of Sept' 1682

Present

Rob' Barclay  Clem' Plumsted  Tho: Wilcox
Ric' Mew  Rob' West  Tho: Hart
Sam: Groome  Wm Gibson  Jn' Heywood

It is the desire of the Proprietors that there be looked out 120,000 acres wch is
5,000 acres for each Proprietor to use as they please to be divided by Lotts. If
possible let the 25,000 acres for the Scots Proprietors be cast together, yet so,
as no p'judice be done to the rest wth their equal consideracon every way, if
5,000 cannot be got together it's left to ye discretion of Tho: Rudyard & Samuell
Groome to doe as they shall see meete.

Rob' Barclay  Jn' Heywood  Tho: Cooper
Rob' West  Clem' Plumsted  Tho: Barker
Sam: Groome  Tho: Hart  Hugh Hartshorne
Rich: Mew

September ye 21th 1682

Whereas It is agreed by all ye Proprietors That each shall put for a publique
Stock: 50li sterling: there is of this delivered to Samll Groome:

By

Tho: Hart  50:
Tho: Wilcox  50:
Rob' West  50:
Hugh Hartshorne  50:
Rob' Barclay  50:
Wm Penn  50:
Jn' Heywood  50:
Ambr: Riggs for Tho: Barker  50:
Clem' Plumstead  50:
Ric' Mew and
Wm Gibson  50:
Tho: Cooper  50:
Samll Groome  50:
Tho: Rudyard  50:

I doe acknowledge to have received the severall Summes of money of the
persons above written: The Summe in Totall being Six hundred and Fifty pounds
sterling:

p. Samuell Groome

Sep' ye 22th 1682
Att a Meeting of the Proprietors 
of East New Jersey ye
27th of Sep' 1682

Paid into the hands of Rob't West by the Earle of Perths for ye Publick Stock } 50li
Paid then into Robert Wests hands more by John Drummond Esq' for ye Publique Stock } 50li
I Acknowledge to have received then the Summes above menconed
Rob't West

It was agreed then that such of the Proprietors who are Tradesmen or Merchants shall and may take out of the publique Stock Twenty five pounds a piece and pay Interest for the same after the rate of foure pounds p.Cent And it is agreed that Rob't West shall pay 25l a piece to such of them who shall desire it, and shall not be answearable for any Losse that may happen by such.

Lent the same day to Hugh Hartshorne the Summe of Twenty five pounds part of the Stock for wch then he gave his Note } 25li
Lent then the like Summe of Twenty five pounds to Thomas Cooper out of the Stock for wch he then also gave his note } 25li

Ordered. That Robert West pay to Benjamin Clarke Five pounds, and that hee be allowed it out of the publique Stock.

Rob't Barclay  Wm Gibson
Tho: Cooper  Ric'o Mew
Rob't West  Tho: Wilcox
Hugh Hartshorne
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye

no date

Wm Gibson  Hugh Hartshorne
Rico Mew    Clemi Plumstead
Tho: Cooper  Tho: Barker
Rob Turner   Samii Groome
Tho: Wilcox  James Benn

It is agreed: That there be a Chest with two keyes for the publick writings relating to the Society which shall be at William Gibsons whereof hee shall have one Key and the other to be in the Custody of some other, the Society shall appoint; Clemi Plumstead is to provide the Chest and keepe the other key.

Rob Turner has paid his Fifty pound as his proporcon to the Stocke the third instant to Thomas Wilcox for which he is to be accountable.

Samuell Groome Jun' having presented two Bills to the Company in name of his Father One of Eighty five pounds fifteene shillings laid out for goods above the Cash he has received and one of Twenty seven pounds twelve shillings six pence for the ballance of the account due to the Shipp called the Globe and Owners, the Society accepts of these Bills, and appoints them to be paid thus, by Fifty pound wch is acknowledged to be Arent Sonmans proporcon to the Stocke, by Twenty five pound which is acknowledged to be the halfe of James Brions proporcon payable to the publick Stocke, by Twenty pound from Tho: Wilcox which is a part of the Fifty pound he is said above to have received from Robert Turner and hereby ordered to goe to Samuell Groome, the rest being Thirteene pounds seven shillings and Six pence the Company allowes Robert Barclay to draw a Bill upon Robert West for it payable upon Demand.

Thomas Wilcox is ordered to pay Robert Barclay Five pound as the halfe of his charges he bearing the other halfe himselfe by his owne content layd out upon the publick account: In respect that severall of the Proprietors are like to be absent from London and there may be severall things necessary to be done, therefore it is Concluded, that when any thing, that is Judged of moment, is to be done, that at least there be halfe and that Eight shall carry what is to be done, but in smaller things two parts of three that are present may doe it.

The Society does referre to Rob' Barclay to advise wth Sonmans and the other Proprietors in Scotland to consider of ye Constitutions of the Government and send them up to the Proprietors here, as also those here to send them their opinion upon the same Subject that it may be advised together.

Robert Barclay is Ordered to take up One hundred Bookes upon the account of East Jersey from Benjamin Clarke to dispose of and Rob' Turner halfe a hundred upon the Companyes accompt.
Robert Barclay is allowed to treat with the Glassemens at New Castle concerning their going over to set up a worke there.

Thomas Hart and Clement Plumstead are ordered to inspect Samuell Groome’s accompts and returne them in a fortnight.

Rob't Barclay Subscribes for
the 4 Scotch Proprietors
James Earle of Perth
Jn° Drummond
Rob't Gordon
Arent Sonmans
Tho: Wilcox & for
Rob't West
Tho: Cooper
Rob't Barclay

Wm Gibson
Tho: Hart
Clem' Plumstead
Ambrose Rigg
Hugh Hartshorne
Sam'l Groome Jun'
for his father
Ric’ Mew
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 28th of Novbr 1682

Present

{ Robt West
   Tho: Hart
   Wm Gibson
   Clem't Plumstead
   Hugh Hartshorne

{ Tho: Cooper
   Ric'n Mew
   Tho: Wilcox
   Edw: Billing

Robert Barclay having sent to Gawen Lawrie for tenn Deedes for so many Shares upon Ambo Point which have been accordingly prepared by Robert West and sent by Gawen Laurie: It’s agreed that Robert Barclay shall be accountable for One hundred and Fifty pounds for the said Ten shares which is after the rate of fifteene pound a Share or for the Deedes themselves to returne them.

Robert West haveing brought in a Bill of Charges amounting to fourteene pounds one shilling and Six pence, the same was allowed and Robert West ordered to pay himselfe out of the publique money resting in his hands, and his Bill of particulars to be filed which was done accordingly.

Paid then to Robt West by Wm Gibson for Ambrose Rigge his Share of the Publique Stocke Fifty pounds, which the said Robert West hereby acknowledges to have received.

Robt West

Robt West
Wm Gibson
Tho: Hart
Ric'n Mew

Clem't Plumstead
Tho: Cooper
Hugh Hartshorne
Tho: Wilcox
Att a Meeting of the Proprietors
of East New Jersey the 12th of
Decemb’ 1682

Present

{Robert West
    Tho: Hart
    Tho: Cooper
    Wm Gibson
    Hugh Hartshorne
    Clem’l Plumstead
    Tho: Barker
    Ric’ Mew

Thomas Wilcox having formerly proposed Gawen Laurie of London Merchant to be a Proprietor of a Twenty fourth part of East Jersey who was approved of. The said Gawen Laurie was this day unanimously admitted. Gawen Laurie paid Fifty pounds for his Share to the Publique Stocke to Tho: Wilcox who is to be accountable for the same.

Thomas Barker having this day delivered a Bill of Thirty three pounds fourteene Shillings for wine and other necessaries delivered by him to Samuell Groome and Thomas Rudyard upon the generall account of the Proprietors. The said Bill was allowed and Robert West Ordered to pay the same which hee did accordingly.

Tho: Cooper
Wm Gibson
Clem’l Plumstead
Rob’ West
Tho: Hart

Hugh Hartshorne
Tho: Barker
Gawen Laurie
Ric’ Mew
At a Meeting of the Proprietors
of East New Jersey ye 22th of Decemr
1682

Present

Rob't West
Gawen Laurie
Edw'd Billing
Tho: Hart
Tho: Cooper
Rico Mew
Hugh Hartshorne
Sam'l Groome Jun'r
Clem't Plumstead
Tho: Barker
Wm Gibson

Gawen Laurie then produced a Deede whereby Rob't Gordon Constituted him his Proxie at all Meetings and Debates of the Proprietors. Gawen Laurie produced then also another Paper, whereby the Earle of Perth and John Drummond of Lundy his Brother Constituted the said Gawen Laurie their Proxie. In the like case Tho: Hart produced a Note from Arent Sonmans to him whereby hee Constituted the said Tho: Hart his Proxie. In the like Case Wm Gibson was then also admitted Proxie for Rob't Barclay & Wm Penn.

A Letter Dated the 20th day of Octo'r last from Geo: Heathcock to ye Proprietors being read, the same was taken into Consideracon, And it was agreed that Gawen Laurie shall write to ye Proprietors now in East Jersey, and to bring or send his Letter to ye next Meeting. Wm Gibson according to a former Order having bought a Box & Lock, bro't in his noate being 1l's & 6d wch was allowed and Rob't West ordered to pay him, wch he did accordingly: Geo: Heathcote having drawne a Bill of Six pounds upon the Proprietors for so much money disburs'd upon their publick account, the same was allowed, and Rob't West ordered to pay the same, wch he paid accordingly.

Rob't West
Gawen Laurie
Wm Gibson
Tho: Barker
Tho: Hart
Rico Mew
Clem't Plumstead
Sam: Groome
Tho: Cooper
Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors
of East New Jersey ye 22th of Feb[ury]
1682[/3]

Present: 
{ Robert West  
  Tho: Barker  
  Tho: Hart  
  Gawan Laurie  
  Hugh Hartshorne  
  Ricö Mew }

Robert West brought in an Answear to the Quæries sent by Samuell Groome and Thomas Rudyard which was approved of, and Ordered to be copied and Entred.

It is agreed. That Robert West shall be allowed Tenn Shillings for his Ballotting Box to be sent over to East Jersey.

It is agreed: That Robert West shall be allowed Six pounds wch hee paid to Herbert Springett for some Deedes.

It is agreed That hee shall be also allowed a Guinny for soe much layd out by him for Cap’ Nicholls his Account of East Jersey.

not signed
Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors
of East New Jersey the 23th of
March 1682/3

Present

Gawan Laurie  Wm Gibson
Rob't West  Hugh Hartshorne
Tho: Hart  Tho: Cooper
James Braine  Ric'o Mew
Clem't Plumstead

The Company being informed that John Heywood was about Selling his 24th part of East Jersey, and that the Summe of Fifty Pounds towards the Publique Stock due from Jno Heywood or Tho: Warne to whom Jno Heywood sold a foure & Twentieth part was still unpaid, for w'ch the said Heywood ought to be answearable. It is therefore agreed That Jn'o Heywoods 24th part shall be lyable and Subject to answeare the Fifty pounds.

It is further agreed that Jno Heywoods 24th part shalbe lyable to y'e paym't of Twenty pounds fifteene shillings & Six pence or 8 d to Edward Billing for Tho: Warne's 24th part.

It is agreed That Rob't West search the Hanaper Office for Cap't Nicholls Commission, and that Gawan Laurie shall search the Duke of Yorks Auditors Office for the Commission Cap't Nicholls had from ye Duke.

The Company having obtained a new Grant of the Governm't of East Jersey from the Duke of Yorke and three severall Deedes thereof Signed and Sealed by the Duke, One was sent to East Jersey by William Gibson who is going thither in a Ship called the [blank], another is ordered to be put into the Common Chest of ye Companyes writings, and the Third to be sent into Scotland to the Proprietors.

Ric'o Mew was Ordered to pay five Guinny's to Gawen Laurie towards the charges of the New Grant from the Duke of Yorke w'd hee did accordingly.

Not signed:
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the first of June 1683

Present:  

Robt Barclay  
Arent Sonmans  
Gawan Laurie  
Robt West  
Edwd Billing  
Tho: Hart  
Tho: Barker  
Clemt Plumstead  
Rich: Mew  
Tho: Cooper  

It is agreed, That Robt West shall draw out an acco of ye Disbursements of the publique Stock and bring it in on Tuesday next.

It is agreed that Gawan Laurie shall be allowed Ten pounds for his paines in procuring the last Grant from the Duke of Yorke and that Robt West be allowed Seven pounds for his paines therin and for the Counterpart Sealed by ye Duke of Yorke.

It is agreed That Instructions shalbe sent to ye Proprietors in East Jersey that they shall embrace all opportunities of purchasing the Lands from ye Indians yet unbought and dispose of ye publique money in such Purchases.

It being debated that some method should be taken for the Improvemt of East Jersey, ye further Debate was adjourned till Tuesday next.

It is agreed that the Towne to be built upon Ambo point shall be called Perth Towne, and that the Proprietors of East Jersey be advertised thereof: This proposicon is desired to be made to Gawan Laurie by Robt Barclay that if he will goe over Deputy Governour, he shall either have 200li in hand and 200li in the Country wth the perquisites y may be raised in ye Countrey wth the House Orchards and Lands Lying near about it, Or 400li here, hee taking his hazard of ye absent proporcon and giving assignm to the Bills of Loading for the one halfe in case of mortality wth the Houses and Orchards as above, and hee to accompt to the Proprietors for the Perquisites, for this he is to serve Two yeares beginning 3 months after his Arriveall in the Countrey.
Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of
East New Jersey the 29th of June
1683

They doe agree with Gawen Laurie in manner following. That hee shall goe over
as Deputy Governour assoone as conveniently hee can, and to seve there for
Two yeares from the time of his entring into the exercise of that Office in the
Countrey.

That in Consideracon thereof the Proprietors shall pay to the said Gawen Laurie
in England 400li for his Service, besides that he shall have y e Perquisites of y e
Office, or what the People can be moved to give for the maintainance of y e
Governour: and shall have the use of y e House belonging to y e Proprietors w th y e
Orchards and other appurtenances thereof.

But in case of Mortality before his Arrivall Gawen Laurie shall before he goe out
of England assigne the Proprietors the Goods he carryes w th him to y e Value of
200li, in case of his death, to be for theire use.

For the making up of this 400li, It is Resolved That each of y e Proprieto w shall add
Ten pounds to what is at p'sent in Stocke, the first 200li shall be paid the 15th of
the next month. And is thus ordered.

By

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&\text{What hee has in his hands of Wilcox money} & 50li \\
&\text{What is to be retained owing by Jn Heywood} & 50li \\
&\text{due to Wm Gibson to the Stocke} & 25li \\
&\text{due by James Brian} & 25li \\
&\text{due by Edward Billing} & 50li
\end{align*}

The other 200li is to be paid the 5th of Augst next, and to that end each are to be
required to bring in their Ten pounds before that time.

Clem Plumstead  Ric Barclay  Tho: Cooper
Rob Turner  Arent Sonmans  Tho: Barker
Gawan Laurie  Tho: Hart  Ric Mew
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 3d July 1683

Richard Mew then paid in the remainder of his Stock it being Nineteene pounds twelve shillings one penny and five pounds towards a new addicon to the Stock which Summes being Twenty foure pounds twelve shillings & one penny was paid to Gawan Laurie: Jno Heywood has paid Fifty pounds into ye Stock wch was behind for his 24th part, wch was paid to Gawan Laurie: Jno Heywood doth alsoe leave Twenty pounds Sixteene shillings and Eight pence in the Companyes hands, wch hee referrs to ye consideracon and award of the Company whether to take it of him or not for the 24th part of 500l wch was awarded to Edwd Billing upon his Releasing his pretence to a halfe part of East New Jersey by vertue of a Title there made by Jno Scott wch Summe of Twenty pounds 16s 8d rests in Gawan Lauries hands.

The Scheme of Government and the Commission to Robert Barclay being considered are pass’d with amendm’t and Robert Barclay and Gawan Laurie are designed to go to Councell about them.

Robt Barclay
Gawan Laurie
Tho Hart

Rico Mew
Tho Barker
Tho Cooper
Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors
of East New Jersey ye 20th of
July 1683

Present

Tho: Barker
Tho: Hart
Rob' Barclay
Rico Mew
Arent Sonmans
Gawan Lawrie
Tho: Cooper

Samuell Groome Jun' haveing a Right to his Fathers Propriety and being
resolved to Sell it, did it this day to William Dockwra, who was admitted by the
Company and approved of.

The Instructions for Gawan Laurie were read & Subscribed by those
present.

The Chest with the papers is appointed to be carryed from Wm Gibsons to
Theodore Eccleston being Thomas Harts quarters and that Clement Plumstead
helpe the Locks and see to it, and let Thomas Hart have the one Key and Clem' Plumstead the other.

Thomas Cooper is desired to pay to Benjn Clarke one pound fifteene
shillings and five pence for, this was paid p. Wm Dockwra as p. acco' 1li 16s 7d.

Gawen Laurie is Ordered in pursuance of that part of his Instructions to
draw two blanck Commissions, One for the Surveyr Generall and another for
Receiver of our Rents.
Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 24th of July 1683

Present

Rob't Barclay
Tho: Hart
Ric'o Mew
Arent Sonmans
Clem't Plumstead
Tho: Barker
Wm Dockwra
Tho: Cooper
Gawen Lawrie

It is resolved, That there be drawne up an Information to be sent by Gawen Laurie to evidence how much more the People are advantaged by the present Scheme of Government now sent over, then by the old Concessions, which is remitted to Robert Barclay to be done forthwith.

It is remitted to Wm Dockwra to cause drawne faire upon Parchment the Constitutions as now presented to the Company and approved by them.

It is also referred to him to cause drawne up in order in a new Booke what is necessary to be recorded out of ye Minute Booke and also such Letters and Papers as are fit to be Registred and the charges thereof are to be allowed him by the Company, and for that end the Bookes and Papers are to be lodged wth him untill it be finished, and then putt up in the Chest according to the former Order.

Therefore, It is Ordered. That in the Booke aforesaid be entred ye Kings first Patent to the Duke Anno 1664, The Dukes Grant to Berkley and Sr Geo: Carteret Anno 1664, The Kings second Patent to y'r Duke Anno 1674: The Dukes second Patent to Sr Geo: Carteret Anno 1674: The Deedes of the Lady Carteret, the Earle of Bath and other Trustees to the first 12 Proprietors, the Papers of Trust therein menconed with Carteret's Will wch are to be enquired for and Copies gott of them to be Registred, the Last Patent of y'r Dukes, the Deed of Survivership passed by the first 12 and the Deed of Partition betwixt East & West Jersey.

In respect there is 6000 acres of good Land over ag't Ambo Point wch belongs to the Proprietors and was purchased from ye Indians Anno 1677. It is Ordered, that the aforesaid 6000 acres be in 3 equall Lotts. One for each 8 Proprietors. And it is Consented to that for the incouragem' of those 8 Proprietors who have or are now sending over people to settle upon it, shall have their first choice.

Like as it is unanimously agreed, that wherever ye Land is at any time Cast in Lotts to be Divided among ye Proprietors before it be by the Lott applied to particulars, whoever is ready to Plant or Settle any People upon it, for their incouragem' shall have their choice before the Lott be Cast of the divison.
Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of
East New Jersey ye 5th of August 1683

Present

Wm Dockwra
Tho: Barker
Rico Mew
Edwd Billing
Clem't Plumstead
Tho: Hart
Tho: Cooper

It is appointed that y' Chest be put at Wm Dockwra's and that he have y' Key. Clem't Plumstead was ordered to have had.

Ordered that Gawen Laurie get from Robt West an account of the Generall Stock and to communicate it to Wm Dockwra and Tho: Hart in order to State a generall accompt of our whole Stock.

That Gawen Laurie and Wm Dockwra bring in an account of the Charges of wryting and transcribing the Constitucons & Comissions &c that they may be paid and allowed.

It is to be minded that Scot's Deed from Carteret inquired after that it may be put among the other Papers and that it may be assigned together wth Scot's to Edw: Billing excepting the Interest and parts of Ambrose Rigge and Jn° Heywood and their Assignes.
Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East New Jersey at ye Starr in George yard 24th Augst 1683

Present

{ Gawen Laurie  \hspace{1cm} Ambrose Rigge
   Tho: Hart  \hspace{1cm} Tho: Barker
   Ric\^o Mew  \hspace{1cm} Tho: Cooper
   Tho: Barker  \hspace{1cm} Wm Dockwra
   Edw\^d Billing
}

An Instrum\^t from Governour Barclay being sent from Yorke concerning the power of the Proprietors to make the Common and Great Counciull capable of acting in the Province of East Jersey untill more come upon the Place. It was Debated and passed with some little alteracon, excluding Proxies for some time to come.

And it is Ordered to be faire written to the end it may be Signed Sealed and sent into Scotland and that Wm Dockwra doe take care of it.

Gawen Lauries accompt wherein was included Wm Dockwra’s and Thomas Coopers accompt were all examined and agreed to make up altogether five hundred twenty eight pounds one shilling and Sixe pence on the D\' side and on the Cred\' side Four hundred Fifty Sixe pounds thirteene shillings and three pence Soe there remaines due to Gawen Laurie Seventy one pound Eight shillings three pence wch is to be paid out of the money due from ye Severall Proprietors forthwith.

Gawen Laurie  \hspace{1cm} Edward Billing subscribed
Tho: Hart  \hspace{1cm} to ye Account onely
Tho: Cox  \hspace{1cm} Edw: Billing
Tho: Cooper  \hspace{1cm} Wm Dockwra for
Ambr: Rigge  \hspace{1cm} the whole Orders
Tho: Barker
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey at ye Starre in George yard Septemb' 14th 1683

Present

{ Gawen Laurie  
  Tho: Barker  
  Tho: Cox  
  Clem' Plumstead & proxie for Robt Turner  
  Ric'o Mew  
  Tho: Cooper  
  Wm Dockwra

It is agreed, that Wm Dockwra doe provide some person to sollicite at the other end of the Towne to procure the Commission of Governour Nicholls and his Instructions as well, from the King before the Dukes Grant, as from the Duke to the said Governour since, also that a Copy of ye King's first Patent to ye Duke be gotten and ye Booke of Accompts to charge Capt Carteret.

Item, That Gawen Laurie as Deputy Governo'r do Correspond with Wm Dockwra as Agent for ye Proprietors and that all Letters and Papers from East Jersey be Communicated to ye Company here in London as also to them in Scotland.

Item, That in prosecucon of former Orders given to Sam'l Groome concerning building of 24 Houses at Ambo Point on ye accot of ye Proprietors It is agreed, That Gawen Laurie be impowred hereby to inspect what is done therein, and that he doe wth all expedicon Compleat ye said 24 houses, and apply them then? to ye use of any respective Proprietor that desires to take them up. Always provided that they exceed not Thirty pounds sterl. for each House, And what houses are not taken up to ye use of the particuler Proprietors shalbe at the disposall of ye Governour for ye accomodacon of such persons as shall come to Settle in the Province and be destitute of houses, and where any house is Sett for rent, it shall be applied to the proper use of the respective Proprietors to whom it belongs, and each house to be Surrendred to the Proprietor at reasonable warning either upon his arrivall or his Agents that come there to Inhabite.

Item. It is agreed for the better promotion of the building of Perth Towne at Ambo Point and for the generall advantage of the Province That the Deputy Governour Gawen Laurie (and in Case of his Decease then his Successo') doe build a House for the Residence of the Governour for the time being, and that it be done on the publique joint charge of the Proprietors, and always be esteemed the Proprietors Estate, and that hee may Set out such grounds and make such accomodacons for a Governour as may be moderatly convenient. So as for the Charge thereof it doth not exceede the summe of Ten pounds sterl. upon a Propriety over and above what Stock can be raysed in the Province to pay for the said House and appurtenances. And it is unanimously agreed that upon ye Deupty Governours drawing bills for the said Ten pounds a piece, every Proprietor shall pay his s'd 10li and in failure of it, such Proprietie shall stand charged with it.

Item: It is also unanimously agreed, that the Governm't be removed with all possible speed to Perth Towne now called Ambo Point, that the Councill sitt there, and the next Assembly, if the Governour see it fitt. And that the Quarter
Sessions and ye Courts be also held there for the spedyer [speedier] dispatch of the building of ye said Towne.

Item: Whereas there is Six shares of the ground at Ambo Point over and above the 144 Shares for and among ye 24 Proprietors the said Six shares shall be for publique use of Markets, wharfes, Towne house, and the aforesaid House and ground for ye Governour.

Wm Dockwra  
Clem' Plumstead & proxie  
for Rob' Turner  
Tho: Cooper  
Ric° Mew

Gawen Laurie  
Tho: Cox  
Tho: Barker
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at ye Starr in Geo: Yard September 21th 1683

Present: Gauen Laurie Tho: Barker Ricö Mew
Tho: Cox Tho: Cooper Wm Gibson
Tho: Hart Clem' Plumstead Wm Dockwra

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The Fundamentall Constitutions being returned from Scotland signed by the Proprietors there, as also the Instructions to Deputy Gov'r Laurie, were well approved and Signed by those Proprietors present who had not before done it.

Item, An Instrumt concerning Proxies return’d from thence, was also signed and approved of.

Item, Orders and Instructions to Gawen Laurie and Sam: Groome &c concerning ye 24 houses intended to be built for ye Proprietors at Perth Town and for building the Governr a house at ye publice charge in ye said Town and other matters was signed by these p'sent and unanimously liked of.

Item, It is agreed, That the wine put up for Gawen Laurie by Tho: Barker, be paid for out of the Proprietors Stock, wch is sayd to amount to 13 or 14li, the wch, they present to him as Dep' Governr of their good will, wishing him a prosperous voyage, and the Proprietors good Success in their Concerns under his conduct.

Ricö Mew Clem' Plumstead & p. se
Wm Gibson and Proxie for
Wm Dockwra Rob't Turner
Tho: Cox Tho: Cooper
Tho: Barker & Gauan Laurie
Proxie for Tho: Hart
Ambros: Rigg
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of 
East New Jersey at ye Starr in Geo: Yard 
October 26th 1683:

Present:
Lundine
Wm Gibson
Tho: Hart
Ambros Rigg
Edwd Billing

Sundry Enquiries made by Lundine at this meeting concerning the Affaires 
of the Province; Answers were given to his satisfaccon by the Proprietors.

It is agreed, that there be a Letter drawn up to Govr Laurie at the next 
meeting, wch is to be on Tuesday next.

Item, That this Letter do import necessary Cautions to him to forbeare the 
publishing ye Fundamentall Constitutions or passing them in ye Assembly untill 
ye Proprietors are assured of some principall things first to be obtained of the 
Inhabitants.

Item, that there be consideracon had of further encouragem't to be given 
to invite people to build houses in Perth Town, it being the opinion of the 
Proprietors now present, That it may be a good expedient to let sundry Lotts go, 
of 2 and 3 acres in the Town to such as will build houses of such dimensions as 
shall be declared; To be held at a reasonable quit rent only.

Clem't Plumstead and 
pxie for
Rob: Turner
Wm Dockwra
Jn' Barclay
Tho: Cooper

Ambros Rigg
Wm Gibson
Tho: Hart
Tho: Barker
Rich: Mew
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in George Yard
November 2d 1683

Present

Wm Gibson
Tho: Hart
Clem't Plumstead
Tho: Cooper
Tho: Barker

Ric'o Mew
Wm Dockwra

It is agreed, That a Letter drawn up this day directed to Gov'r Laurie be fair written to be Signed by the Proprietors here, and sent by Cap't Purvis via Maryland and Barbadoes.

Item, That Wm Dockwra do procure the Duke's Grant Dated 14th March 1682 to be inrolled in Chancery and that the Charges thereof be repaid him by the Proprietors.

Item, That a Copy of Governo'r Penn's Letter this day rec'd dated ye 11th of the 5/mo in Philadelphia be sent to Governour Laurie inclosed in his Letter.

Wm Gibson
Tho: Barker
Clem't Plumstead
and Proxie for
Tho: Hart
Rob't Turner
Ambros Rigg

Wm Dockwra

Mem'dm December 11th 1683:

Received of Thomas Cooper his 10th as remained due on the account for his advance money on his Propriety as appears by the said account in this booke dated 25th Augt last past signed by Gauan Laurie I say Rec'd:

p. Wm Dockwra.
At a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East Jersey
at the Starr in Geo: Yard, Decr 14th 1683

Present: Tho: Barker Clem't Plumstead Tho: Cooper Tho: Hart Wm Gibbon Ric's Mew Wm Dockwra

It is agreed, That W'm Dockwra do bring in his bill of money disbursm't for enrolm't of ye Duke's Grant, money paid a Sollicit' for attending & Serching to & fro, for Gov'r Nichols Comission & E: of Bath for Gov'r Carterets papers, prosecuting the obtaining ye Kings Declaracon or Letter & Sundry other things, and that he be readily reimbursed by ye Joint Stock: and Since there is not Cash enough, that every Propriety be charged wth its quota to be forthw'h deposited to answer that & other occasions ye may present on acco't of ye generl concern of ye Province, w'h is agreed to be five pounds on each Propriety.

Item, that ye Instruccons to Dep't Gov'r Laurie concerning ye Fundamental Constitucons & ye amendm'ts & addicons therto, be approved, as sent into Scotland, together w'h ye Letter in answer to Tho: Rudyard & Sam: Groome.

Item, that, whereas Staten Island & Hoseims farme do very plainly appear to be ye proper title of ye p'sent Proprietors, the Duke having again confirmed ye same by his last grant of ye 14th March 1682: It is unanimously agreed, that Gov'r Barclay be desired by W:D to send Orders hither out of Scotland (for us to Subscribe here) to direct G: Laurie to make a legall demand of o' [our] Right from ye possession of ye Gov'r of New York, of the said Island to be Surrendred, & that ye Inhabitants be legally Summoned; Also ye Hosseimes farm be legally prosecuted for non paym't of ye rents due for many yeares past, & for ye unjust possession therof, and either by distress, reentry or other legall proceedings, (as by ye Gov'r & Council shall be thought most propper) ye Tenn' be compelled to pay and to attorn Tenn' to ye Proprietors.

Yet in case of Opposicon & denyall of Surrender of Staten Island, ye there be no violence used, nor a tryall at Law, untill report be made hither from East Jersey, what is done therin on both sides.

Item ye' copying of ye Map & ye draught of Perth Town for ye use of the Gov'r & Scotch Proprietors, be put to ye generl acco't as also ye copying of ye Case of Hosseimes Farm; Staten Island & other publick papers, w'hout w'h, there cannot be consultacons had in Scotland on ye materiall affaires of ye Province.

Item, upon a lett'r produced from Gov'r Barclay concerning George Keith, & another concerning W'm Dockwra, ye' contents of ye first be referred to Tho: Hart to discourse w'h Geo: Keith, and ye' contents of ye latt' be considered of ag' next meeting, and ye' Tho: Hart do then report from Geo: Keyth.
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of
East Jersey at the Starr in Geo: Yard
Xber [December] 21th 1683

Present

D’ Tho: Cox                  Clement Plumstead
Tho: Hart                    Ric d Mew
Wm Gibson                   James Braine
Tho: Cooper                  Wm Dockwra

Two papers relating to the Fundamentall Constitutions wch came Signed by the Proprietors in Scotland together wth a Letter drawn by Wm Dockwra directed for Gawan Laurie were all approved of, and was signed by the above mentioned Proprietors and agreed to be sent by Ship Orange Tree, Jno Hull master, via Barbadoes, or some other.

Also a former paper signed by most of the Proprietors in England and Scotland, relating to the building the 24 Proprietors houses and a house for the Govnernour out of the Publique Stock, at Ambo Point, was also agreed to be sent forward wth a Copy of Sr F: Winnington’s Opinion touching Appeales into England.

The matters pertaining to Geo: Keith and Wm Dockwra was adjourned to a further meeting.

Tho: Cox                  Tho: Hart
Wm Gibson                  Wm Dockwra
At a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East Jersey
at ye Starr in George Yard: Janry 8th 1683[1/4] :

Wm Gibson               Tho: Hart               Tho: Barker               Tho: Cooper
Tho: Cox                  Ambr: Rigg               Ric° Mew                  Wm Dockwra

A large Instrument by way of Letter and Instructicon to Gawan Laurie Dep ty Govr was p’sented to the Board and approved of w th order to Wm Dockwra to send it forward to East Jersey by ye next convenient Ship, the said Instrument being dated 2d instant.

Also the Kings Letter being somtime since pass’d & now p’sented by Wm Dockwra in Print there being 500 of them reported to be ready, and an additionall Abstract of the tyle and bounds of ye Province, &c printed and annexed, it was well approved of, And Ordered ye the greatest Number of them be sent to East Jersey, part into Scotland, part left here in London, and a few sent into Ireland.

Item, Wm Dockwra’s bill being p’sented amounting to 28li 18s 10d having been disbursed for sundry occasions to ye Service of ye Proprieto n It is agreed that he be forthw th reimburs’d, Also ye he have a just and reasonable allowance for his care & expense of time for his Service to the publick Interest above 5 Mo.

Item, That a Paper p’sented by W D: from R: Barclay the Govr concerning accomodating small Purchasers, that go over or send Servants to Settle on their Land, be fairly copyed by W:D, ye it may be Signed here, and that another of the same be sent into Scotland, to be signed there, and sent back hither, for an ample Subscripcon to make it authentique, and that ye first be sent before as a preparative [preparative] agt the Second comes with full authority.

Lastly, It is unanimously since agreed, that, to gratify Wm Dockwra for his pains in procuring the Kings Letter, and ye expense of his time in 5 mo past, each Propriety be charged w th a Guiney, and that it be forthw th paid out of the 5th a piece, w th each Proprietor is to advance and pay forthw th to defray the debts owing by the Stock.

Mem dm by consent of ye Proprietors, the words (twenty shillings) were put out, and (a Guiney) wrote before ye Subscripcon:

Ric° Mew               Tho: Barker               Tho: Hart               Wm Dockwra
Tho: Cooper            Wm Gibson               Ambr: Rigg
At a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East Jersey
at the Starr in George Yard Jan’y 11th 1683/4

Present: Tho: Barker  Ric'o Mew  Clem't Plumstead  Tho: Cooper
         Wm Gibson  Wm Dockwra

In pursuance of ye last order ye 8th inst’ Tho: Hart hath paid to Wm Dockwra 5li
for his Propriety for so much agreed to be advanced for Stock to defray debts
and charges.

Item, wheras Tho: Barker hath sold 1/48 part of ye Province to Waltr Benthall,
the Proprietors p’sent do well approve therof.

Item, ye said Waltr Benthall hath also paid fifty shillings by the hands of
Tho: Hart for his like advance to Stock.

Item, Ric’o Mew hath also paid Fifty Shillings.

Item, Tho: Cooper giving in a bill of expenses by himself & othrs wch came
to £1.14.6, it was allowed him and he paid fifteen shillings and Six pence more
to WD to make up his part for 1/48:

Item, Wm Gibson hath also paid 5li for a whole Propriety.

Item Tho Barker hath also paid fifty shillings for 1/48.

Tho: Barker  Wm Dockwra  Tho: Cooper
Clem’t Plumstead  Wm Gibson  Wm Dockwra

Tho: Barker  Wm Dockwra  Clem’t Plumstead & Proxie for: Ro Turner
At a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East Jersey at ye Starr in George Yard Janry 18th 1683/[4]

Tho Barker
Rico Mew
Tho: Cooper
Tho: Hart
Wm Dockwra
Waltr Benthall
Clemt Plumstead
Tho: Cooper
Tho Hart
Wm Dockwra
Tho: Barker
Tho: Cooper
Rico Mew
Tho: Hart
Clemt Plumstead & Proxie
for Robt Turner
Walter Benthall
Wm Dockwra

Tho: Cooper having sold halfe a Propriety to Sr Jno Gordon of Edenburgh, The Proprietors at this Board do approve thereof, and doe admit the said Sr Jno Gordon Proprietor of ye said part accordingly.

Item, Clemt Plumstead hath paid to Wm Dockwra fifty shillings for his one halfe Propriety and 5li as Proxie for Robt Turner, for wch 5li W D hath given C.P. an acquittance for vouching the same to be sent to R: Turner, Supposed to be in East Jersey or in Pensilvania.
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in George Yard January the 29th 1683

Present:

D’ Cox  Clem’ Plumstead
Tho: Barker  Ed: Billing
Ric⁰ Mew  Wm Dockwra

Then Received of D’ Cox five pounds for his part advanced to Stock upon his Propriety which was paid to Wm Dockwra.

Received then also of James Braine Senior five pounds p. W:D: for his Propriety.

A Pacquet [packet] from Governour Barclay presented to the Baord by W D. of sundry Letters enclosed and Sealed to be sent to East Jersey &c and one generall Letter open intended for Gov’ Penn and a Declaration to the People.

Item, It is agreed, That the Declaration, as it has passed with the amendments be fairly ingrossed and sent into Scotland to be Subscribed.

Item, It is agreed, to Suspend the further debate of ye Letter to Govern’ Penn untill next meeting.

Tho: Cox  Ed: Billinge
Wm Gibson  Tho: Barker
Wm Dockwra  Clem’ Plumstead
                  & Proxie for
                  Rob’ Turner
The particular Account of money disburst by
William Dockwra for the Service of the Proprietors
of East New Jersey from September to January
1683 [including January 1683/4]

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<td>Paid for Searching for Govr Nichols Commission</td>
<td>£2 2s 6d</td>
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<td>To the Clerk for 6 dayes Registering in our book at 2d 6d p. diem</td>
<td>£1 5s 6d</td>
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<td>To Search in the Hanaper &amp; Pipe Office and Coach hire</td>
<td>£6 6d</td>
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<td>To the Scrivener by G: L’s order that ingross’d 2 papers going by him</td>
<td>£6 0s 0d</td>
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<td>To Search in ye Plantac. Office</td>
<td>£2 6d</td>
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<td>To Coach hire to and from Wh:hall</td>
<td>£3 0s 0d</td>
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<td>To ye Officer at Plantac. Office to to [sic] lend me Govr Nichols Papers sent from New York to ye Duke</td>
<td>£5 0s 0d</td>
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<td>To copy of ye Kings first Patent to the Duke 19 sheets</td>
<td>£12 8d</td>
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<td>To the Clerk 5 dayes Registering</td>
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<td>To horse hire to go beyond Winsor to Lady Carteret</td>
<td>£6 0s 0d</td>
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<td>To ye Messengers time &amp; expense</td>
<td>£7 3s 0d</td>
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<td>To a Sollicitor impoy’d to &amp; fro t’other end of ye Towne attending sundry Offices to find Govern’ Nichols Commission &amp; Instruccons and his divers Journeys to the E: of Bath being often promised but could never get them so being unwilling to continue him any longer, discharged him for</td>
<td>£2 0s 0d</td>
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<td>To his disbursm’t for Sundryes</td>
<td>£15 10s</td>
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<td>To my Coach hire to Pall:Mail, Whitehall &amp; back</td>
<td>£3 0s 0d</td>
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<td>To M’ Ashton for copy of the Commission to Govr Nichols</td>
<td>£10 0s 0d</td>
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Carried upp £7 7s 9d
Brought from ye 1st Column

That from 24th Sep't to 16th 8ber I was so Streightned in time to get my own goods and Servts ready and to dispatch G: Laurie, ye I kept no acco't of generl charges but being 4 or 5 times Westward to speake wth Erhart, seeking Londine, & at ye Secretarys Office &c I put only

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<td>To Coach hire first time Ed: Billing went wth me</td>
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<td>To Registring sundry new Orders and Instructions</td>
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<td>To ye Fees for enrolling the Dukes last Deed to ye 24 Proprietors</td>
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<td>To Coach hire to Wh:Hall and back by water</td>
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<td>To Coach hire to St Martins, St James's &amp;c to &amp; fro</td>
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<td>To a Gent. at E: Middletons</td>
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<td>To the Porter there</td>
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<td>To Coach hire wth ye copy drawne for ye King's Letts</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>To coach hire to W:Hall thence to Middletons back to Pall:Mall to Ld Lundine thence to W:Hall pursuing ye Secretary's Sunderland to get forwarded our Lett to ye King and so back to London</td>
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<td>To Waterige to White hall and Coach back</td>
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<td>From Temple to Wh:Hall and back to London</td>
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<td>To Urquhart, then to Wh:Hall again to Middleton,</td>
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<td>back to Pall:mall to Londine, so again to W:Hall, where I rec’d at E: Sunderlands Office ye K’s letter signed, so to the Savoy to the King’s Printer and home</td>
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<td>To the E: Sunderlands fee 5 guineys ½ and ½ a crown</td>
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<td>Mr Bridgman would take no Fee in respect to ye Scots Secr’y</td>
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<td>To Mr War: Sunderlands Clerk that wrote it ½ a guinny</td>
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<td>To ye Officekeeper</td>
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<td>To Mr Urquhart: E. Middletons Secr’y 3 guinneys at 19d</td>
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<td>To ye Serv’t at ye Secretar.</td>
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<td>To Coach hire to Earl of Bath and calling to take leave of Londine and staying at the Kings printing house &amp; home</td>
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<td>To Mr Sellers for a Draught in Vellum of the Coasts of East Jersey and part of Staten Island</td>
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<td>To coach hire to S’ James’s about Carterets papers from the Earl of Bath and home by Water</td>
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<td>To fetch ye said papers being at last (though long first) sent for by the Earl of Bath from whom I received them</td>
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<td>7° To a draught of Perth Town done by Sellers</td>
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<td>19 To copying the long Case of Navesink and 2 papers to send to Scotland</td>
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<td>To the Kings Printers for 500 Declarations or Letters and changing ye paper twice</td>
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<td>To the Composers twice setting the form &amp; the Servants</td>
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<td>To 500 Titles and Bounds to annex to the Letters</td>
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<td>To severall alterations and paper added &amp;c</td>
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**Memdm**

I have not charged any thing for many expenc[e]s meeting at Taverns & other publick houses not to be avoided in following busines, especially at the West end of the Town:

For my care and paines taken and especially for the expence of much of my time I referr my Selfe.

January 11° W.D. 1683:

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At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey February 15th 1683[1/4]: at ye Starr in Geo: Yard

Present

Wm Gibson
Tho: Cox
Clem Plumstead
Tho: Cooper
Ric Mew
Tho: Barker
Walter Benthall
Wm Dockwra

The Answer to Wm Penns Letter being againe Debated, It was agreed the word (Confident) should be changed for Hope or Intend, and then pass’d, Provided some of the Proprietors in Scotland Subscribe by themselves or Proxie.

Item, that as to the Order intended East Jersey about accomodation of small Purchasers . It is agreed, That a rough draught be drawn by Wm Dockwra pursuant to the amendments debated upon, and be presented at next Meeting to be on Tuesday 19th instant for the further Consent and concurrence of the Proprietors.

Tho: Cox
Wm Gibson
Tho: Barker
Clem Plumstead pro se
et proxie p.
Rob Turner
Walter Benthall
Wm Dockwra
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in Geo: Yard February 15th 1683/4

Ric° Mew
Tho: Cooper
Clem° Plumstead
Wm Gibson
Tho: Barker
Walter Benthall

Wm Dockwra

The Declaration to the Planters and Inhabitants of East Jersey being returned and signed by the Proprietors in Scotland, it was read at this Board. Pass’d and signed to be sent to East Jersey next Shipp: To which the Province Seal was affixed.

The Instrumt concerning accomodacon of small purchasers who go to Settle in the Province being drawed and ingrossed and read at this Board was approved of, and agreed to be sent into Scotland to be signed by ye Proprietors and return’d hither to be also signed and sent forward to the Dep° Governo’ in East Jersey: and ye Province Seal was also thereto affixed.

The Substance of the Orders of the Proprietors Entred in this Book at ye Proprietors meeting on ye 8th Jan° last abo’t Wm Dockwra’s acco’t of Disbursm’t and the Proprietors gratuity for his faithfull Service, and ye advance of 5li on every Propriety to be forthwth paid was copyed to be sent to Scotland.

Letters from Tho: Rudyard being of moment, were read, and Copies to be sent to Scotalnd.

An Inventory of the Appraizem’t of Sam° Groome’s estate came by ye same conveyance: viz’ by Hen: Stacy who arrived long since in the Ship New York, Jn° Rich: M’ [Master] w’th Letters and papers lay long in the West Country.

The Amount of the Inventory is: £647.13.7.½.

A Proxie for the Earle of Perth was produced by Wm Dockwra and admitted and another to him from Tho: Hart:

Clem° Plumstead & pxie for Rob’ Turner
Tho: Barker Wm Gibson
Wm Dockwra and Proxie for the Earl of Perth
At a Meeting of the Proprietors of ye Province of East Jersey, March 4th 1683/4

Present

Wm Gibson
Clem' Plumstead
Walter Benthall
Thomas Cooper
Tho: Hart
Wm Dockwra

A Proxie Power from Rob’ Burnett of Edenburgh was sent to be vested in Tho: Hart, wch was approved of.

An Answer to Wm Penns Letter agreed to, and Signed.

An Instrumt concerning setting out Land, at the Settling of Small Purchasers in the Province, and of Sending over Servants to Settle was agreed to, and Signed, being returned out of Scotland, and ordered to be sent to E: Jersey:

A Declaration to ye Planters and Inhabitants was returned also, and Signed, and ordered to be sent.

An Instrumt or Order for ye Demand of Staten Island was received from Scotland, agreed to, Signed, and Ordered to be sent to the Dep’ Gov’t.

All former papers, Copy of the Constitutions, and ye termes on wch the Inhabitants are to partake therof, were Ordered to be all put up together with the abovemenconed Instrumts and sent by Tho: Singleton.

Clem’ Plumstead
and Proxie for Rob’ Turner
Wm Gibson
Wm Dockwra and Proxie for Perth