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ELECTION FRAUD REPORTED IN GA!

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Georgia, Savannah, July 29, 1791

We the grand jury Chatham county in the state aforesaid, present:

1. The election held at Elberton, in the county of Effingham, on the 3rd day of January last for a member to represent the Lower District of this state in the Congress of the United States, as illegal, there being nine votes more than voters, and two of the persons who presided at said election, and certified the return, were not qualified as magistrates agreeable to law; and for other illegal practices, as appears by the affidavits of Capt. Nathaniel Hudson, John London, and Jesse Hill, Esqrs.

Christian Dasher, John Wisenberger, John Egle, Robert Williams and John Moore.

2. We present James Spalding, Richard Leake and John Goode, Esqrs. presiding magistrates at the election held in the county of Glynn, for a member to represent the Lower District of this state in the Congress of the United States for neglecting to send to the governour the return of the said election agreeable to law.

3. We present Langley Bryant, Henry Wright, and Hugh Brown, Esqrs. presiding magistrates at a legal election held at the town of St. Patrick, in the county of Camden on the 3rd of January last, for a member to represent the lower district of this state in the Congress of the United States, for neglecting to send to the governour a true state of the poll after the same was duly executed by said magistrates, as appears by the affidavits of Samuel Smith, Sherrif of said county, Daniel Miller, and John Alexander, superintending clerks at said election, and James Gray.

4. We present the Hon. Henry Osbourne, Esq. James Armstrong, and Robert Seagrove, Esqrs. for holding an illegal poll for a member to Congress for the Lower District of this state on the night of the 3rd day of January last, after a legal one had been held, closed and certified; and for certifying and sending to the governour a return of said illegal poll as a just one. We also present Langley Bryant and Henry Wright, Esqrs. for having joined the said Henry Osbourne, James Armstrong, and Robert Seagrove, in certifying the aforesaid illegal poll, as appears by the affidavits of Samuel Smith, Daniel Miller, John Alexander, and James Gray.

And we most earnestly recommend to the legislature at their next meeting to impeach every person who is charged by the aforementioned affidavits, or against whom other proofs may appear, for so daring an attack on the liberties of a free people.

[Signed by James Cochran, foreman, and 15 other Jurymen,]

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[House Journal](/ammem/amlaw/lwhj.html) --TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1791
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Below is the transcript of the proceedings of the US House of Representatives concerning the fraudulent election of Congressman Anthony Wayne from the Lower District of Georgia. Based upon the Chatham County Grand Jury Presentment of July 1791 supported by the Petition of the former Congressman, James Jackson, Cong. Anthony Wayne was removed from his seat in the House of Representatives, the former Cong. James Jackson was restored to his former seat, and the Governor of Georgia was so informed ... which resulted in another congressional election for the Lower District of Georgia.

Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States, 1789-1793

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1791

A petition of James Jackson, of the State of Georgia, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the undue election and return of **Anthony Wayne**, one of the members returned to serve in this House for the said State.

Petition laid on the table.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1791

Ordered, That the petition of **James Jackson**, of the State of Georgia, complaining of the undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the members returned to serve in this House, for the said State, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and report a regular and uniform mode of proceeding in cases of contested elections, with instruction to report a proper mode of investigating and deciding thereupon.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1791

Mr. Ames, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, a member returned to serve in this House for the State of Georgia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1791

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the members returned to serve in this House, for the State of Georgia: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1792

Another member, to wit, John Milledge, returned to serve in this House for the State of Georgia, in the room of Anthony Wayne, whose seat was declared vacant, appeared, produced his

credentials, and took his seat in the House, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1791

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, a Member returned to serve in this House, from the State of Georgia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1791

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the Members returned to serve in this House, for the State of Georgia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

The said report was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"Resolved, That the first Monday of February next, be assigned for the trial of the articles alledged in the said petition, against the said return.

Resolved, That the evidence which may be offered, on the part of the petitioner, shall be confined to the proof of the articles of charge exhibited in the said petition against the validity of the return of the said election.

Resolved, That, on the trial, the deposition of a witness shall be received, which shall have been taken more than twenty-five days prior to the day assigned for the trial, before any justice or judge of the courts of the United States, or before any chancellor, justice, or judge, of a supreme or superior court, mayor or chief magistrate of a city, or judge of a county court, or court of common pleas of any of the United States, not being of counsel or attorney to either the said Anthony Wayne, or the petitioner: Provided, That a notification from the magistrate, before whom the deposition is to be taken, to the adverse party, to be present at the taking the same, and to put interrogatories, if he think fit, shall have been first made out and served on the adverse party, or his attorney especially authorized for the purpose, as either may be nearest, if either is within one hundred miles of the place of such caption, allowing time for their attendance, after notified, not less than at the rate of one day, Sundays exclusive, for every twenty miles travel.

And every person deposing shall be carefully examined and cautioned, and sworn or affirmed to testify the whole truth, and shall subscribe the testimony by him or her given, after the same shall be reduced to writing, which shall be done only by the magistrate taking the deposition, or by the deponent in his presence. And the depositions so taken, together with a certificate of the notice, if any, given to the adverse party, or his attorney, shall be sealed up by the said magistrate, and directed to the Speaker: Provided, nevertheless, That no ex parte deposition shall be used on the trial of the said petition, which shall have been taken at any time before the twenty-sixth day of December next: Provided, also, That evidence taken in any other manner than is herein before directed, and not objected to by the parties, may with the approbation of the House, be produced on the trial."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1792

The House resumed the hearing on the contested election in the case of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the members returned to serve in this House for the State of Georgia; and application in writing being made by the petitioner as followeth:

"That the decision of the Senate of the State of Georgia, on the impeachment of Judge Osborne, so far as respects the Camden return for a member to represent the State of Georgia, on the third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, be received as evidence in the present trial of that election, to establish the corruption of Judge Osborne;" as well the petitioner, as the sitting member by his Counsel, were fully heard on the subject of the sad application; and the question being taken, that the House do agree to the same.

- It passed in the negative,
- Yeas ... 20,
- Nays ... 41.
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The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those voted in the affirmative, are,

- John Baptist Ashe,
- Abraham Baldwin,
- Elias Boudinot,
- Abraham Clarke,
- Elbridge Gerry,
- William B. Giles,
- Andrew Gregg,
- William Barry Grove,
- Daniel Heister,
- Israel Jacobs,
- Philip Key,
- Aaron Kitchell,
- Nathaniel Macon,
- Cornelius C. Schoonmaker,
- John Steele,

- Thomas Sumpter,
- George Thatcher,
- Thomas Tredwell,
- Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
- Francis Willis.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

- Fisher Ames,
- Robert Barnwell,
- Egbert Benson,
- Shearjashub Bourne,
- Benjamin Bourne,
- John Brown,
- William Findley,
- Thomas Fitzsimons,
- Nicholas Gilman,
- Benjamin, Goodhue,

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- Samuel Griffin,
- Thomas Hartley,
- James Hillhouse,
- Daniel Huger,
- John W. Kittera,
- John Laurance,
- Amasa Learned.
- Richard Bland Lee,
- Samuel Livermore,
- James Madison,
- John Francis Mercer,
- Andrew Moore,
- Frederick Augustus Mulhenberg,
- William Vans Murray,
- Nathaniel Niles,
- John Page,
- Josiah Parker,
- Theodore Sedgwick,
- Joshua Seney,
- Jeremiah Smith,
- Israel Smith,
- William Smith,
- Samuel Sterret,
- Jonathan, Sturges,
- Peter Silvester,
- Abraham Venable,
- John Vining,
- Jeremiah Wadsworth,

- Artemas Ward,
- Alexander White, and
- Hugh Williamson.

The petitioner then proceeded to conclude with the exhibits and proofs in support of the remaining charges of his petition, after which the sitting member, by his counsel, entered into the defence, and produced sundry exhibits and proofs in opposition to the said charges; and having made some progress therein, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther hearing on the said trial be adjourned until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1792

The House resumed the hearing on the contested election, in the case of the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the members returned to serve in this House, for the State of Georgia; and the counsel for the sitting member having concluded his defence, the petitioner was heard in reply, after which the parties retired from the bar.

A motion was then made and seconded, "That certain proceedings of the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, accompanied with other papers, transmitted agreeable to their resolution, under the signature of the Governor and the seal of the State, relative to the election of a member to represent the Eastern District of the said State in this House, be received:"

On which motion, the previous question being called for by five members, to wit: "Shall the main question to agree to the said motion be now put"

It passed in the negative:

And so the said motion was lost.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1792

The House proceeded to a decision on the contested election in the case of the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the Members returned to serve in this House for the State of Georgia: and, after debate thereon, a motion being made and seconded that the House do agree to the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That Anthony Wayne was not duly elected a Member of this House:"

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, every member present voting in the affirmative, to wit:

- Jonathan Trumbull, Speaker,
- Fisher Ames,
- John Baptist Ashe,
- Abraham Baldwin,
- Robert Barnwell,
- Egbert Benson,
- Elias Boudinot,
- Shearjashub Bourne,
- Benjamin Bourne,
- John Brown,
- Abraham Clarke,
- William Findley,
- Thomas Fitzsimons,
- Elbridge Gerry,
- William B. Giles,
- Nicholas Gilman,
- Benjamin Goodhue,
- Andrew Gregg,
- Samuel Griffin,
- William Barry Grove,
- Thomas Hartley,
- Daniel Heister,
- James Hillhouse,
- Daniel Huger,
- Israel Jacobs,
- Philip Key,
- Aaron Kitchell,
- John W. Kittera,
- Amasa Learned,
- Richard Bland Lee,
- Samuel Livermore,
- Nathaniel Macon,
- James Madison,
- John Francis Mercer,
- Andrew Moore,
- Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg,
- Nathaniel Niles,
- John Page,
- Josiah Parker,
- Cornelius C. Schoonmaker,
- Theodore Sedgwick,
- Joshua Seney,
- Jeremiah Smith,

- Israel Smith,
- William Smith,
- John Steele,
- Samuel Sterrett,
- Jonathan Sturges,
- Thomas Sumpter,
- Peter Silvester,
- George Thatcher,
- Thomas Tredwell,
- Thomas Tudor Tucker,
- Abraham Venable,
- John Vining,
- Alexander White,
- Hugh Williamson, and
- Francis Willis.

Another motion was then made and seconded, "That the Speaker do transmit a copy of the said vote to the Executive of the State of Georgia."and, debate arising thereon,

Ordered, That all farther decision on the said contested election be postponed until Monday next.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1792

The House then, according to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of a farther decision on the contested election, in the case of the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the members returned to serve in this House for the State of Georgia; and a motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner, James Jackson, is entitled to a seat in this House, as a member for the lower District of the State of Georgia; and that the right of petitioning against the election of the said James Jackson, be reserved to all persons, at any time during the term for which he was elected; debate thereon ensued, when an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1792

The House resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday on the contested election in the case of the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one of the members returned to serve it this House for the State of Georgia; and, farther debate arising thereon, an adjournment was called: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1792

The House resumed the consideration of the motion on the contested election in the case of the petition of James Jackson, complaining of an undue election and return of Anthony Wayne, one

of the members returned to serve in this House for the State of Georgia: Whereupon, the question being taken that this House doth agree to the said motion, amended to read as followeth:

"Resolved, That James Jackson is entitled to take a seat in this House, and that the right of petitioning against the election of the said James Jackson, be reserved to all persons, at any time during the term for which he was elected.:"

- It passed in the negative, the House being equally divided, to wit:
- Yeas ... 29,
- Nays ... 29.

And Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the nays.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, were as follow:

- YEAS:
- John Baptist Ashe,
- Abraham Baldwin,
- John Brown,
- Abraham Clarke,
- William Findley,
- Elbridge Gerry,
- William B. Giles,
- Andrew Gregg,
- Samuel Griffin,
- William Barry Grove,
- Daniel Heister,
- Israel Jacobs,
- Richard Bland Lee,
- Nathaniel Macon,
- James Madison,
- Andrew Moore,
- Nathaniel Niles,
- John Page,
- Josiah Parker,
- Cornelius C. Schoonmaker,
- Joshua Seney,
- Jeremiah Smith,
- Israel Smith,
- Samuel Sterrett,
- Jonathan Sturges,
- Thomas Sumpter,
- Thomas Tredwell
- Abraham Venable, and
- Francis Willis,
- NAYS

- Fisher Ames,
- Robert Barnwell,
- Egbert Benson,
- Elias Boudinot,
- Shearjashub Bourne,
- Benjamin Bourne,
- Thomas Fitzsimons,
- Nicholas Gilman,
- Benjamin Goodhue,
- James Gordon,
- Thomas Hartley,
- James Hillhouse,
- Daniel Huger,
- Philip Key,
- Aaron Kitchell,
- John W. Kittera,
- John Laurance,
- Amasa Learned,
- Samuel Livermore,
- Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg,
- Theodore Sedgwick,
- William Smith,
- John Steele,
- Peter Silvester,
- George Thatcher,
- Thomas Tudor Tucker,
- Jeremiah Wadsworth,
- Artemas Ward, and
- Alexander White.

Resolved, That the seat of Anthony Wayne, as a member of this House, is, and the same is declared to be, vacant.

Ordered, That the Speaker transmit a copy of the preceding resolution, and of this order, to the Executive of the State of Georgia, to the end that the said Executive may issue writs of election to fill the said vacancy.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

Receipts from the grand Jury Box.

The Grand Jury having finished the business of the County of this County, and brought in their presentments, were discharged.

Georgia }
July 19, 1791 } We the Grand Jury of Chatham County in the State of Georgia
do certify

1. The Elections held at Elberton in the County of Effingham on the third day of January last for a Member to represent the lower district of this State in the Congress of the United States as illegal, there being nine votes more than voters, and two and two of the persons who pursued at said election and certified the returns were not qualified as magistrates according to law; And for other illegal practices as appears by the affidavits of Captains Nathaniel Hudson, John Lawson, Joseph Dillig, Christian Barber, John Wainbaker, John Cible, Robert Williams and John Moore.

2. We present James Spalding, Richard Lake and John Gooden Esqrs. presiding magistrates at the Elections held in the County of Effingham for a Member

The United States, for neglecting to send to the Governor
a true State of the Debt after the same was, ^{fully} certified
by said Magistrate, as appears by the affidavits of Samuel
Smith Sheriff of said County, Daniel Miller and John
Alexander Superintending Clerks at said Election of
James Gray.

We present the Hon^{ble} Henry C. Barnes esq. James
Armstrong, of Robert Ferguson esq. for holding an
Illegal Poll for a number of days for the above
purpose of the State of the Town of S. District on the
night of the 31st of January last, after a legal one
had been held closed by Certificate and for clipping and
sending to the Governor a return of the said Illegal
Poll as a just one. We also present Lemuel
Bryant of Henry Wright esq. for having joined the said
Henry C. Barnes, James Armstrong and Robert Ferguson
in carrying the aforesaid Illegal Poll, as appears
by the affidavits of Samuel Smith, Daniel Miller
John Alexander of James Gray. We also move
earnestly to the Legislature at their next meeting to
Suspend every person who is charged by the aforesaid
Affidavits or against whom other proofs may appear
for so wantonly an attack upon the Liberty of a
free People.

We present as a grievance the various alterations
of the Goal in the City of Savannah: it is
very sufficient to send a Criminal, and having no

The road on which the main line ending from the
City to Louisville called the Newington Road is
much out of repair, and the working funds there are
inadequate to the purpose of repairing the same.
The Sheriff recommends that the names of Sir George
Horsfield & James M'Pherson esq. George Hutchinson,
Genl. Johnson, John Felix Savage, Sampson Lillibridge,
Richard Mylly & Joseph Clay, esq. be named to work
on the said Road, which shall extend from the
Spring Hill on the borders of this City, to the division
Line of the County and that James M'Pherson esq.
be appointed a Commissioner of the said Road
by the recommend Sir John Donaldson, M'Leod to be appointed
a Commissioner for the part between of the said
West Road in the room of Stephen Miller esquire
deceased. We recommend Sir Henry Mont Esquire
to be appointed a Commissioner for the part between
of the road leading from Swannock called the north
east or new Road. We also recommend Michael
Densie to be appointed a Commissioner of the
White Clay Road in the room of Major James
deceased.

10 We recommend to the Legislature at their next
Meeting to grant the Power of appointing Surveyors
and for the City of Swannock, to the City Corporation
themselves; and also the appointment of inspectors of
Measures of Swannock with the power of regulating

Agmt. —
We desire these our presentments to may be published
in the next Gazette. —

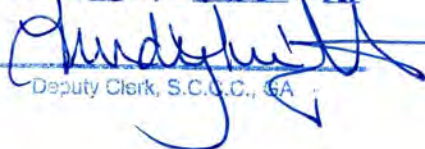
James Cochran James (L.S.) W. Tolles (L.S.)
George Houston (L.S.) Joseph Day (L.S.)
Nathaniel Adams (L.S.) John Taylor (L.S.)
William Coaley (L.S.) Eben. Jackson (L.S.)
Levi Sheffall (L.S.) George Shrope (L.S.)
David H. Courquin (L.S.) Thomas Gibbons Jun (L.S.)
Robert Woodhous (L.S.) Robert Bolton (L.S.)
John Barnett (L.S.) (L.S.)
John Henry Hall (L.S.) (L.S.)

Willy & wife — }
Evan John Hall } On Submissions to Rehearation
of by Court of the Council
on both sides, it was agreed —
that the testimony of David Rous requires should now
be taken. —

The Court adjourned until tomorrow
morning Ten O'clock. —

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This document is a certified copy of
the original document placed on record in
the office of the Clerk of Superior Court,
Chatham County, GA. Given under my hand
and seal this 23 day of Nov 2021.


Deputy Clerk, S.C.C., GA