

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FORFEITURES

These Officials sold the real estate of Tories and others who had either gone over to the Enemy or were suspected of not being friendly to the American Cause. They were much more systematic in their Accounts than the Commissioners of Sequestration who dealt, for the most part, with personal property. The Commissioners of Forfeitures also received and paid over to the State Treasurer, Certificates issued by the Auditors to Liquidate and Settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State. Some of the proceeds of the Commissioners helped the Poor. (See The Poor who came out of New York City, in the Chapter on "The Provincial Congresses").

The Committee of Safety, Mar. 1, 1777, passed a Resolution relative to the Commissioners of Forfeitures. Doubts having arisen in regard to the bearing of this Resolution upon the State Treasurer, a law was passed for the removal of such doubts. The Treasurer acknowledged the receipt of over £9000 under this Resolution, between May 11, 1777, and July 1, 1779. This he describes as "Monies due to Persons who were within the Enemies Lines, or out of the State; or to Persons who had refused to receive Contingent Money". During a part of June, 1779, and thereafter, the Treasurer declined tenders of Depreciated Money because of his doubts regarding the Resolution, noted above.

The work of the Commissioners of Forfeitures did not begin till late in the War. The law of Oct. 22, 1779, really started the work by giving the names of many individuals whose property had been attainted. The law of Mar. 10, 1780, directed the Commissioners to sell property of this sort at once. On May 12, 1784, the Governor was authorized to appoint seven Commissioners. The office of Commissioner of Forfeitures was abolished, Mar. 21, 1788; and all the powers pertaining thereto were given to the Surveyor-General, Simeon De Witt. He had authority to sell all Lands Forfeited to the State. His Accounts show that the purchasers paid for the Lands in Certificates of these kinds, Levy, Depreciation, Claim and Principal.

The law of Apr. 11, 1792, repealed the law of Oct. 22, 1779, so that those named in the latter might return; but the law did not affect the status of their property. On Dec. 18, 1792, a law was passed for the relief of several of the individuals whose property had been taken.

The State Treasurer, in August 1794, stated that he had received £109005.11.0 1/4 in Claims against Forfeited Estates which had been liquidated and lodged in the Treasury.

For convenience, the State was divided into these Districts:—Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western.

The Eastern District included the Counties of Charlotte, Cumberland and Gloucester. The Commissioners were David Hopkins and Alexander Webster. They were paid 24/- per day, and they were assisted by many Appraisers. Hopkins' Sales, from October to December, 1784, were £9982.2.0; in 1785, £6113.19.3; and, in 1787-1788, £584.17.3. Webster's sales, in

1786, were £4160.4.7 1/2, and £21149.10.1. The amount of their joint Sales was about £40000. They were given Levy Notes or Depreciation Notes for the purchase of Lands; and they turned the same over to the State Treasurer.

The Middle District comprised the Counties of Dutchess, Orange and Ulster. Samuel Dodge, Daniel Graham and John Hathorn were the Commissioners. Their pay was 24/- per day. (See law of May 12, 1784). The Accounts show that their expenses were £2707.9.3. from Apr. 9, 1780 to Apr. 30, 1785. Graham's Sales, from July, 1785, to May, 1786, were £3075. The Sales, apparently, reached a total of £64363.8.6, those in Dutchess County being larger than in the other two Counties put together. They paid into the State Treasury the following kinds of Notes:—Curtenius' Barber's Levy, Loan Office, Horse and State Agents'.

The Southern District, in charge of Commissioners Isaac Stoutenburgh and Philip Van Cortlandt, included the Counties of Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Suffolk and Westchester. Among their papers is a Resolution of the Convention, Feb. 11, 1777, which describes William Lounsbury as "one of the persons concerned in Spikeing the Cannon at Kingsbridge & who afterwards joined the Enemy and was slain".

The Commissioners paid to the State Treasurer Depreciation Notes, as well as all the other kinds of Notes named in the Middle District, above—all of which were received from the purchasers of Lands. In 1788 and 1789, the Treasurers of the Counties of Queens, Suffolk and Richmond paid to the State Treasurer Certificates issued for Claims against Forfeited Estates, the same being receivable under the Tax law of Mar. 9, 1788. The total of Sales was £502709; of which the Estates of Col. Frederick Phillipse brought £107532; and those of James De Lancey, £113144. The Commissioners paid into the State Treasury many State Agent's Certificates for Notes due to Col. Phillipse. (See law of Nov. 11, 1784); and his Slaves were the cause of many Accounts sent in by the Supervisors of Westchester County. The Slaves owned by persons whose property had been forfeited often became a charge upon the several Counties, and the bills for their support were sent to the State. (See law of Mar. 2, 1792).

In the Western District, the Commissioners were Jacob G. Klock, Henry Oothoudt, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer and Christopher Yates. The District contained the Counties of Albany and Tryon. Their Accounts are much more complete than the Accounts in the other three Districts. In 1785, they were paid 5/- per day; but this had risen to 24/-, in 1787. On account of the large area of the District, they had many bills for Surveyors, Chain-Bearers, Boats and Provisions. They gave over to the State Treasurer the following kinds of Certificates which they had received for the purchase of Lands:—State Agent's, Depreciation, Levy and Loan; also Barber's Notes and Horse Notes.

In Albany County, Certificates for Claims against Forfeited Estates were paid into the State Treasury on account of Taxes, pursuant to the laws of Apr. 11, 1787 and Mar. 19, 1788. In the documents relating to Tryon County there are many Mortgages, executed before the War to parties whose Estates were afterward Forfeited. There are also many of the original Deeds, given by the Commissioners and by the Surveyor General to purchasers of Forfeited Lands.

The following papers, relating to the Estates of James DeLancey, Col. Frederick Phillipse and Col. William Bayard, are among the records of the Commissioners of the Southern District.

This was the usual form of a Claim against a Forfeited Estate:—

City of
New York SS.

I Richard Morris Esquire chief Justice of the State of New York, do hereby certify and make known to whom it may Concern that on the petition of James Duane of the said City Esquire in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the Said State entitled, "An Act for the Speedy sale of the confiscated and forfeited Estates within this State and for other purposes therein mentioned" passed the 12th of May 1784—I Have examined and heard and according to equity and good Conscience determined the Claim and Demand which the said James Duane hath and doth make against the forfeited Estate of James DeLancey late of the City of New York Esquire

And I do thereupon certify that the Sum of three Hundred and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and two pence current money of the State of New York appears to me to be due from the said James DeLancey Esquire to the said James Duane. In witness whereof I the said Chief Justice have hereunto set my hand this Seventeenth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight.

To Gerard Bancker Esq. Treasurer of the State of New York.

Rd. Morris

Claims were also made for book-accounts:—

State of
New York SS:

I Richard Morris Chief Justice of the State of New York in consequence of an application to me made by Samuel Fraunces of the City of New York.

Innkeeper pursuant to the directions contained in an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled an Act for the Speedy Sale of confiscated Estates within this State and for other purposes therein mentioned passed the twelfth day of May One thousand seven hundred and eighty four do hereby certify that the said Samuel Frances did on the Seventh day of August Instant produce to me in writing a certain account against Frederick Phillips late of Westchester County Esquire from which Account there appeared to be due to the said Samuel Fraunces from the said Frederick Phillips the Sum of Twenty seven Pounds Six Shillings & six pence and the said Samuel Frances being by me duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God did then and there depose & say, that the aforesaid Account by him so exhibited as aforesaid was Just and true as appeared from the Books of the said Samuel Fraunces therewith by him the Said Samuel Fraunces examined and diligently compared, which said Books he did also produce and further did depose and Say that they were the proper Books of Accounts of him the said Samuel Fraunces and that the aforesaid Sum of Twenty-seven pounds six Shillings & six pence is now Justly due and owing to him the said Samuel Fraunces & was due & owing to him from the said Frederick Phillips at and before the ninth day of July One Thousand seven hundred and seventy six, and that he hath not directly or indirectly received any part or parcel thereof or any consideration therefor Whereupon I having examined the said accounts and Books do Certify pursuant to the directions contained in the Act aforesaid that the sum of Twenty seven pounds six Shillings & six pence appear to be due from the said Frederick Phillips to the said Samuel Fraunces for Principal and that the Interest thereof to the present day amounts to twenty two pounds Nineteen Shillings.

Dated this Seventh day of August AD 1788

Rd. Morris

To Gerard Bancker Esq. Treasurer of the State of New York.

Col. Phillipse lived in Yonkers, and his Manor house is now the City Hall of that City. He died in England; and his tomb in the Cathedral at Chester is one of the attractions of that noble building. The Book-Accounts of, and small debts owing to, Beverly Robinson are very numerous.

Claims were extinguished in this way:—

At a meeting of the Commissioners for extinguishing Claims against the State for lands sold under the Authority thereof, the Title to which has failed, held at the City of Albany on Tuesday the 24th day of August, 1813 —

Present — Simeon DeWitt, Surveyor General, Archibald McIntyre, Comptroller Abraham Van Vechten, Attorney Genl.

Robert Bogardus made application for compensation for Certain Lots & Parcels of lots of ground heretofore sold by the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Southern District of this State to George Fisher, deemed to have been forfeited by the Attander of James DeLancey, Esquire, & described as situate in the Outward of the City of New York, with reference to a Map made by Evert Bancker of the said City Surveyor of part of the real estate of the said James DeLancey.

On examination of the Applicant's claim it appears.

1. That the said Commissioners, on the thirtieth day of May in the year One thousand Seven hundred & eighty five, sold & conveyed twenty three lots of ground, situated in the then OutWard of the said City to the said George Fisher for the consideration of Five Hundred & Eighty eight Pounds & described the same in the said Conveyance, numerically by Lots Nos. 1899 to 1921, inclusive, of Square No. 73, with reference to a Map made by the said Evert Bancker, of part of the real estate of the said James DeLancey and bounded northerly by the Southerly bounds of Peter Stuyvesant.

2. That the said Evert Bancker by mistake laid out some of said Lots & parts of others, North of the southerly bounds of the said Peter Stuyvesant, by reason whereof the title of the said George Fisher to such of the said lots & parts of lots as are situate north of Stuyvesant's Southerly bounds has failed.

3. That the lots & parts of lots so conveyed being within Stuyvesant's bounds amount in quantity to six lots.

4. That George Fisher died prior to the Year One Thousand Eight hundred, leaving John E. Fisher, Eleanor Fisher the wife of James B. Clarke & Maria Fisher the wife of Peter Clarke his heirs at Law.

5. That by a deed of partition, made & executed between the said Heirs on the twenty sixth day of June One Thousand Eight hundred, the said John E. Fisher & James B. Clarke & Eleanor his wife released & conveyed all their right & title to the whole of the aforesaid lots to the said Peter Clarke & Maria his wife in fee.

6. That the said Peter Clarke & his said wife, on the eighth day of June in the year One thousand Eight hundred & four, released & conveyed their Right & Title to the same lots in fee to the applicant.

The applicant has therefore a just claim to compensation for the lands so as aforesaid sold & conveyed under the authority of the State, the title to which has failed in the manner aforesaid, which according to the price paid therefor to the State amounts to Three Hundred & Eighty-three dollars & forty eight cents, to which interest must be added at the rate of six per cent per Annum from the thirtieth day of May One Thousand Seven hundred & eighty five, making in the whole One Thousand & thirty two dollars & Ninety nine Cents.

Whereupon Resolved, if the person administering the Government shall approve thereof, that upon the Applicants Sealing & delivering to the Comptroller a full release of his Right, Title & Interest in & to such of the said Lots & parts of lots as are situate North of Stuyve-

sant's Southerly bounds, duly proven or acknowledged, the Comptroller shall draw his Warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the Applicant for the sum of One Thousand & thirty two dollars & ninety nine cents.

Simeon DeWitt, Surv'r-Gen'l
Archibald W. McIntyre, Com'r
Ab. VanVechten Atty. General

1813. August 12. I assent to and approve of the above proceedings.

Daniel D. Tompkins. [Governor]

The papers relating to the Forfeited Estate of Col. William Bayard are voluminous. The final settlement of the State with his heirs is of more than usual interest:-

State of New York Ss. George Stanton of the City of New York being duly sworn deposes and saith that he is well acquainted with the Lots Buildings and Docks described in the within Schedule—That they are Lots and Water Lots which in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three belonged to the Estate of William Bayard Esquire, late of the City of New York deceased and upon which great improvements have since been made—That the Deponent together with George Gosman of the Said City of New York hath examined and valued said Lots Buildings and Docks, and the annual rents thereof, and that the valuations thereof contained in the within schedule are just and true, according to the best of his judgment and belief—and that the aggregate value of the said Lots Buildings and docks, if any thing, exceeds the sum of one hundred and four thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars, and that the aggregate annual value of the said Rents if any thing exceeds the sum of six thousand seven hundred and twenty two Dollars—

The above named George Gosman being also duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with the Lots and Buildings and Docks described in the said within Schedule and that this Deponent together with George Stanton aforesaid hath examined and valued the said Lots buildings and docks and the annual Rents thereof and that the valuations thereof contained in the said within Schedule are just and true according to the best of this Deponent's Judgement and belief—He further saith that the aggregate value of the said Lots Buildings and Docks if any thing exceeds the sum of one hundred and four thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars; and that the aggregate annual value of the said rents if any thing, exceeds the sum of six thousand seven hundred and twenty two dollars—

Sworn the 27th
December 1805 before
Thomas Cooper

Master in Chancery

George Stanton
George Gosman

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that We Catharine Bayard of the City of London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Widow of William Bayard Deceased formerly of the Province of New York in North America but at the time of his Death of Southampton in Hampshire in the Said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Aleda Johnston of Southampton aforesaid, Widow of Colonel Boulter Johnson of the same place deceased, HAVE made, ordained constituted and appointed and by these presents DO make ordain Constitute and appoint William Bayard of the City of New York in the United States of America Gentlemen to be our and each of our true and lawful Attorney, hereby giving and deputing unto him full power and authority for us and each of us, and in our or either of our name or names and for our joint or separate use to enter upon and take possesision of all and Singular the Lands tenements and hereditaments whereof We are seized, Possesed of or entitled unto jointly or Severally within the United States of America, and the Same or any part thereof to grant bargain, Sell and dispose of, for Cash or upon Credit at his discretion and to Sign and Seal, and as his Act and Deed and the act and Deed of us or either of us to deliver any Deed or Deeds for the granting Conveying and assuring of

the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof whether in fee Simple or for term of years or otherwise, and to receive and Sign receipts for the Consideration money thereupon, or in our and either of our names and for our use to take and receive Bonds, Mortgages or other Securities for the Said Consideration money, and the monies thereby Secured, or which are or may be otherwise due and owing to us or either of us within the Said United States, to ask, demand Sue for, and by all lawful ways and means recover and receive, and for that purpose in our or either of our names to institute any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity, and to appear in all Courts and before all Judges and Justices to prosecute and defend the same, and upon receipt of such monies to grant proper acquittances and discharges thereof. ALSO upon payment of the monies to become due upon any Such mortgages for us and in our names or in the names of either of us to appear before any Judge, Master in Chancery or other Officers thereunto duly Authorized, and to acknowledge Satisfaction of Such mortgage or mortgages to the end that the same may be cancelled of record; AND We do hereby further Authorize and empower our Said Attorney for us and each of us and in our or either of our names to commence and prosecute any proper action or actions, Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity for the purpose of recovering possession of all or any of the Lands and premises aforesaid, or of foreclosing and extinguishing any right of redemption which any person or persons in Virtue of Such Mortgage or Mortgages or otherwise has or have or may hereafter have in the Same or any part thereof; AND ALSO by writing under his Hand and Seal to make and Substitute one or more Attorney or Attorneys under him for all or any of the purposes aforesaid and with the like or more limited powers, and the Same again at pleasure to revoke: AND GENERALLY to do and transact whatever shall be needful in the premises as amply and effectually to all intents and purposes as we or either of us could do or transact the Same. HEREBY ratifying and confirming and agreeing to ratify and confirm all and whatsoever our said Attorney or his Substitute or Substitutes Shall lawfully do or cause to be done in and concerning the premises, by the Virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof We have hereunto Set our Hands and Seals this 10th day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Six.

Sealed and Delivered
In the presence of us

Catharine Bayard
Aleda Johnston

The words "joint or Separate" between the eleventh and twelfth lines and the word "have" between the Seventh and eighth lines of this Page being first interlined—and the obliteration in the Sixth line of this Page being first made.

Thomas Vose
Thomas Stafford

Sealed and delivered by Mrs. Aleda Johnson, the Twenty fourth day of July 1806 (the above alterations having been first made) in the presence of

Wm. Smith Mayor of Southampton
George Rogers Gent Southampton

State of New York Ss. On the 10th of October 1806 before me came Thomas Vose, Known to me, who on oath before me made did say that he saw Catharine Bayard and Aleda Johnston execute the within Power of Attorney and that the Deponent and Thomas Strafford subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto—that the Deponent knew the said Catharine Bayard and Aleda Johnston and that they were the Persons of those names described in the said Power of Attorney—which is to me satisfactory Evidence—there being therein no material Erasures or Interlineations except as noted, I allow it to be recorded.

Thomas Cooper
Master in Chancery.

Recorded in the office of Clerk of the City and County of New York in Lib. No. 74 of Conveyances &c. page 8 this 15 day of January 1807
T. Wortman
Clerk.

Know all Men by these presents That I Catharine Bayard at present of the City of London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland Widow of William Bayard formerly of the City of New York in the then Province now State of New York deceased by William Bayard of the said City & State of New York my Attorney, for and in consideration of the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars to me paid by the People of the State of New York the Receipts whereof is hereby acknowledged, have Remised Released & Quiet Claimed and by these presents do Remise Release and Quiet Claim, unto the People of the State of New York, All my Dower Thirds, Rights or Title of Dower, which I the said Catharine Bayard have or may Claim of in or to all & singular the Lands Tenements & Hereditaments situate within the State of New York, whereof the said William Bayard deceased my late Husband, was seized at any time during my Coverture; and of all Action and Actions, Claims and Demands by reason thereof, so that the People of the State of New York and their Assigns shall be forever Released exonerated & discharged of and from the same—In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my Hand & Seal this fifteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred & Seven—

Catharine Bayard

Sealed and delivered in the presence
of David A. Ogden
Thomas Cooper

by
Wm. Bayard her Attorney

State of New York On the 16th January 1807 before me came William Bayard of the City of New York in the State of New York, Known to me to be the Person thus described in the within Release of Dower who did acknowledge that he had as the Attorney of and for Catharine Bayard therein named executed the said Release of Dower by issuing sealing and delivering the same in the Name and as and for the Deed of the said Catharine Bayard—I allow it to be recorded

Thomas Cooper
Master in Chancery

1807. Jan^y. Rec^d. from the People of the State of New York, the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars being the consideration Money mentioned in the preceding Release—

Witness—

I approve of the Release written within
John Woodworth Atty Genl.

Catharine Bayard
by her Attorney
Wm. Bayard.

New York Ss. William Bayard of the City and State of New York Merchant, aged Forty five Years, being duly sworn saith. That he is one of the Children of William and Catharine Bayard formerly of the City of New York in the then Province now state of New York—That the said William Bayard departed this Life at South Hampton in the Kingdom of England on the 24th; day of December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & four, as he had been informed by Letters from different Branches of the Family, also as Deponent has been informed from general reputation, and as the Deponent verily believes—That the said William Bayard and Catharine Bayard the Father and Mother of this Deponent did live and cohabit together as Husband and Wife from the earliest period of this Deponents recollection until the decease of the said William Bayard. That the said Catharine Bayard is now living as the Deponent verily believes and is of the Age of about Seventy two Years and no more.—That this Deponent has derived his information as to the Age of the said Catharine Bayard from the family and believes the same to be correct.—The Deponent further said that he doth verily believe that his Father William Bayard was seized of the several Lots pieces and parcels of Land specified in a certain Appraizement made by George Stanton and George Gosman (on the Twenty seventh day of December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & five) at the period of his Attainder for adhering to the King of Great Britain.—And of various other Tracts pieces or parcels of Land not included in such Appraizement.—The Deponent further said that from certain Memorandums made by the said William Bayard deceased, and from certain Conveyances now in the possession of this Deponent, it does appear that the said William Bayard was seized and in the actual Possession of the Premises specified in the said Appraizement under the following

Conveyances.—That is to say, To Lot No. 157, in Pearl (formerly Queen) Street, By Conveyance from Charles W. Althorp & Mary his Wife—dated 16th. May 1755.—To Lots 55 & 57, Water (formerly Little Dock) Street.—To Lots 60, 61, 62 & 63—Front Street—30 & 31 South Street, and to the Dock & Water, By the following Conveyances, that is to say, One thereof from William Pagan—dated 30th. Sept^r. 1766—One thereof from Stephen Bayard, dated 20th. April 1751. And by a Grant from the Corporation of the City of New York dated 13th. Nov^r. 1772—To Lots Nos. 39 & 41 Pearl (formerly Queen) Street, by Conveyances from Benjamin Moore & Wife & John Cregier & Wife to the said William Bayard deceased, the first there of dated 1 Feby 1750.—and the other thereof dated 5th. June 1756.—To Lot No. 17, Bridge (formerly Wynekoop) Street, by Conveyance dated 18th. Nov^r. 1759,—from the said Benjamin Moore.—The Release for which last mentioned Lot, by a memorandum in the hand writing of the said William Bayard deceased, appeared to have been left by him with other Deeds to be recorded with Golsbrow Banyar Esq^r, but the Lease for the Transferring the use into the Possession of the said William Bayard deceased & dated the 17th. Nov^r. 1759. This Deponent hath in his possession.—The Deponent further said that the Remaining Lots, on Pieces of Ground specified in the said Appraizement as situate at Greenwich Two Miles distant from the City of New York, were granted by Simon Johnson & Wife to the said William Bayard by Indenture bearing date, the 29th., October 1760.—

Wm. Bayard.

Sworn to before me at the City-Hall of the City of New York this 16th Day of Jan^y. 1807.
Jacob DelaMontassue Special Justice

State of New York Ss. William Bayard of the City of New York Merchant being again sworn further Deposeth & saith, that the several pieces of ground & premises mentioned in his preceeding deposition, were sold by the Commissioner of Forfeitures for the Southern District of the State of New York, as property which had belonged to his Father William Bayard & forfeited to the said State by his Attainder, & further the Deponent saith not.

Sworn this 23^d. day of February 1807.
Wm. Bayard.

Before me Jacob DelaMontassue Special Justice

At a meeting of the Commissioners for extinguishing Claims on the day of February 1807.

Present.—

Simeon DeWitt, Surveyor General
Archibald McIntyre, Comptroller
John Woodworth, Attorney General

Catharine Bayard presented her Claim to this Board for compensation in extinguishment of her right of Dower of and in certain Messuages and Lots of Ground in the City of New York, alledging that She was the wife of William Bayard late of the Said City who was convicted of adhering to the Enemies of the People of this State and his property thereby confiscated and sold by the Commissioners of Forfeitures.

The following facts appear
1st. The Said William Bayard was attainted by act of the Legislature on the 22^d. October 1799.

2^d. It appears by the affidavit of William Bayard of the City of New York Merchant that before and at the time of the attainer the Said Catharine Bayard was the wife of the said William Bayard that they cohabited together until about the 24th. day of December 1804 when the Said William Bayard died, it also appears by the Said affidavit that Catharine Bayard is living and of the age of about 72 Years, that the Said William Bayard at the time of his attainer was seized of the following Lots and Parcels of Land in the City of New York, Viz. Lots Nos. 157, 39, 41, in Pearl Street, No. 55, 57, in Water Street, No. 60, 61, 62, 63 in Front Street No. 30, 31 in South Street also one other Lot in South Street now owned and occupied by John Suydam Lot No. 17 in Bridge Street, also certain other Lots at Greenwich on which

are erected the dwelling House and outhouse of the deponent William Bayard, also the Lots at Greenwich on which are erected the dwelling Houses of M^r. Elder and M^r. Cameron.

3^d. The Premises above described were sold by the Commissioners of forfeitures of the Southern district as the property whereof William Bayard was seized at the time of his attainer.

4th. It appears by an appraisement made on the 26th day of December 1805 by George Stanton and George Gosman under oath that the rent or Yearly Value of the preceeding Lots and premises amounts to \$6722 and the total Value \$104,780.

5th. M^r. Bayard is entitled to Dower in other Lands situate in different parts of this State, but has offered to execute a Release of all her right of Dower to which she is entitled as the wife of the Said William Bayard who was attainted for the Sum of \$6000.

This Board having considered the Said Claim, do thereupon Resolve that in case the Person administering the Government of this State, shall approve hereof that the Sum of \$6000 be paid to the Said Catharine Bayard on her releasing to the People of this State her right of Dower of and in the premises above described and of and in all other Lands and Tenements within this State whereof the Said William Bayard was seized at the time of his attainer, And that the Comptroller draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the Said Catharine Bayard for the Said Sum of \$6000.

Arch^d. McIntyre Compt.
Simeon DeWitt, Surveyor Genl.
John Woodworth Atty Genl.

I do consent to and approve the above Adjustment & Settlement of the Claim of Dower
of Catharine Bayard
Morgan Lewis [Governor]

This is the usual form of a deed of Forfeited Property given by the Commissioners of Forfeitures in the Western District:-

THIS INDENTURE, made the Twentyninth Day of August in the Thirteenth Year of the Independence of the State of New York, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight — BETWEEN Henry Oothoudt and Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Esquires, two of the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Western District, appointed in pursuance of an ACT of the Legislature of the said State, entitled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated and forfeited Estates within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," of the one Part, and Stephen Ward of the County of Westchester Esquire, of the other Part, WITNESSETH, That the said Commissioners, by Virtue of the Power and Authority to them, in and by the said Act granted, and for, and in Consideration of the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds, by the said Stephen Ward to them paid, Have granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, and confirmed; and by these Presents, DO grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Stephen Ward, and to his Heirs and Assigns, ALL That Certain Lot of Lands situate lying and being in the County of Montgomery on the north side of the Mohawk River in a Patent heretofore granted to the late Sir William Johnson known by the name of Kingsland or Royal Grant which said Lot is distinguished by Number Ninety three in the fourth Allotment of said Patent made by the said Commissioners and Begins at the South west Corner of Lot Number One hundred and nine and runs from thence as the needle pointed in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six south forty chains then West fifty chains then north forty chains and then East fifty chains to the place of Beginning Containing Two hundred Acres by the same more or less Deemed to have become forfeited by the Attainer of Sir John Johnson late of the County of Tryon Knight and Baronet — and all and singular the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest, whether in possession, reversion, or remainder, of, in, or to the said Premises, which, in Consequence of any Attainer or Conviction, is become forfeited, or attached to, or vested in the People of the said State. To have and to hold, all, and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, hereby granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed and confirmed, with the Appurtenances unto the said Stephen Ward, and to his Heirs and Assigns, to the only proper Use and Behoof of the said Stephen Ward and his Heirs and

Assigns forever. IN WITNESS whereof, the said Parties to these Presents, have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Matthew Watson
Jos^t. Bogart

Henry Oothoudt
Jer V Rensselaer

The Sales of the Commissioners of the Western District were as follows:— 1780, £303626; 1781, £457641; 1784, £37320; 1785-1786, £176471; 1787-1788, £137592. This is one of their Accounts:—

Account of Certificates Received by the Commissioners of Forfeitures of the Western district for the Sale of Confiscated Lands Agreeable to an Act entitled an Act to Liquidate and Settle the Accounts of the Troops in this State in the Service of the United States.

From whom Received	on What Account	Amount	When Recvd	Amount	Received with Interest
Lieu ^t : William Colbreath.	A house and lot of Ground in the Second Ward of the City of Albany Late the property of James Furnival of the City of Albany Tavernkeeper, Appraised at	£ 150	7 Feb ^r 1781	£ 150.	
Lieu ^t Nathaniel Henry.	Part of lot No 11 in the division of Provincial patent Containing 110 Acres late the property of John Hogill of the district of Cambridge Yeoman Appraised at	6 1/4 M° Interest	330 20th Feby	3.18.	329.15. 8
John Herroun of Camb st . yeom ⁿ .	Lot No 26 in the division of Hosick patent between the heirs of James Van Cortland dec ^d : Lat the property of Henry White now or late a Member of the Council of the Colony of New York Esq ^t : Appraised at	6 1/2 M° Interest	234 2 March	227.12. 5	8.18. 3
Lieu ^t William Colbreath	2 Lots of land in Pitts Town known by the Name of Lot No 24 and 75. Estimated Each at 105 Acres late the property of Robert Leake of the County of Albany Gentleman Appraised at	7 M° Interest	168 21 March	166. 4. 9	8 M° Interest
Sergeant Hugh Lacey NYork	A house & lot of Ground in the first ward of the City of Albany Late the property of Dennis Gibbons of the City of Albany — Baker Appraised at	5.10. 8	66 4 April	47.19.	1.12.
		£ 948		£ 948. 2.10	