

GEORGIA STATE GAZETTE

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GEORGIA, Burke County.

In COURT, March 21, 1788.

Ordered,

That a copy of the Presentments of the Grand Jury of this Term be transmitted to the Executive by the Clerk.

AT a Superior Court begun and holden on Tuesday the 18th March 1788, at Waynesborough, in and for the county of Burke, before his Honor Henry Osborne, Esq. Chief Justice, and the Honorable David Emanuel, Thomas Lewis, and Hugh Lawton, Assistant Justices for the said county.

We the Grand Inquest for the body of the county of Burke, on our oaths, present:

1st. We present as a grievance that no provision has yet been made to satisfy public creditors of any denomination, except the purchasers of confiscated property and public officers, notwithstanding the faith of the state is solemnly pledged in the law, authorizing the Auditor to issue certificates; that other provision shall be made for their redemption.

2d. We present as a grievance that purchasers of confiscated property are suffered to discharge their bonds with audited certificates, which were expressly by agreement and condition payable only in gold or silver; nor can we account for the adoption of such a measure in the Legislature, by supposing that a majority of that body are speculators, and men of desperate fortunes, many of whom were also deeply indebted to the public.

3d. We present as a grievance that at a time when the public exigencies demand the greatest economy in the finances of the state, that the General Assembly should add two hundred pounds per annum to the emoluments of the office of State Secretary, and continue a salary to the Collector of the Port of Savannah, being two of the most profitable posts held in the gifts of the state.

4th. We present as a grievance that the records belonging to each county are not deposited in the same, agreeably to the direction of the fifth article of the constitution, and that the holders of taxable property are not obliged to make returns thereof in the county in which it may be; as we conceive such a step would enable the receivers and collectors of the public taxes to execute the duties of their office with more decision and dispatch than it is possible under the present mode of conducting that business, and until that is done, there appears hardly a possibility of detecting frauds that may be committed by absentees, or even inhabitants of the state, who are base enough to conceal or make false returns of their property.

5th. We present as a grievance that reserves of land are made and kept in this state, when the conditions on which they were made are not complied with; and recommend that an Act should be passed to authorize the Land Courts to grant the remainder of any such lands, where the intent and meaning thereof has not been fulfilled.

6th. We present as a grievance that slaves are allowed the use of fire arms, or to keep horses, and that the Captains of the different companies are not authorized to order and perform patrol duty in their districts whenever occasion may require; and that any person called on refusing to do such duty, should be subjected to a reasonable fine.

7th. We present as a grievance that the law or laws, pointing out the duty, and designating the power of Commissioners of roads, are not furnished this county.

8th. We present as a grievance that a road is not ordered to be laid out from the fort of Mac Bean to Parriss's saw-mill, the nearest and most convenient way, agreeably to a petition preferred to a formed Court; and recommend that William McNorrell, William Ryall, and Samuel Godby be appointed Commissioners.

9th. We present as a grievance, that all persons holding lands in this state, are not obliged to renew their land marks at least once in seven years.

10th. We present Edward Telfair, Esq. for not keeping a safe and convenient passage open, for the use of horsemen and carriages travelling, by his mill dams, for want of which the lives and properties of the good people of this state are often endangered; on the information of William McNorrell, John Dawson, and Willis Murphy.

11th. We present as a grievance that persons deforfeited, though not named, in the Act of Confiscation and Banishment, are suffered to sit on Juries, vote at elections, or hold any post of profit or honor in this state, without being previously admitted to the rights of citizenship by the Legislature.

12th. On the information of Thomas Jones, we present John Shelman, and Blasfingame Harvey, sen. for suffering Thomas Ford to escape, and Jacob Bosman to be released from custody, who were apprehended and proved to have harboured Benjamin Allen and one Proctor, who, from many circumstances, were concerned in the murder of Spurlock, Sykes, and his family.

13th. We present as a grievance, that an Act of Assembly is not passed to explain the 6th article of the constitution, for want of which members may be admitted to a seat in the Legislature, that are worth a great deal less than nothing.

14th. We present Cader Price, on the information of Patrick Carr, for retailing spirituous liquors without licence, and we present the former Superior Court of this county for neglecting to regulate the price of entertainments to be observed by tavern keepers, and in eating-houses.

15th. We present as a grievance the want of an Act to punish persons living in a state of concubinage or adultery, and to punish bastardy, which are shamefully practised in this county with impunity, contrary to the laws of God, and the peace and welfare of the state.

16th. We present as a grievance the want of a law to punish careless and evil disposed persons who make a practice of burning the woods in this county, to the great injury of the range, soil, timber, and other property of many of the inhabitants thereof.

17th. We present the want of a sufficient bridge over Brier Creek, at Rae's Old Cowpen, as there is no passing the old one without manifest risk and danger either on horseback or carriages.

18th. On the information of Wm. Neil, and William Harte, we present John Patterson, and Robert Bowling for neglecting to open the road from Walker's bridge to Lewisville, of which they are Commissioners.

19th. On the information of Francis Boy-

kin, William Neil, and William Harte, we present Jonathan Kemp, Joseph Hampton, and Robert Allen, for not opening the road ordered to be laid out from the Chickasaw ford, on Brier creek, to the county line on Mac Bean, of which they are Commissioners.

20th. We recommend the following persons to be appointed Receivers of taxable property, viz. In Capt. Harvey's district, Richard Childers; in Capt. Harvey's, jun. Charles Harvey; in Capt. Fuzzle's, William Neil; in Capt. Lawton's, himself; in Capt. Little's, Thomas Little, sen. in Capt. Harte's, David Emanuel; in Capt. Greene's, John Rafor; in Captains Lett's and Whitaker's, Batte Jones; in Capt. McKenzie's, himself; in Capt. Sapp's, John Bell; in Capt. Lafter's, William Skinner; in Capt. Sharp's, James Jones; in Capt. Grey's, William Rheny; in Capt. Lewis, in his district; in Capt. White's, himself; in Capt. Evans's, Edward Weathers; in Capt. Fann's, Benjamin Davis; in Capt. Watton's, William Ryall; and in Captain Murphy's district, Thomas Burton.

We represent the want of a goal and stocks in this county, as a great grievance.

James Jones, Fore-	Matthias Gray,
man,	John Robetta,
William Neil,	Willis Murphy,
William Rheny,	William Skinner,
Wm. McNorrell,	James Bradley,
William Godby,	Joseph Atkinson,
William Ryall,	Samuel Godby,
William Hart,	Bazil Gray,
Francis Boykin,	Batt. Jones,
James Pugh,	John Dawson.
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the Minutes of Court.

J. DAVIES, C. S. C.



BOSTON, June 18.

YESTERDAY, after an absence of nine years, arrived in this metropolis, from England, his Excellency JOHN ADAMS, Esq. late Ambassador from the United States of America to the Court of Great-Britain, with his lady. His Excellency the Governor having previously ordered that every mark of respect be paid his Excellency on his arrival, the approach of the ship in which he arrived, was announced by a signal from the Light, and a discharge of cannon from the castle; when off the castle he was saluted with a federal discharge of cannon from the fortresses, and when the ship had arrived at her moorings, the Secretary of the State, by order of his Excellency the Governor, repaired in his Excellency's carriage to the end of the pier, from whence, in the state barge, the Secretary waited on the Ambassador on board, and in his Excellency the Governor's name congratulated him on his arrival, and invited him and family to his Excellency's seat. The wind being fresh and fair, the ship arrived at town too early to admit our fellow-citizens receiving his Excellency in the manner they had previously intended. Notwithstanding, short as the time was, the pier was crowded, and his Excellency welcomed on shore by three buzzas, from several thousand persons. The Secretary of the State accompanied his Excellency in the barge on shore, where his Excellency the Governor's carriage waited for him, in which he, his lady, the Secretary of