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This Assembly do appoint Robert Walker Abijah McEwen Daniel Judson, Jabez Huntington Tomlinson Philip Nichols Abijah Starling Abraham Brinsmade Daniel Fairchild Andrew Rowland, Joseph Strong Joseph Noyes David Allen, Ebenezer Jessup Dudley Baldwin, George Burr Thaddeus Betts Eliphalet Lockwood, Job Bartram Matthew Mead, Samuel Cook Silliman, John Davenport Junr, Charles Webb, Reuben Scofield Jabez Fitch Amos Mead, John McKay Benjamin Mead, John Benedict, Daniel Cooley Ezekiel Willson, Eli Mygatt, Elisha Whittlesey, Thomas Taylor, Thaddeus Benedict of Danbury William Edmund Jabez Botsford David Baldwin Nehemiah Beardsley James Potter, Dan Towner, Thaddeus Benedict of Redding Andrew L Hill Samuel Wakeman, John Sherwood Daniel Duncan Samuel B Sherwood Henry Peck, Joseph Smith, Elisha Mills, Daniel Bennet Deodate Silliman Ebenezer Beach & Amos Wheeler Esqrs. Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Fairfield the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Devotion Constant Southworth Esqrs. Justices of the Peace and Quorum the Honble Thomas Grosvenor a Justice of Quorum and James Gordon Esqr. a Justice of Peace & Quorum within and for the County of Windham for the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Hezekiah Manning, Hezekiah Ripley, Zephaniah Swift Timothy Larabee Jabez Clark, Samuel Gray, Jonathan Trumbull John Clark James Pinneo Elkanah Tisdale Peleg Thomas Jeremiah Mason, Daniel Tilden Elisha Perkins William Dixon Andrew Backus, John Douglas, Joshua Dunlap Anthony Bradford Eliasheb Adams Sherebiah Butt, Daniel Frost, Moses Cleaveland Elisha Payne Allen Campbell Joseph Wylie John Gaston, Benja Dowe, John Williams Lemuel Ingalls, John Salter Experience Storrs, Jesse Williams, Elisha Child Jedidiah Morse Nathaniel Marcey John McClellan Benjamin Sumner Isaac Perkins Simeon Smith Sampson Howe Eleazer Moffatt James Danielson Jason Phipps Thomas Dike Thaddeus Learned Joseph Baker Joseph Scarborough Ebenezer Mosely, Isaac Bennit Nehemiah Child & Luther Payne Esqrs. Justices of the Peace within and for Windham County the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Eliphalet Dyer a Justice of Peace for the County of Windham the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble. Heman Swift Esqr Justice of the Quorum and Aaron Austin of New Hartford Nathan Hale and David Smith Esqrs. Justices of the Peace & Quorum within and for the County of Litchfield the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter Isaac Baldwin Abraham Bradley, Tapping Reeve, James Morriss Uriah Tracy Daniel Sherman David Hurd Hezekiah Thompson Nathan Preston Benjamin Hinman, Edward Hinman Justus Johnson Sherman Boardman Daniel Everit Josiah Starr Nicholas Shelton Masters Jedediah Hubbel, Jethro Hatch David Downs Isaac Pardy Augustine Taylor Lott Norton Adonijah

Strong Samuel Lee Charles Burrall Samuel Forbes, Judah Kellogg Edward Rogers John Pierce Asaph Hall Adino Hale Justus Sacket Nathaniel Swift Daniel Nathaniel Brinsmade David Whittlesey David Judson Oliver Parmelee David Ambler Thomas Fenn Daniel Potter, Eli Curtiss Mark Prindle Daniel Catlin Junr Epaphras Sheldon Shubael Griswold, Elisha Smith Ebenezer Moody Eleazer Ensign Uriel Holmes Giles Pettibone Dudley Humphry Eliphaz Alvord Elijah Rockwell, Joseph Wilder John Welch John Elliott & Curtis Hurd Esqrs Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Litchfield the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Dickinson, Hezekiah Brainerd Ebenezer White and Hezekiah Lane Esqrs, Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the County of Middlesex the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Hart Matthew Talcott Philip Mortimer Comfort Sage, Isaac Miller Elijah Hubbard, Samuel W Dana Amos Churchell, Isaac Gridley Chauncey Whittlesey Stephen Titus Hosmer Nehemiah Brainerd Cornelius Higgins Ezra Brainerd Benjamin Williams Timothy Starkey. Jedidiah Chapman Samuel Tully Thomas Silliman Jonathan Lay George Elliott Job Wright Abraham Pierson Martin Lord William Morgan Joseph Wilcox 2d, Jabez Chapman, Israel Spencer, Timothy Gates John Percival, Isaac Spencer Jun Eliphalet Holmes, Jonathan Penfield Bryan Parmelee Hezekiah Goodrich Chauncey Bulkley James Bill Jonathan Ogden Mosely & Bozaleel Bristol Esqrs. Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Middlesex the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jeremiah Ripley Reuben Sikes John Phelps and Jeremiah West Esqrs. Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the County of Tolland the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gilbert Samuel Chapman Samuel Carver Ichabod Warner Elijah White Oliver King Abraham Burnap Ephraim Kinsbury, Benajah Strong Daniel Elsworth Mathew Hyde, Elijah Kellog Elihu Marvin Silvester Gilbert Benjamin Buell, Timothy Dutton, Thomas Pitkin Isaac Foot Jesse Cady Samuel Dunton Elisha Johnson Solomon Wales John Sessions & Samuel Whittlesey Esqrs Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Tolland the Year ensuing.

An Act in addition to and alteration of an Act entitled an Act for constituting and regulating Courts and for appointing the Times and places for holding the same.⁵

Be it Enacted by the Governor, and Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, That no Member of the General Court

5. *Acts and Laws of the State of Connecticut, in America . . .* (New London, 1784), pp. 27-33, hereafter cited as *Acts and Laws, 1784*. There were numerous additions and amendments to this act. For those in this volume see below, pp. 11, 190, 373. A curious suspension of this amendment took place in the Assembly session of October 1796, when one of the members was permitted to act as counsel before the bar of the house. See below, p. 454.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Bird to be Ensign of the fourth Company of Militia in the 14th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Knowlton Junr to be Captain of the 8th Company of Militia in the 5th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Job Tyler Junr to be Lieutenant of the 8th Company of Militia in the 5th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Beckworth 3d to be Captain of the 6th Company of Militia in the third Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Herman Munson to be Captain of the 8th Company of Militia in the 26th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Levi Bronson to be Lieutenant of the 8th Company of Militia in the 26th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Ayer to be Captain of the 8th Company of Militia in the 33d Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Marvin Huntly to be Lieutenant of the 8th Company of Militia in the 33d Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Beckworth to be Ensign of the 8th Company of Militia in the 33d Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Comstock 2d, to be Captain of the 9th Company of Militia in the 24th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard McCurdy to be Captain of a Company of Light Infantry in the 33d Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Lord Junr to be Lieutenant of a Company of Light Infantry in the 33d Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Starling Junr to be Ensign of a Company of Light Infantry in the 33d Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Smith to be Captain of the first Company of Militia in the 24th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gamaliel R Tracy to be Lieutenant of the first Company of Militia in the 24th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Cone to be Ensign of the first Company of Militia in the 24th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Main to be Captain of the 7th Company of Militia in the 30th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jephtha Brown to be Ensign of the 7th Company of Militia in the 30th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Baldwin to be Captain of the second Company of Militia in the 30th Regiment in said State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Meech to be Lieutenant of the second Company of Militia in the 30th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Beardsley to be Captain of the fifth Company of Militia in the 16th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Hubbell to be Lieutenant of the fifth Company of Militia in the 16th Regiment in said State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Hodges to be Ensign of the fifth Company of Militia in the 16th Regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Gates to be Captain of of [*sic*] the fourth Company of Militia in the 24th Regiment in this State.

ander Gordon, Frederick Freeman Lemuel Dorrance Samuel Spring, James Eldridge & Abel Simmons Junr Esqrs to be Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Windham the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Tilden Esqr Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Windham for the Year ensuing.

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venor Esqr a Justice of the Quorum, and James Gordon Esqr. a Justice of the Peace & Quorum within and for the County of Windham for the Year ensuing.

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This Assembly do appoint Jesse Williams a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Windham for the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Heman Swift the Honble Aaron Austin Justices of the Quorum & Nathan Hale & David Smith Esqrs. Justices of the Peace & Quorum for the County of Litchfield the Year ensuing.

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This Assembly do appoint Seth Spencer Israel Jones Junr, John Tallmadge Daniel Bellamy & John Whittlesey Esqrs., Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Litchfield the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Reuben Warner Junr to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Litchfield for the Year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Dickinson, Ebenezer White Hezekiah Lane & Jabez Chapman Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the County of Middlesex for the Year ensuing.

Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Windham for the Year Ensuing.

Whereas Zephaniah Swift Esqr for a number of Years past hath been appointed to and executed the Office of Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Windham, and at this Time being absent in Congress, and unable to make return of Duties on Writs as by Law required

Whereupon it is Resolved by this Assembly that the said Zephaniah Swift be, and he is hereby appointed Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Windham for the Year Ensuing anything in the Laws of this State requiring Justices of the Peace within this State to make return of the Duties by them received to the Treasurer by the Twentieth Day of May annually to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

This Assembly do appoint Lemuel Sanford, and Philip Burr Bradley to be Justices of the Peace, and Quorum, James Davenport to be Justice of the Quorum, and Samuel William Johnson Justice of the Peace and Quorum all within, and for the County of Fairfield for the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Robert Walker, Abijah McCune, Jabez H Tomlinson, Daniel Judson, Abraham Brinsmade Daniel Fairchild, Abijah Starling, Philip Nichols Thadeus Benedict, Andrew Rowland, Livius B. Sturgis Walter Bradley Ebenezer Jessup, Joseph Strong Joseph Noyes, David Allen, Eliphalet Lockwood, Thadeus Bills, Job Bartram, Joseph Silliman Mathew Mead, John Davenport Junr, Charles Webb, Reuben Scofield, David Maltbie, Amos Mead, Jabez Fitch, John McKay, Benjamin Mead, John Benedict, Daniel Cooley, Joshua King, William Forrister, Eli Mygate, Thomas Taylor, Elisha Whittlesey, William Edmond David Baldwin, James Potter, Nehemiah Beardslee, Andrew L Hill, John Sherwood, Samuel B Sherwood, Nathan Wheeler Elisha Mills, Agur Judson, Deodate Silliman, Ebenezer Beach, Amos Wheeler, Henry Peck, Daniel B Cook David Judah, Mathew Marvin, Isaac Ives, David Beers, Stephen Barnes, James Rogers William Herron and Amos Brush, to be Justices of the Peace within, and for the County of Fairfield the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Heman Swift, and Honble Aaron Austin, Justices of the Quorum, and Nathan Hale, and David Smith Esqrs Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Litchfield for the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter, Isaac Baldwin Tapping Reeve, James Morriss, Uriah Tracey John Welch, Joseph Wilder Israel Jones Junr Samuel Haydon, Oliver Parmelee, David Ambler, David Bellamy, Charles Burrell, Samuel Forbs Elijah Rockwell, Judah Kellogg, John Peirce, Edward Rogers, Asaph Hall, Adino Hale, Daniel Catlin, Mark Prindle, Jethro Hatch, Jedediah Hubbel, John Elliott, Seth Spencer, Sherman Bordman, Daniel Everitt, Josiah Starr, Nicholas S Masters, Reuben Warner Junr, Giles Pettibone Asahel Humphry, Daniel Potter, David Downs, Isaac Pardee, Augustin Taylor, Benjamin Hinman Edward Hinman, Justus Johnson, Benjamin Stiles Junr, Lott Norton, Adonijah Strong, Samuel Lee, John Whittlesey, Epaphras Sheldon,

Shubael Griswold, Elisha Smith, Daniel N Brinsmade David Whittlesey, David Judson, Eliphaz Alvord, Justus Sackett, Nathaniel Swift, John Talmadge Thomas Fen, Eli Curtiss, Daniel Sherman, Hezekiah Thompson, Nathan Preston, Curtiss Hurd John Allen, Nathaniel Smith of Woodbury and Theodore Goodwin Esquires, Justices of the Peace in, and for the County of Litchfield for the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Shadrack Osborn Esquire to be a Justice of the Peace within, and for the County of Litchfield for the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer White, Hezekiah Lane, Jabez Chapman, and Jonathan Lay Esquires, Justices of the Peace and Quorum, for the County of Middlesex for the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Dickinson, Mathew Talcott, Ashur Miller, Isaac Miller, Elijah Hubbard, Samuel W Dana, Chauncey Whittlesey, Amos Churchill Isaac Gridley, Stephen Titus Hosmer, Nehemiah Brainard, Hezekiah Brainard, Cornelius Higgins, Ezra Brainard, Edward Selden, Timothy Starkey, Jedediah Chapman Samuel Tulley Thomas Sillinan, Samuel Hart, John Bull, George Elliott, Job Wright, Abraham Pierson, Martin Lord, William Morgan, Joseph Wilcock 2d, Bazaleel Bristol Israel Spencer, Eliphalet Holmes Jonathan Ogden Mosely, Bryan Parmelee, Hezekiah Goodrich, Chauncey Bulkley, James Bill and Daniel Shepard Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex for the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jeremiah Ripley, Reuben Sykes, Jeremiah West, and Jesse Cady Esquires Justices of the Peace and Quorum within and for the County of Tolland the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gilbert, Samuel Chapman Samuel Whittlesey Samuel Carver, Ichabod Warner, Oliver King, Abraham Burnap, Ephraim Kingsbury Benajah Strong, John Hale, Daniel Ellsworth, Mathew Hyde, Levi Wells, Elijah Kellogg, Elihu Marvin Benjamin Buel, Sylvester Gilbert, Joseph Parker, Thomas Pitkin, John Phelps, Solomon Wales, John Sessions, Samuel Dunton, Elisha Johnson, and Eleazer W. Phelps Justices of the Peace within, and for the County of Tolland the Year Ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Y Seymour, and Hezekiah Bissell Esquires with the Comptroller of public Accounts Auditors to Audit the Accounts of the Treasurer with this State up to the first day of October next.

To the Honorable General Assembly now siting—

The Committee appointed by your Honors to receive, sort, and count the Votes to this Assembly for Gentlemen to stand in nomination for Election as Representatives of the People of this State in the Congress of the United States—beg leave to report, That on the Eighth day of the present Session, they received, sorted, and publicly counted such Votes

A D 1771 the Covenant of Matrimony was entered into by, and between her and Samuel Cunningham of said Middletown, and that from the day of her said marriage untill the Time of preferring her said Petition she has ever conducted towards the said Samuel in a manner becoming the Character of a Wife, but that the said Samuel has for a number of Years been addicted to an intemperate Use of Spiritous Liquors, whereby he has become very passionate, and treated the petitioner with great Cruelty by frequently assaulting, beating, and bruseing her, and even threatening her Life, and also made sundry attempts to be criminally conversant with other Women, from which she has reason to believe that he has been unfaithfull to her bed, praying to be released from her matrimonial connection with the said Samuel, and that all the property brought to the said Samuel by the Petitioner by vertue of said marriage, and now in his possession be restored to her as per Petition on file, which facts are fully proved

Resolved by this Assembly that the said Hannah be, and she hereby is divorced from the said Samuel, and wholly released from said Marriage Contract, and in respect of of [*sic*] all the property real or personal brought to the said Samuel by Vertue of said Marriage by the Petitioner and now in the possession of the said Samuel, that she have the sole, and exclusive Right to, and disposal of the same.

On the Petition of Abijah Sherman of Stratford in Fairfield County shewing to this Assembly that at the begining of the late War with great Britain he Entered largely into Trade, and acquired considerable property which he lost by the depreciation of Continental money in his hands, and that he is unable to pay all the Just Debts and demands of his Creditors, and therein praying an Act of Insolvency to be passed in his favour as per Petition on file, This Petition was brought to this Assembly at their last October Session, and by legal remove came to this Assembly when the facts therein stated were fully proved, and the Creditors to said Sherman Neglecting to appear, and more than three Quarters of them in amount in demand having signified their Consent, and desire that the prayer of said Petition might be granted

It is therefore Resolved by this Assembly that the said Abijah Sherman shall within one Month next after the rising of this Assembly and without fraud deliver over to Trustees hereafter named upon Oath all the property both real and personal which he now owns, or possesses, (except such Articles as are by Law exempted from being levied upon by Execution) for the benefit of his said Creditors, And Messrs Amos Hubbell Thaddeus Benedict, and John Samuel Cannon, all of Stratford in Fairfield County are hereby appointed Trustees to said Abijah Sherman, and are impowered, or any two of them under Oath to receive at the Hands of said Sherman his property to be delivered as aforesaid, and upon receipt of the same and upon said Shermans complying with this Act in every particular, to make and deliver to said Sherman a Certificate thereof, which Certificate shall operate as a discharge from all the Debts which said Sherman contracted previous to the 25th day of September A D 1795, and shall be a good discharge against any demand of his said