TRANSCRIPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE PROVINCE OF EAST JERSEY, 1682 – 1684

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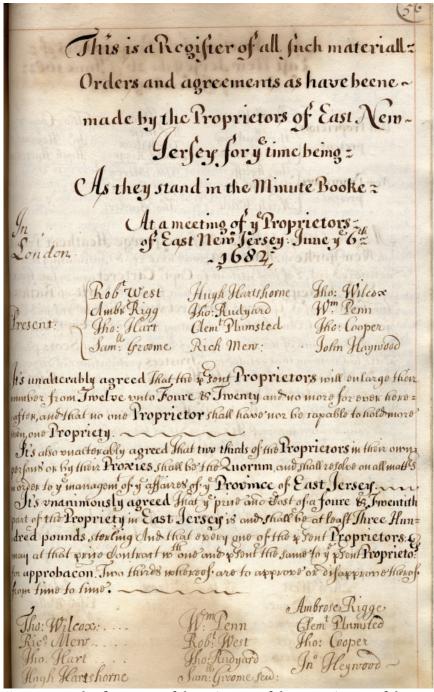


Figure 4.1 The first page of the Minutes of the Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey, 1682 – 1684

This is a Register of all Such materiall Orders and agreements as have beene made by the Proprietors of East New Jersey for ye time being

As they stand in the Minute Booke

In	A	At a meeting of y ^e Proprietors				
London	0	of East New Jersey: June ye 6th				
		1682				
	(Rob ^t West	Hugh Hartshorne	Tho: Wilcox			
Present	Ambr ^s Rigg	Tho: Rudyard	W ^m Penn			
	Tho: Hart	Clem ^t Plumsted	Tho: Cooper			
	Sam ^{ll} Groome	Rich Mew	John Haywood			

It's unalterably agreed That the p^rsent 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 managem^t of ye affaires of ye Province of East Jersey.

It's unanimously agreed That y^e 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 present Proprietors may at that price Contract w^{th} one and present the same to y^e present Proprietors for approbacon. Two thirds whereof are to approve or disapprove therof from time to time.

Tho: Wilcox W^m Penn Ambrose Rigge Ric^o Mew Rob^t West Clem^t Plumsted Tho: Hart Tho: Rudyard Tho: Cooper Hugh Hartshorne Sam^{ll} Groome Sen: Jn^o Heywood

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 26th of June 1682 p. Generall agreem^t

Old Proprietors present:	{	Rob ^t West Tho: Rudyard Sam Groome	Tho: Hart Ric ^o Mew Tho: Wilcox Ambr ^s Rigge	Tho: Cooper Jn° Heywood Hugh Hartshorne
New Proprietors present:	{	Jn° Ayliffe Edm ^d Waller Nath: Wade	Tho: Merry W ^m Gibson Tho: Barker	

A Letter of the 9th of May 1682 from George Heathcot President at New Yorke in America (was here read) Intimating that he had delivered the 2^d of that instant to Captⁿ Carteret now or late Governo^r of East Jersey one Letter sent to him from the Earle of Bath & other the Trustees of S^r George Carteret deceased for w^{ch} the said Carteret gave a receipt. And further intimating that the said Captⁿ Carteret had divulged so much of the said Letter as declared against Scots p^rtended Title, but nothing that related to y^e Trustees prohibiting his disposicon of Lands: And the said Letter of G: H further intimates that Captⁿ Bullen y^e later Secretary of East Jersey is deceased; And that the said Captⁿ Carteret has put one Bickerstaffe into y^e Secretaries place; upon debate and consideracon whereof: It's agreed that the persons to whom y^e 23^d instant was referred to draw up y^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^e p^rsent circumstances of affaires, and y^t the same be dispatched there the first oportunity of Conveyance.

It is agreed that all Orders, Commissions, Declaracons and Letters relating to the managem^t of y^e affaires and Interest of the Proprietors in East Jersey be entred in this or some other booke to be prepared for that purpose.

Rob ^t West	Tho: Wilcox	Jn° Ayloffe
Tho: Rudyard	Ambr: Rigge	Edm ^d Waller
Sam: Groome	Jn° Heywood	Nath: Wade
Tho: Hart	Hugh Hartshorne	Tho: Merrye
Rico Mew		W ^m Gibson
		Tho: Barker

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e 27th of June 1682

Old Proprietors present	{	Tho: Rudyard Sam: Groome Tho: Hart	Ricº Mew Tho: Wilcox Hugh Hartshorne	Tho: Cooper Jn° Heywood Clem ^t Plumsted
New intended Proprietors	{	W ^m Gibson Tho: Barker	Jnº Ayloffe Edm ^d Waller	Tho: Merry

It is agreed, that Rob^t West forthwth draw up and p^rpare such Letters as yesterday were determined to be sent for East Jersey and y^t Tho: Wilcox assist in y^t affaire to attend y^e 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^t, Building and Plantacon in East Jersey: It's proposed and agreed that ye 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^{ts} 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 ye Water side, where a Towne is intended to be built, and also a proportionable part of ye Marsh & Island grounds in such Division. Reserving foure acres for a Marketplace, Towne house &c: and Three acres along the Water side for publick Wharfes. These parts or Lotts 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^{II} 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 ^t West	Jn° Ayloffe	Tho: Wilcox
Tho: Rudyard	Hugh Hartshorne	Tho: Barker
Sam Groome	Tho: Cooper	Clem ^t Plumsted
Tho: Hart	Ric ^o Mew	Edm ^d Waller
Jnº Heywood	W ^m Gibson	

Rico Mew

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the first day of July 1682

Old Proprietors present:	{	Rob ^t West Tho: Rudyard Hugh Hartshorne Tho: Wilcox	Sam: Groome Tho: Cooper Tho: Hart Clem ^t Plumsted	Jn° Heywood Ric° Mew Ambrose Rigge
New	{	Jnº Ayloffe	W ^m Gibson	S ^r Gilb ^t Gerrard
intended		Edm ^d Waller	Nath ^l Wade	Jn ^o Freke
Proprietors		Tho: Barker	Tho: Merry	S ^r 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 y^e 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^rsent Survey^r Generall shalbe removed & that Thomas Merry shalbe Survey^r Generall and y^e p^rsent Surveyour to be one of his Deputyes, and if Tho: Warne of y^e Kindome of Ireland shall hereafter become a Proprietor that some provision shalbe made for him under the Surveyer Generall.

It is agreed. That Sam¹¹ Groome shalbe Treasurer & Receiv^r Generall of y^e said Province, and that he shall have pow^r to Depute Geo: Hethcote to execute that Office in his Sicknes or absence.

Rob ^t West	W ^m Gibson	Jnº Freke
Jn° Ayloffe	Tho: Cooper	Tho: Rudyard
Nath: Wade	Jnº Heywood	Ambr: Rigge
S ^r Gilb ^t Gerrard	Hugh Hartshorne	S ^r Hen: Ingoldsby
Tho: Merry	Tho: Barker	Tho: Wilcox
Sam: Groome	Tho: Hart	

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 4th of July: 1682

Wm Penn Robt West Sr Hen: Ingoldsby Sam: Groome Jnº Ayloffe Tho: Hart Edm^d Waller Tho: Rudyard Old New Tho: Merry Tho: Wilcox **Proprietors** W^m Gibson **Proprietors** Clem^t Plumsted Tho: Barker present: present Inº Hevwood Inº Freke Tho: Cooper Nath: Wade Rico Mew Sr Gilbt Gerard Hugh Hartshorne Ambrose Rigge

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

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

The disposall of Land and y^e 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 carryed for two pence an acre rent & two shillings an acre for y^e Inheritance, and this value to continue till y^e 25th Decem^r 1684.

It is referred to Sam^{II} Groome, Nathaniell Wade, Rob^t West and Tho Merry to prepare the paper of Proposalls of disposeing Lands to be Published.

Rob¹ West Tho: Merry W^m Gibson
Tho: Hart Sam Groome Jnº Heywood
Clem¹ Plumstead Hen: Ingoldsby Tho: Cooper
Ric⁰ Mew Nath: Wade Tho: Wilcox
Jnº Ayloffe Edm⁴ Waller

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey on the 6th day of July 1682

Old
Proprietors
present:

Old
Proprietors
present:

Old
Proprietors
present:

Rico Mew
Jno Heywood
Tho: Rudyard
Wm Gibson

Rob' West
Sam: Groome
Thow New
Proprietors
Proprietors
present:

Ayloffe
Jno Freke
Edmd Waller
Nath: Wade
Tho: Merry
S' Gilb' 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 imployed in the Service of the Proprietors Agreed and Ordered to be printed and published.

Rob¹ West Sam Groome
Edmd Waller Wm Gibson
Nath: Wade Rico Mew
S¹ Gilb¹ Gerard Tho: Rudyard
Jno Ayloffe Tho: Hart
Tho: Merry Tho: Wilcox
Jno Freke

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e 11th of July: 1682

Old Proprieto^{rs} p^rsent: 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
W^m Gibson
his Proxie

New Intended Proprietors present: Jn° Ayloffe
Edm^d Waller
Nath^{II} Wade
S¹ Gilb¹ Gerard
Jn° Freke
Tho: Merry
W™ Gibson
Tho: Barker

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

Jnº Freke Tho: Merry Jnº Ayloffe W^m Penn W^m 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

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 12th of July 1682

Old Proprieto ^{rs} present	{	Rob ^t West Sam: Groome Tho: Wilcox Ric ^o Mew	Tho: Cooper Tho: Rudyard Hugh Hartshorn Clem ^t Plumsted	Jn° Heywood W ^m Penn Tho: Hart
new Intended Proprietors	{	Edm ^d Waller In° Freke	Nath: Wade W ^m 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 Governmt in that Province for the first yeare he shall execute ye same the Summe of value of Two hundred pounds sterling went 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 y^e 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 bespeake and buy an Instrum¹ 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	Tho: Hart	Rob ^t West
Nath: Wade	W ^m Gibson	Tho: Rudyard
Tho: Wilcox	Sam Groome	Hugh Hartshorne
Edm ^d Waller	Ric ^o Mew	Clem ^t Plumsted
W ^m Penn	Tho: Cooper	Jn° Heywood

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 20th of July 1682

Present

Ambrose Rigge Hugh Hartshorne Jnº Heywood Tho: Cooper Tho: Rudvard

Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Wilcox Rob^t West W^m Gibson W^m Penn

Thomas Wilcox is desired to inquire of the Lady Carteret, Stephen Melchampe of any other who can informe whether S^r 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 & returne answeare 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, vizt, each of the present 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^t Plumstead Tho: Willcox Rob^t West

Tho: Hart W^m Gibson W^m Penn Hugh Hartshorn

Tho: Cooper Jnº Heywood

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 27th of July: 1682

Rob^t West Tho: Wilcox W^m Gibson Sam: Groome Tho: Rudyard W^m Penn

Ric° Mew Clem¹ Plumstead Tho: Cooper Hugh Hartshorn

Sam: Groome now had Bills on Nath^{II} Brasey in pursuance of Agreem^t last meeting towards y^e Stock: viz^t of Ric^o Mew 12^{II} 10^s of Tho: Rudyard: 25^{II} of Clem^t Plumstead: 25^{II} of Tho: Cooper: 25^{II} the rest to be paid in by y^e next meeting.

Agreed that Tho: Wilcox and Tho: Hart attend the Earle of Bath and Stephen Mellichampe for the old writings belonging to the late S^r Geo: Carteret and Proprietors of East Jersey And also inquire if S^r Geo: Carteret the Grandsonne be in England. That if advisable wee may have a Conveyance of Deputacon from him for y^e Governm^t of East Jersey w^{ch} hee claimes under y^e 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 y^e 25th instant amounting to 5^{li} 16^s 9^d: Agreed that every Proprietor pay ten shillings a peice towards the petty expenses and that Rob^t West receive the same from the new intended Proprietor^s: such part thereof as he can and be accountable to y^e p^rsent Proprietors for y^e same.

It is agreed That Rob¹ 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 Rob¹ West be paid ten shillings a Deed for the Deeds of Survivorshipp.

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

Rob^t West Sam: Groome Tho: Cooper W^m Penn
Tho: Rudyard Ric^o Mew Tho: Hart p. W^m Gibson
Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Wilcox Hugh Hartshorn W^m Gibson

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 10th of Augt 1682

Present Sam¹¹ Groome
Ambrose Rigg
Tho: Cooper
Clem¹ Plumstead
Hugh Hartshorne

Jnº Heywood Ricº Mew Tho: Rudyard Tho: Wilcox Rob¹ West W^m Gibson Tho: Barker W^m Penn Tho: Hart

It is agreed That Three Mapps or Draftes of y^e Province of East Jersey be delivered by Sam: Groome to Jn° Heywood at y^e p¹sent cost of the Proprietors, That Jn° Heywood gave them acco¹ of the Cost viz¹ 12^s a piece. That he, if possible p.cure the same for the persons who desire them.

It is agreed That a Propriety or 24^{th} 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^e p^rsent Proprietor^{rs} haveing a 12^{th} 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^e better Security and understanding of y^e p^rsent and future Proprietors what is sold and to whom Sold.

Agreed That Rob¹ West and Tho: Rudyard doe forthwth draw up a Commission to Commission^{ts} to be therein named for y^e managing & executing y^e Governm¹ of East Jersey. And that they also draw up and prepare a Draft or Scheme of Governm¹ 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 p¹sent the Drafts by them made to the p¹sent Proprietors, that they may Consider of the same and advise thereon by Councell as they shall judge meete and expedient.

Tho: Wilcox Rob^t West Jn° Heywood Tho: Rudyard Ambrose Rigg Tho: Hart Clem^t Plumsted Tho: Cooper

W^m Gibson Ric^o Mew Hugh Hartshorne

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e 17th of Aug^t 1682

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 (haveing a four and Twentieth) shall part wth a Moiety thereof: Yet the person who buyes the same shall have no Vote or Voice in the manageing the Affaires 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: W^m Penn here Declares that hee appoints and Constitutes W^m Gibson his Proxie in the manageing y^e Concernes and affaires of the Province of East Jersey to whom he grants his full power in the premisses.

Rob¹ WestW™ PennSam: GroomeTho: RudyardAmbr: RiggeHugh HartshorneTho: WilcoxW™ GibsonTho: CooperTho: HartRic⁰ MewJn⁰ Heywood

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 14th of Septembr 1682

Present

Rob^t West Tho: Rudyard Sam^{II} Groome Tho: Wilcox

Hugh Hartshorne Jnº Heywood

W^m Gibson & proxie

p. W^m Penn Rob^t Barclay

It is agreed That a 24th part of East Jersey be granted to Robert Barclay gratis from the Proprietors upon Condicon that he bring in as Purchasers such foure persons who will buy each a 24th part of East Jersey as he has menconed 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 heires. And if a Patent for the Government cannot be procured. That a Grant of the Governm^t be made from the Proprietors to Rob^t Barclay.

Rob^t West

Tho: Rudvard Sam: Groome W^m Penn p. Rico Mew W^m Gibson, Proxie W^m Gibson Inº Hevwood

Tho: Wilcox

Tho: Hart

Hugh Hartshorne

Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 16th Sept 1682

Prisent Rob' Barclay Jn° Heywood Tho Cooper Rob' West Tho: Rudyard R: Turner Tho: Hart W^m Gibson Tho: Wilcox Sam: Groome Clem' Plumstead Hu: Hartshorne Ric° Mew

Robert Barclay having acquainted y^e Company that Edw^d Bylling proposed to referr his Claime and p^rtence to East Jersey to y^e Determinacon of two friends, the said proposall was accepted & W^m Mead nominated to be Arbitrato^r on behalfe of y^e Company and Rob^t Barclay, Sam: Groome, Tho: Rudyard & Tho: Hart attend and instruct y^e Arbitrato^{rs} or any others that wilbe there. It is further agreed that if W^m Mead be absent or will not undertake y^e 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 Rob^t Barclay shall severally Covenant wth the said 4 persons to pay them 150^{li} a piece if the difference wth Edw^d Billing shall not be composed, and he shall obtaine a Judgm^t or finall decree ag^t 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 y^e Charter party for the said Freight and the Covenant for employing the said Ship are made betweene the said Samuell Groome of y^e one part And Rob' 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 y^e performance of y^e said Chart^r party and Coven^t and for the Damages for any breach of the same.

It is agreed: That the further Stock of the Company be paid into y^e hands of Rob^t West who is appointed Treasurer here in England and to allow interest after the rate of 4^{li} p.Cent for every hundred pounds.

Rob^t Barclay Clem^t Plumstead
Rob^t West Tho: Cooper
Tho: Hart Tho: Wilcox

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 19th of Septr 1682

	(Rob ^t Barclay	Clem ^t Plumsted	Tho: Wilcox
Present	{	Ric ^o Mew	Rob ^t West	Tho: Hart
	(Sam: Groome	W ^m Gibson	Jnº Heywood

It is the desire of the Proprietors that there be looked out 120,000 acres w^{ch} 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^rjudice be done to the rest wth their equal consideracon every way, if 5,000 cannot be got together it's left to y^e discretion of Tho: Rudyard & Samuell Groome to doe as they shall see meete.

Rob ^t Barclay	Jnº Heywood	Tho: Cooper
Rob ^t West	Clem ^t Plumsted	Tho Barker
Sam: Groome	Tho: Hart	Hugh Hartshorne
Rich: Mew		_

September ye 21th 1682

Whereas It is agreed by all y^e Proprietors That each shall put for a publique Stock: 50^{li} sterling: there is of this delivered to Sam^{li} Groome:

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

Sept ve 22th 1682

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e 27th of Sep^t 1682

Paid into the hands of Rob^t West by the Earle of
Perth for y^e Publick Stock
Paid then into Robert Wests hands more by John
Drummond Esq^r for y^e Publique Stock

50^{li}

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 Rob¹ West shall pay 25^{li} 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	}	$25^{\rm li}$
Stock for w ^{ch} then he gave his Note)	
Lent then the like Summe of Twenty five		
pounds to Thomas Cooper out of the Stock	}	$25^{\rm li}$
for w ^{ch} he then also gave his note)	

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

Rob^t Barclay W^m Gibson
Tho: Cooper Ric^o Mew
Rob^t West Tho: Wilcox
Hugh Hartshorne

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e

no date

Hugh Hartshorne Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Barker Sam^{ll} Groome 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; Clem^t Plumstead is to provide the Chest and keepe the other key.

Rob^t 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^r 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 seaven 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 w^{ch} 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 shillngs 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^t Barclay to advise wth Sonmans and the other Proprietors in Scotland to consider of y^e Constitutions of the Government and send them up to the Proprietors here, as also those here to send them theire 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^t Turner halfe a hundred upon the Companyes accompt.

Robert Barclay is allowed to treat with the Glassemen at New Castle concerning theire 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.

Rob¹ Barclay Subscribes for the 4 Scotch Proprietors James Earle of Perth Jnº Drummond Rob¹ Gordon Arent Sonmans Tho: Wilcox & for Rob¹ West Tho: Cooper Rob¹ Barclay

W^m Gibson
Tho: Hart
Clem^t Plumstead
Ambrose Rigg
Hugh Hartshorne
Sam^{ll} Groome Jun^r
for his father
Ric^o Mew

Tho: Cooper

Edw: Billing

Ric^o Mew Tho: Wilcox

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 28th of Novbr 1682

 $\begin{cases} & \text{Rob}^{\text{t}} \, \text{West} \\ & \text{Tho: Hart} \\ & \text{W}^{\text{m}} \, \text{Gibson} \\ & \text{Clem}^{\text{t}} \, \text{Plumstead} \end{cases}$

Hugh Hartshorne

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 Tenn 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 Rob^t West by W^m Gibson for Ambrose Rigge his Share of the Publique Stocke Fifty pounds, which the said Robert West hereby acknowledges to have received.

Rob^t West

Rob^t West W^m Gibson Tho: Hart Ric^o Mew Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Cooper Hugh Hartshorne Tho: Wilcox

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the 12th of Decemb^r 1682

Present Robert West
Tho: Hart
Tho: Cooper

Hugh Hartshorne Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Barker Ric^o Mew

Thomas Wilcox haveing 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 W^m Gibson Clem^t Plumstead Rob^t West

Tho: Hart

Hugh Hartshorne Tho: Barker Gawen Laurie Ric^o Mew

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e 22th of Decem^r 1682

Present

Gawen Laurie Edw^d Billing Tho: Hart Tho: Cooper

Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Barker W^m Gibson

Hugh Hartshorne Sam¹¹ Groome Jun¹²

Rico Mew

Gawen Laurie then produced a Deede whereby Rob¹ 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 W^m Gibson was then also admitted Proxie for Rob¹ Barclay & W^m Penn.

A Letter Dated the 20th day of Octo^{br} last from Geo: Heathcock to *y*^e Proprietors being read, the same was taken into Consideracon, And it was agreed that Gawen Laurie shall write to *y*^e Proprietors now in East Jersey, and to bring or send his Letter to *y*^e next Meeting. W^m Gibson according to a former Order having bought a Box & Lock, bro¹ in his noate being 11^s & 6^d w^{ch} was allowed and Rob¹ West ordered to pay him, w^{ch} 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 Rob¹ West ordered to pay the same, w^{ch} he paid accordingly.

Rob¹ WestTho: BarkerClem¹ PlumsteadGawen LaurieTho: HartSam: GroomeW™ GibsonRic⁰ MewTho: Cooper

Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 22th of Feb^{ry} 1682[/3]

Present:

Robert West
Tho: Barker
Gawan Laurie
Hugh Hartshorne
Ric^o Mew

Robert West brought in an Answeare 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 wth 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^t Nicholls his Account of East Jersey.

not signed

Att a Meeting of y^e Proprietors of East New Jersey the 23th of March 1682/3

Present

Gawan Laurie
Rob' West
Tho: Hart
James Braine
Clem' Plumstead

W^m Gibson Hugh Hartshorne Tho: Cooper Ric^o Mew

The Company being informed that John Heywood was about Selling his $24^{\rm th}$ part of East Jersey, and that the Summe of Fifty Pounds towards the Publique Stock due from Jn° Heywood or Tho: Warne to whom Jn° 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° Heywoods $24^{\rm th}$ part shall be lyable and Subject to answeare the Fifty pounds.

It is further agreed that Jn $^{\rm o}$ Heywoods 24 $^{\rm th}$ part shalbe lyable to y $^{\rm e}$ paym $^{\rm t}$ of Twenty pounds fifteene shillings & Six pence or 8 $^{\rm d}$ to Edward Billing for Tho: Warne's 24 $^{\rm th}$ 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 y^e 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 y^e 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 wth hee did accordingly.

Not signed:

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey the first of June 1683

It is agreed, That Rob^t West shall draw out an acco^t of y^e Disbursem^{ts} 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 Rob^t West be allowed Seven pounds for his paines therin and for the Counterpart Sealed by y^e Company to y^e Duke of Yorke.

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

It being debated that some method should be taken for the Improvem^t of East Jersey, y^e 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 Rob^t Barclay that if he will goe over Deputy Governour, he shall either have 200^{li} in hand and 200^{li} in the Country wth the perquisites y^t may be raised in y^e Countrey wth the House Orchards and Lands Lying near about it, Or 400^{li} here, hee taking his hazard of y^e absent proporcon and giving assignm^t 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 monthes after his Arriveall in the Countrey.

Robert BarclayEdwd BillingTho: HartRobt WestTho: BarkerClemt PlumstedRico MewArent SonmansTho: Cooper

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 Gawan Laurie in England 400^{li} 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 wth him to y^e Value of 200^{li}, in case of his death, to be for theire use.

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

Ву	What hee has in his hands of Wilcox money What is to be retained owing by Jn° Heywood due to W ^m Gibson to the Stocke due by James Brian due by Edward Billing	50 ^{li} 50 ^{li} 25 ^{li} 25 ^{li} 50 ^{li}
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The other 200^{1i} 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 ^t Plumstead	Ric ^o Barclay	Tho: Cooper
Rob ^t Turner	Arent Sonmans	Tho: Barker
Gawan Laurie	Tho: Hart	Ric ^o Mew

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e 3^d July 1683

Present $\begin{cases} & \text{Gawan Laurie} & \text{Tho: Barker} \\ & \text{Tho: Hart} & \text{Tho: Cooper} \\ & \text{Clem}^t \text{ Plumstead} & \text{Ric}^o \text{ Mew} \end{cases}$

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: Jn° Heywood has paid Fifty pounds into ye Stock wch was behind for his 24th part, wch was paid to Gawan Laurie: Jn° 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 500li 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 Jn° 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.

Rob¹ Barclay Ric° Mew
Gawan Laurie Tho: Barker
Tho: Hart Tho: Cooper

Att a Meeting of y^e Proprietors of East New Jersey y^e 20th of July 1683

Present Tho: Barker
Tho: Hart
Rob' Barclay
Ric' Mew

Arent Sonmans Gawan Lawrie Tho: Cooper

Samuell Groome Jun¹ 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 W^m 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^t 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^t 1^{li} 16^s 7^d.

Gawen Laurie is Ordered in pursuance of that part of his Instructions to draw two blanck Commissions, One for the Survey^r Generall and another for Receiver of our Rents.

Rob¹ BarclayRic⁰ MewArent SonmansTho: CooperTho: HartW™ DockwraGawen LaurieTho: Barker

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
W^m 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 W^m 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 y^e Minute Booke and also such Letters and Papers as are fitt 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 y^e Kings first Patent to the Duke Anno 1664, The Dukes Grant to Berkley and S^r Geo: Carteret Anno 1664, The Kings second Patent to y^e Duke Anno 1674: The Dukes second Patent to S^r 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 w^{ch} are to be enquired for and Copies gott of them to be Registred, the Last Patent of y^e Dukes, the Deed of Survivershipp 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 w^{ch} belongs to the Proprietors and was purchased from y^e 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^t 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 y^e Land is at any time Cast in Lotts to be Divided among y^e Proprietors before it be by the Lott applyed to particulars, whoever is ready to Plant or Settle any People uppon it, for their incouragem^t shall have their choice before the Lott be Cast of the divison.

Tho: Barker Clem^t Plumsted & Proxie p. Rob^t Turner W^m Dockwra Arent Sonmans Rob¹ Barclay Tho: Hart Tho: Cooper Gawen Laurie Ric° Mew

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey ye 5th of August 1683

Present $\begin{cases} & W^m \operatorname{Dockwra} & \operatorname{Clem}^t \operatorname{Plumstead} \\ & \operatorname{Tho: Barker} & \operatorname{Tho: Hart} \\ & \operatorname{Ric}^o \operatorname{Mew} & \operatorname{Tho: Cooper} \\ & \operatorname{Edw}^d \operatorname{Billing} \end{cases}$

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

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

That Gawen Laurie and W^m Dockwra bring in an account of the Charges of wryting and transcribing the Constitutions & 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.

Clem¹ Plumstead & Proxie Rob¹ Barclay
p. Rob¹ Turner Rich Mew
W™ Dockwra Tho: Hart
Tho: Cooper

Att a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East New Jersey at ye Starr in George yard 24° Augst 1683

Present

Gawen Laurie Tho: Hart Ric^o Mew Tho: Barker Edw^d Billing Ambrose Rigge Tho: Barker Tho: Cooper W^m Dockwra

An Instrum^t from Governour Barclay being sent from Yorke concerning the power of the Proprietors to make the Common and Great Councill 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 W^m Dockwra doe take care of it.

Gawen Lauries accompt wherein was included W^m 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^r side and on the Cred^r side Foure hundred Fifty Sixe pounds thirteene shillings and three pence Soe there remaines due to Gawen Laurie Seventy one pound Eight shillings three pence w^{ch} is to be paid out of the money due from y^e Severall Proprietors forthwith.

the whole Orders

Gawen Laurie Edward Billing subscribed
Tho: Hart to ye Account onely
Tho: Cox Edw: Billing
Tho: Cooper Wm Dockwra for

Ambr: Rigge Tho: Barker Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey at ye Starre in George yard Septembr 14th 1683

Gawen Laurie Tho: Barker

Present

Tho: Cox Clem^t Plumstead & proxie

Ric^o Mew for Rob^t Turner Tho: Cooper W^m Dockwra

It is agreed, that W^m 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 y^e King's first Patent to y^e Duke be gotten and y^e Booke of Accompts to charge Cap^t Carteret.

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

Item, That in prosecucon of former Orders given to Sam^{II} 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 them [then?] to ye use of any respective Proprietor that desires to take them up. Alwayes 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^r) 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 alwayes 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 y^e Deupty Governours drawing bills for the said Ten pounds a piece, every Proprietor shall pay his s^d 10^{li} 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 y^e Courts be also held there for the spedyer [*speedier*] dispatch of the building of y^e said Towne.

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

W^m Dockwra Clem^t Plumstead & proxie for Rob^t Turner

Tho: Cooper Ric^o Mew Gawen Laurie Tho: Cox Tho: Barker

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at y^e Starr in Geo: Yard September 21th 1683

Gauen Laurie Tho: Barker Rico Mew
Present: Tho: Cox Tho: Cooper Wm Gibson
Tho: Hart Clemt Plumstead Wm Dockwra

memdm

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 Instrum^t 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 Govern a house at ye publique charge in ye said Town and other matters was signed by these present 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, w^{ch} is sayd to amount to 13 or 14^{li}, the w^{ch}, they present to him as Dep^{ty} Govern^r of their good will, wishing him a prosperous voyage, and the Proprietors good Success in their Concerns under his conduct.

Ric° Mew
Clemt Plumstead & p. se
Wm Gibson
and Proxie for
Wm Dockwra
Tho: Cox
Tho: Cooper
Tho: Barker &
Proxie for
Ambros: Rigg
Clemt Plumstead & p. se
and Proxie for
Rob' Turner
Tho: Cooper
Tho: Hart

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East New Jersey at ye Starr in Geo: Yard October 26° 1683:

Lundine Clem^t Plumstead

W^m Gibson Ric^o Mew

Present: Tho: Hart Tho: Cooper

Ambros Rigg W^m Dockwra

Edw^d Billing In^o Barclay

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 Gov^r Laurie at the next meeting, w^{ch} 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 encouragem¹ 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 Ambros Rigg
pxie for W^m Gibson
Rob: Turner Tho: Hart
W^m Dockwra Tho: Barker
Jn^o Barclay Rich: Mew

Tho: Cooper

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in George Yard November 2^d 1683

W^m Gibson Ric^o Mew
Tho: Hart Tho: Cooper

Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Barker

W^m 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 W^m Dockwra do procure the Duke's Grant Dated 14° 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 Penns Letter this day rec^d dated y^e 11th of the 5/mo in Philadelphia be sent to Governour Laurie inclosed in his Letter.

W^m Gibson Tho: Barker
Clem^t Plumstead and Proxie for
& Proxie for Ambros Rigg
Rob^t Turner Tho: Hart

W^m Dockwra

Present

Mem^{dm} December 11th 1683:

Received of Thomas Cooper his 10^{li} as remained due on the account for his advance money on his Propriety as appears by the said account in this booke dated 25° Aug^t last past signed by Gauan Laurie I say Rec^d:

p. W^m Dockwra.

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

Present: Tho: Barker Tho: Hart Ric^o Mew Clem^t Plumstead W^m Gibson W^m Dockwra Tho: Cooper

It is agreed, That W^m Dockwra do bring in his bill of money disbursm^{1s} for enrolm¹ of y^e Duke's Grant, money paid a Sollicit^r for attending & Serching to & fro, for Gov^r Nichols Comission & E: of Bath for Gov^r Carterets papers, prosecuting the obtaining y^e Kings Declaracon or Letter & Sundry other things, and that he be readily reimbursed by y^e Joint Stock: and Since there is not Cash enough, that every Propriety be charged wth its quota to be forthwth deposited to answer that & other occasions y^t may present on acco^t of y^e gener^{ll} concern of y^e Province, wth is agreed to be five pounds on each Propriety.

Item, that y^e Instruccons to Dep^{ty} Gov^r Laurie concerning y^e Fundamental Constitucons & y^e amendm^{ts} & addicons therto, be approved, as sent into Scotland, together w^{th} y^e Letter in answer to Tho: Rudyard & Sam: Groome.

Item, that, whereas Staten Island & Hoseims farme do very plainly appear to be y^e proper title of y^e present Proprietors, the Duke having again confirmed y^e same by his last grant of y^e 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^r [our] Right from y^e possession of y^e Gov^r of New York, of the said Island to be Surrendred, & that y^e Inhabitants be legally Summoned; Also y^t Hosseimes farm be legally prosecuted for non paym^t of y^e rents due for many yeares past, & for y^e unjust possession therof, and either by distress, reentry or other legall proceedings, (as by y^e Gov^r & Council shall be thought most propper) y^e Tenn^t be compelled to pay and to attorn Tenn^t to y^e Proprietors.

Yet in case of Opposicon & denyall of Surrender of Staten Island, y^t 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 y^t y^e copying of y^e Map & y^e draught of Perth Town for y^e use of the Gov^t & Scotch Proprietors, be put to y^e gener^{ll} acco^t as also y^e copying of y^e Case of Hosseimes Farm; Staten Island & other publick papers, wthout wth, there cannot be consultacons had in Scotland on y^e materiall affaires of y^e Province.

Item, upon a lett^r produced from Gov^r Barclay concerning George Keith, & another concerning W^m Dockwra, y^t y^e contents of y^e first be referred to Tho: Hart to discourse wth Geo: Keith, and y^t y^e contents of y^e latt^r be considered of ag^t next meeting, and y^t Tho: Hart do then report from Geo: Keyth.

W^m Gibson Rich: Mew Clem^t Plumstead & Proxie

Tho: Hart Tho: Barker for Rob¹ Turner
Tho: Cooper

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in Geo: Yard Xber [December] 21th 1683

Dr Tho: Cox Clement Plumstead

Rico Mew Tho: Hart Present W^m Gibson James Braine W^m Dockwra Tho: Cooper

Two papers relating to the Fundamentall Constitutions w^{ch} came Signed by the Proprietors in Scotland together wth a Letter drawn by W^m 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 S^r F: Winnington's Opinion touching Appeales into England.

The matters pertaining to Geo: Keith and W^m Dockwra was adjourned to a further meeting.

Tho: Cox Tho: Hart W^m Gibson W^m Dockwra

At a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East Jersey at ye Starr in George Yard: Janry 8th 1683[/4]:

Wm Gibson Tho: Hart Tho: Barker Tho: Cooper Tho: Cox Ambr: Rigg Ric^o Mew W^m Dockwra

A large Instrum^t by way of Letter and Instruccon to Gawan Laurie Dep^{ty} Gov^r was p^rsented to the Board and approved of wth order to W^m Dockwra to send it forward to East Jersey by y^e next convenient Ship, the said Instrument being dated 2^d instant.

Also the Kings Letter being somtime since pass'd & now p^rsented by W^m Dockwra in Print there being 500 of them reported to be ready, and an additionall Abstract of the tytle and bounds of y^e Province, &c printed and annexed, it was well approved of, And Ordered y^t 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, W^m Dockwra's bill being p^rsented amounting to 28^{li} 18^s 10^d having been disbursed for sundry occasions to y^e Service of y^e Proprieto^{rs} It is agreed that he be forthwth reimburs'd, Also y^t he have a just and reasonable allowance for his care & expense of time for his Service to the publick Interest above 5 M°.

Item, That a Paper p'sented by W D: from R: Barclay the Gov^r concerning accomodating small Purchasers, that go over or send Servants to Settle on their Land, be fairly copyed by W:D, y^t 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 y^e first be sent before as a p^t -parative [preparative] ag^t the Second comes with full authority.

Lastly, It is unanimously since agreed, that, to gratify W^m Dockwra for his paines in procuring the Kings Letter, and y^e expense of his time in 5 m° past, each Propriety be charged w^{th} a Guiney, and that it be forthwth paid out of the 5^{li} a piece, w^{ch} each Proprietor is to advance and pay forthwth to defray the debts owing by the Stock.

Mem^{dm} by consent of y^e Proprietors, the words (twenty shillings) were put out, and (a Guiney) wrote before y^e Subscripcon:

Ric^o Mew Tho: Barker Tho: Hart W^m Dockwra

Tho: Cooper Wm Gibson Ambr: Rigg

At a Meeting of ye Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in George Yard Janry 11th 1683/4

Present:

Tho: Barker Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Cooper W^m Gibson W^m Dockwra

In pursuance of y^e last order y^e 8th inst^t Tho: Hart hath paid to W^m Dockwra 5th 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 y^e Province to Walt^r Benthall, the Proprietors p^rsent do well approve therof.

Item, y^e said Walt^r 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 & oth^{rs} w^{ch} came to £1.14.6, it was allowed him and he paid fifteen shillings and Six pence more to W D to make up his part for 1/48:

Item, W^m Gibson hath also paid 5^{li} for a whole Propriety.

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

W^m Dockwra Tho: Barker

W^m Gibson 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 Clem^t Plumstead Tho Hart
Ric^o Mew Tho: Cooper W^m Dockwra Walt^r Benthall

Tho: Cooper having sold halfe a Propriety to S^r Jn^o Gordon of Edenburgh, The Proprietors at this Board do approve thereof, and doe admit the said S^r Jn^o Gordon Proprietor of y^e said part accordingly.

Item, Clem^t Plumstead hath paid to W^m Dockwra fifty shillings for his one halfe Propriety and 5^{li} as Proxie for Rob^t Turner, for w^{ch} 5^{li} 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.

Tho: Barker Clem^t Plumstead & Proxie

Tho: Cooper for Rob^t Turner Ric^o Mew Walter Benthall Tho: Hart W^m Dockwra

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in George Yard January the 29th 1683[/4]

D^r Cox Clem^t Plumstead

Present:

Tho: Barker

Ed: Billing

W^m Dockwra

Then Received of D^r Cox five pounds for his part advanced to Stock upon his Propriety which was paid to W^m 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^r 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 y^e Letter to Govern^r Penn untill next meeting.

Tho: Cox Ed: Billinge
W^m Gibson Tho: Barker
W^m Dockwra Clem^t Plumstead
& Provie for

& Proxie for Rob^t 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]

Sep ^t 4°	Paid for Searching for Gov ^r Nichols Commission	li -	s 2	d 6
	To the Clerk for 6 dayes Registring in our book at $2^s 6^d$ p. diem	_	15	
	To Search in the Hanaper & Pipe Office and Coach hire	_	6	6
	To the Scrivener by G: L ^s order that ingross'd 2 papers going by him	_	6	
11	To Search in y ^e Plantac. Office	_	2	6
	To Coach hire to and from Wh:hall	_	3	
	To y ^e Officer at Plantac. Office to to [sic] lend me Gov ^r Nichols Papers sent from New York to y ^e Duke	-	5	
	To copy of ye Kings first Patent to the Duke 19 sheets	_	12	8
15	To the Clerk 5 dayes Registring	-	12	6
	To horse hire to go beyond Winsor to Lady Carteret	_	6	
	To ye Messengers time & expense	-	7	3
22	To a Sollicitor imploy'd to & fro t'other end of y ^e Towne attending sundry Offices to find Govern ^r Nichols Commission & 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	2		
	To his disbursm¹s for Sundryes	_	15	10
8 ^{ber}	To my Coach hire to Pall:Mall, Whitehall & back	-	3	
	To M ^r Ashton for copy of the Commission to Gov ^r Nichols	_	10	

Carried upp £ 7 7

	Brought from y ^e 1 st Colume	7	7	9
	That from 24° Sep ^t to 16° 8 ^{ber} I was so Streightn ^d in time to get my own goods and Serv ^{ts} ready and to dispatch G: Laurie, y ^t I kept no acco ^t of gener ^{ll} charges but being 4 or 5 times Westw rd to speake w th Erghart, seeking Londine, & at y ^e Secretarys Office &c I put only	-	10	
16	To Coach hire first time Ed: Billing went w th me	-	3	6
20	To ditto w th E: Billing	_	1	6
22	To ditto w th E: Billing	-	3	
9 ^{ber}	To Registring sundry new Orders and Instructions	-	10	
	To y ^e Fees for enrolling the Dukes last Deed to y ^e 24 Proprietors	3		4
	To Coach hire to Wh:Hall and back by water	-	2	
17	To Coach hire to S ^t Martins, S ^t James's &c to & fro	-	3	6
19	To a Gent. at E: Middletons	_	2	6
	To the Porter there	_	1	
	To Coach hire w th y ^e copy drawne for y ^e Kings Lett ^{rs}	-	3	
20	To coach hire to W:Hall thenc[e] to Middletons back to Pall:Mall to L ^d Lundine thence to W:Hall pursuing y ^e Secret ^{ry} Sunderland to get forw rd our Lett ^r to y ^e King and so back to London	-	4	6

Carried over £ 12 12 7

9^{br}	Brought from y ^e other side	li 12	s 12	d 7
22	To Waterige to White hall and Coach back	_	2	
	From Temple to Wh:Hall and back to London	-	2	6
	To Urquhart, then to Wh:Hall again to Middleton, back to Pall:mall to Londine, so again to W:Hall, where I rec ^d at E: Sunderlands Office y ^e K ^s letter signed, so to the Savoy to the King's Printer and home	_	4	
	To the E: Sunderlands fee 5 guinneys ½ and ½ a crown	6	1	3
Nota	M ^r Bridgman would take no Fee in respect to y ^e Scots Secr ^{ty}	-	-	-
	To M ^r War: Sunderlands Clerk that wrote it ½ a guinny	-	10	9
	To y ^e Officekeeper	-	2	6
	To M ^r Urquhart: E. Middletons Secr ^{ty} 3 guinnys at 19 ^d	3	4	9
	To ye Serv ^{ts} at y ^e Secretar.	-	2	6
26	To Coach hire to Earl of Bath and calling to take leave of Londine and staying at the Kings printing house & home	-	3	6
	To M ^r Sellers for a Draught in Vellum of the Coasts of East Jersey and part of Staten Island	-	10	
	To copying the Case therof and that of Azimes farm	-	3	
X ^{ber} 5°	To coach hire to S ^t James's about Carterets papers from the Earl of Bath and home by Water	-	2	
7°	To fetch y ^e said papers being at last (though long first) sent for by the Earl of Bath from whom I received them	_	3	
	£	24	4	4

		li	s	d
	Brought from y ^e other Collum	24	4	$\overline{4}$
7°	To a draught of Perth Town done by Sellers	_	10	
19	To copying the long Case of Navesink and 2 papers to send to Scotland	_	5	
	To the Kings Printers for 500 Declarations or Letters and changing ye paper twice	2	15	
	To the Composers twice setting the form & the Servants	_	7	
	To 500 Titles and Bounds to annex to the Letters	_	12	
	To severall alterations and paper added &c	_	4	6
	To ye Printers men for dispatch		1	
	ţ	28	18	10

 Mem^{dm}

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.

W.D.

January 11° :1683:

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

The Answer to W^m 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 accommodation of small Purchasers . It is agreed, That a rough draught be drawn by W^m 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 Clem^t Plumstead pro se

W^m Gibson et proxie p.
Tho: Barker Rob¹ Turner
Walter Benthall
W^m Dockwra

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey at the Starr in Geo: Yard February 15° 1683/4

Ric^o Mew Tho: Cooper Clem^t Plumstead W^m Gibson Tho: Barker Walter Benthall

W^m 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 Instrum^t concerning accomodacon of small purchasers who go to Settle in the Province being drawn and ingrossed and read at this Board was approved of, and agreed to be sent into Scotland to be signed by y^e Proprietors and return'd hither to be also signed and sent forward to the Dep^{ty} Governo^r in East Jersey: and y^e Province Seal was also thereto affixed.

The Substance of the Orders of the Proprietors Entred in this Book at y^e Proprietors meeting on y^e 8th Jan^{ty} last abo^t W^m Dockwra's acco^t of Disbursm^{ts} and the Proprietors gratuity for his faithfull Service, and y^e advance of 5^{li} 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^{II} Groome's estate came by y^e same conveyance: viz^t by Hen: Stacy who arrived long since in the Ship New York, Jn^o Rich: M^r [*Master*] wth Letters and papers lay long in the West Country.

The Amount of the Inventory is: £647.13.7.1/2.

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

Clem^t Plumstead & pxie for Rob^t Turner Tho: Barker W^m Gibson W^m Dockwra and Proxie for the Earl of Perth

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of ye Province of East Jersey, March 4th 1683/4

W^m Gibson Thomas Cooper

Present Clem^t Plumstead Tho: Hart
Walter Benthall W^m Dockwra

A Proxie Power from Rob^t Burnett of Edenburgh was sent to be vested in Tho: Hart, w^{ch} was approved of.

An Answer to W^m Penns Letter agreed to, and Signed.

An Instrum^t 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 y^e Planters and Inhabitants was returned also, and Signed, and ordered to be sent.

An Instrum^t or Order for y^e Demand of Staten Island was received from Scotland, agreed to, Signed, and Ordered to be sent to the Dep^{ty} Gov^r.

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

Clem^t Plumstead W^m Gibson

and Proxie for W^m Dockwra and Proxie

Rob^t Turner for Perth