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# Wednesday, January eighth, 1794.

THE Senators, being convened in the Senate Chamber, in the city of Philadelphia, did, in the presence of William Bradford, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, swear or affirm "well and truly to try, and a true judgment give, according to law and evidence, between the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the said commonwealth, on the articles of accufation and impeachment exhibited against him the said John Nicholson, and now depending before the Senate," to wit,

1 Anthony Morris, Speaker, affirmed; 2 William Bingham, sworn; 3 Robert Brown, 4 Lindsay Coats, sworn; John Edie, - Sworn; 6 James Finley, sworn; John Andre Hanna, - /worn; -8 Gabriel Hiester, -Sworn; 9 John Hoge, - sworn;

10 Thomas

Thomas Jenks, - - affirmed;
Thomas Kennedy, - - fworn;
Michael Schmyser, - fworn;
Alexander Scott, - - fworn;
John Sellers, - - affirmed;
Abraham Smith, - fworn;
Richard Thomas, - affirmed.

#### Thursday, January ninth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying an impeachment—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennfylvania, having been fummoned by the Senate to come forth and appear at the bar of the Senate, "and answer fundry articles of impeachment exhibited against him by the House of Representatives, in their name, and that of all the people of Pennfylvania, for high crimes and misdemeanors in the discharge of his official duties as Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennfylvania," appeared at the bar of the Senate.

Whereupon,

The Clerk of the Senate read "the articles of impeachment" as follow, to wit,

"Articles of accusation and impeachment for high misdemeanors against John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the House of Representatives of the said commonwealth, in their name, and in the name of the People of Pennsylvania, exhibited to the Senate thereof.

" Article I. HAT, by an act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, passed on the twenty-seventh day of March, in the year 1789, entitled, "An act to repeal so much of any act or acts of Assembly of this commonwealth, as directs the payment of the New-Loan debt, or the interest thereof, beyond the first day of April next, and for other purposes therein mentioned," it was, among other things, declared and enacted, That so much of every act or acts of General Assembly as directed or secured the payment of the principal sum or sums mentioned in certain certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates (which had been issued in pursuance of a preceding act, passed on the first day of March, 1786) or the interest thereof, beyond the term of four years, should be thenceforth repealed and made null and void; thereby rendering the faid certificates no longer a debt, or evidence of a debt, due and owing from the state of Pennsylvania: But, nevertheless, John Nicholson, the Comptroller General of this commonwealth, to promote and procure his own emolument, under the colour of his office, pretending as well to facilitate the execution of certain acts of Congress hereinafter mentioned, touching a loan proposed by the United States to the creditors of the respective states, as to carry into effect a certain act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, hereinafter also mentioned, touching the redemption of certain debts due and owing from the state of Pennsylvania, did, at various times, after the passing of the faid act of the fixth day of March, 1789, to wit, between the tenth. day of April, 1792, and the first day of August, 1792, recognize, certify,

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and declare the said certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, to be subscribable, as debts due and owing by the state of Pennsylvania, to a certain loan opened and proposed, on the part of the United States, to the creditors of the respective states, in and by two several acts of Congress, passed, respectively, on the fourth day of August, 1790, and on the eighth day of May, 1792; thereby committing a high misdemeanor, contrary to the intent and meaning of the said law, passed on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1789, in violation of the considence reposed in him as a public officer, and manifestly, as the said John Nicholson well knew, to the risque and injury of the commonwealth.

"Article II. That, by an act of the General Assembly, entitled, "An act to provide for paying and redeeming certain public debts, and for defraying the expences of government," passed on the tenth day of April, 1792, provision was made, among other things, for redeeming certain debts then due and owing by this commonwealth; in the specification of which debts the faid certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, were not included, nor could they, in any wise, be contemplated to be objects of the said redemption; but, nevertheless, the said John Nicholson, the Comptroller General of this commonwealth, with a view to promote and procure his own emolument, and under colour of his office, did recognize, certify, and declare the said certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, to be redeemable; thereby committing a high misdemeanor, contrary to the terms, intent, and meaning of the said act of the General Assembly, passed on the tenth day of April, 1792, in violation of the considence reposed in him as a public officer, and to the manifest loss and injury of this commonwealth.

" Article III. That the faid John Nicholson, the Comptroller General of • this commonwealth, with intent to promote and procure his own emolument, and in order to avoid discovery and detection in so doing, until such emolument was actually reduced into his own possession, did not consult the Register General touching the above transactions, nor communicate the same to the Governor; nor did he discriminate, in the certification entered upon the face of the abstracts of debts respectively, by which certification he recognized and declared the faid certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, to be subscribable to the said loan opened and proposed on the part of the United States, to the creditors of the respective states, nor in the certification by which he recognized and declared the fame to be redeemable under the said act of the tenth day of April, 1792, between the said certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, and other certificates which were properly debts, or evidences of debts, due and owing from this state, and as fuch might lawfully be subscribed to the said loan, and redeemed by virtue of the faid act of the tenth of April, 1792: in which conduct the faid Comptroller General committed 'a high' misdemeanor, in as much as, thereby, all the checks of office, provided by law, were destroyed, the other officers of government were deluded into error, and the commonwealth fuffered manifest loss and injury.

"Article IV. That, by the constitution of this commonwealth, it is declared, that no money shall be drawn from the treasury, but in consequence of a previous appropriation by law; yet the said John Nicholson, with a view to promote and procure his own emolument, did, under colour of his office, and in the above mentioned delusive manner, certify to the Governor,

that certain debts, including the faid certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, but not naming or describing the same, were redeemable and payable, when no sund was, by law, provided for paying the same; thereby committing a high misdemeanor, misleading the other officers of government, and causing money, without a previous appropriation, to be drawn from the treasury in violation of the constitution.

- "Article V. That the faid John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth, with intent to promote and procure his own emolument, and having formed a plan to cause, under-colour of his office, the said certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, to be redeemed, did, by himself or his agents, between the tenth day of April and the first day of August, 1792, purchase a very great amount of the said certificates, as well from persons who came to exchange the same at his office, in pursuance of a provision for that purpose contained in the said act of the twenty-seventh of March, 1789, as from others; which certificates, so purchased, were afterwards actually redeemed and paid for at the treasury; thereby committing a high misdemeanor, rendering his official trust subservient to the purposes of speculation, and injuring the reputation, as well as the interest, of the commonwealth whose officer he was.
- "And the faid House of Representatives, by protestation, saving to themselves the liberty of exhibiting at any time hereafter, any other accusation or impeachment against the said Comptroller General, and also of replying to the answers that the said Comptroller General shall make unto the said articles or to any of them, and of offering proof of the said premises or any of them, or of any other impeachment or accusation that shall be exhibited by them as the case shall require, do demand that the said John Nicholson, Comptroller General of this commonwealth, may be put to answer all and every the premises, and that such proceedings, examinations, trial and judgment may be upon him had and used as is agreeable to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, and the said House of Representatives are ready to offer proof of the premises, at such time as the Senate of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall appoint.

#### "Additional articles of impeachment against John Nicholson, Comptroller General.

"Article VI. THAT the faid John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of this commonwealth, being intrusted by the aforefaid act, entitled, "An act to repeal so much of any act or acts of Assembly of this commonwealth, as directs the payment of the New-Loan debt, or the interest thereof, beyond the first day of April next, and sor other purposes therein mentioned," passed the twenty-seventh of March, 1789, to receive the said certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, from the persons holding the same, and to re-deliver, to such persons, the certificates of debts, due by the United States, loaned to this state, did, in the execution of the trust so in him reposed, receive, from sundry persons, certain certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, to be exchanged as aforesaid; whereby, and by virtue of the said act of Assembly, the said certificates became the property of this commonwealth, and ought to have been delivered, by him, to the Register General, for the purpose of being cancelled

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and.

and preferved; yet the faid John Nicholson, then being Comptroller General of this commonwealth, well knowing the same to be the property of the commonwealth, but contriving and intending to convert certain of the same certificates to his own use and emolument, did, between the tenth day of April, 1792, and the first day of August, 1792, unlawfully, and contrary to the duties of his office and the trust so as aforesaid in him reposed, subscribe the last mentioned certificates to the loan aforesaid, proposed by the United States to the creditors of this state, in his own name and for his own use and benefit; whereby the said John Nicholson hath committed a high misdemeanor, in the violation of the trust and considence by this commonwealth in him reposed, and manifestly tending to the injury and loss of the said commonwealth.

" Article VII. That the faid John Nicholson, Comptroller General of this commonwealth, being intrusted, by the aforesaid act, entitled, "An act to repeal fo much of any act or acts of Affembly of this commonwealth, as directs the payment of the New-Loan debt, or the interest thereof, beyond the first day of April next, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the twenty-seventh day of March, 1789, to receive the said certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, from the persons holding the same, and to re-deliver to such persons the certificates of debts due by the United States, did, in the execution of the trust so in him reposed, exchange, for fundry persons, certain certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, by receiving, of the faid persons, the said New-Loan certificates, and delivering, in return thereof, an equal amount in the certificates of debts due by the United States; whereby, and by virtue of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided, the faid New-Loan certificates became the property of this commonwealth, and ought to have been delivered to the Register General to be cancelled and preferved; yet the faid John Nicholfon, then being Comptroller General of this commonwealth, well knowing the premises, but contriving and unlawfully intending to convert certain of the same certificates to his own use and emolument, and by subscribing the same to the loan aforesaid, by the United States proposed, to procure the amount thereof to be paid to him by this commonwealth, did, between the first day of April, 1792, and the first day of August, 1792, unlawfully, and contrary to the duties of his faid office and the trust so as aforesaid reposed in him, subscribe the said last mentioned certificates, commonly called New-Loan certificates, to the faid Ioan proposed by the United States, in his own name and for his own use and benefit; and did afterwards apply for, and obtain, the amount thereof to be paid by the Treasurer of this commonwealth to his use; whereby the faid John Nicholfon hath committed a high misdemeanor, hath violated the trust and confidence so as aforesaid in him reposed, and hath occasioned great loss and detriment to this commonwealth."

<sup>&</sup>quot; House of Representatives, Wednesday, September 4, 1793. P. M.

<sup>&</sup>quot; On motion,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Refolved, That Messrs. Morgan, Swanwick, Evans, Gallatin, and Johnston be a committee to offer to the Senate an amendment of the sirft article of the impeachment of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth, by substituting the words twenty-sevents in the place of the word "fixth," in the thirty-second line, and to request the Senate to direct the same to be made."

And thereupon,

The Speaker of the Senate demanded of the faid John Nicholson—" What have you to fay in your defence?"

Whereupon,

The faid John Nicholson prayed, that he may have a copy of the said articles of accusation and impeachment, and that he may be allowed until Wednesday next to prepare his answer to the same.

And thereupon, it was

Ordered, That a copy of the said articles of accusation and impeachment be delivered to him, and that he be allowed until Wednesday next to prepare his answer to the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further proceeding of the Senate, fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments, at this time, be postponed, to the intent that the Senate resume the consideration of legislative business.

# Wednesday, January fifteenth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth, appeared at the bar.

Mr. Speaker then faid—" John Nicholfon, nominate your Counfel."

John Nicholson said, My Counsel are—1 Edmund Randolph, 2 Aaron Burr, 3 William Lewis, 4 Edward Tilghman, 5 James Gibson, and 6 Nathaniel Cabot Higginson.

Whereupon, and on leave given,

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Tilghman, being present, took their seats within the bar.

Mr. Speaker then faid—" John Nicholson, the Senate are now ready to receive your answer to the articles of accusation and impeachment exhibited against you."

Whereupon,

John Nicholson gave in his answer, which was read as follows, to wit,

- "The answer of John Nicholson to the articles of impeachment exhibited against him by the honorable the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- "The faid John Nicholfon, faving to himself all advantages of exception to the faid articles, respectfully answereth and faith,
- "That he is not\_guilty of all or any of the matters in the faid articles contained, in manner and form as they are therein charged against him."

Ordered, That the further proceeding of the Senate, sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments, at this time, be postponed, to the intent that the Senate resume the consideration of legislative business.

# Wednesday, February nineteenth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpole of trying impeachments—

William Hepburn, in the presence of James Biddle, the President of the Court of Common Pleas of the city and county of Philadelphia, &c. did swear "well and truly to try, and a true judgment give, according to law and evidence, between the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the said commonwealth, on the articles of accusation and impeachment exhibited against him the said John Nicholson, and now depending before the Senate."

A representation from William Lewis, one of the Counsel for John Nicholfon, the Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Jared Ingersoll, Attorney General for the state, was read in the words following, to wit,

" February 18th. 1794.

SIR,

E have been so much engaged, and find ourselves so particularly so at present, that we do not think it possible for us, without extreme inconvenience, to attend to the trial of Mr. Nicholson, on his impeachment, before Wednesday, the twenty-sixth instant: We, therefore, take the liberty of uniting in an application to the honorable the Senate to postpone the trial until that day, and we beg that you will be so good as to communicate this our request to the honorable the Senate.

We have the honor to be,

" With the highest sentiments of regard,

" Your friends and fervants,

(Signed)

" WILLIAM LEWIS,

"JARED INGÉRSOLL.

" Honorable Mr. Morris."

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the further proceeding in hearing the accusation and impeachment of the House of Representatives against John Nicholson, the Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be postponed until Wednesday, the twenty-fixth day of this present month.

Ordered, That the further proceeding of the Senate, sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments, at this time, be postponed, to the intent that the Senate resume the consideration of legislative business.

# Wednesday, February twenty-sixth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the trial of impeachments—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennfylvania, at the bar.

The replication of the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. to the answer of John Nicholson, &c. was read in the words following, to wit,

#### "COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- "The Replication of the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in their behalf, and in the name of the People of Pennsylvania, to the answer made by John Nicholson to the articles of accusation and impeachment exhibited by them to the Senate, and now depending against him:
- "The House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Prosecutors on behalf of themselves, and the People of Pennsylvania, against John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth, reply to the answer of the said John Nicholson, and aver, that their charge of high misdemeanors against him the said John is true, and that the said John is guilty of all and every the matters contained in the articles of impeachment, by them exhibited against him, in the manner and form as they are therein charged, and this the said House of Representatives are ready to prove against him, at such convenient time and place as the Senate shall appoint for that purpose.

#### "GEORGE LATIMER,

" Speaker of the House of Representatives."

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the said commonwealth, &c. and,

After fome time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### Thursday, February twenty-seventh, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After fome time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until cleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday,

### Friday, February twenty-eighth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Saturday, March first, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennfylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock on Tuesday next.

#### Tuesday, March fourth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to morrow morning.

### Wednesday, March fifth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Thursday, March sixth, 1794.

The Senate litting for the purpole of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Friday, March seventh, 1794.

The Senate sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday,

#### Saturday, March eighth, 1794.

The Senate sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock on Monday next.

# Monday, March tenth, 1794.

The Senate litting for the purpole of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Tuesday, March eleventh, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### Wednesday, March twelfth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### Thursday, March thirteenth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### Friday, March fourteenth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday,

# Saturday, March fifteenth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock on Monday next.

### Monday, March seventeenth, 1794.

The Senate litting for the purpole of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to morrow morning.

#### Tuesday, March eighteenth, 1794.

The Senate sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### Wednesday, March nineteenth, 1794.

The Senate sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Thursday, March twentieth, 1794.

The Senate litting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennfylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### Friday, March twenty-first, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpole of trying impeachments—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennfyl-'vania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday,

# Saturday, March twenty-second, 1794.

The Senate sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock on Monday next.

# Monday, March twenty-fourth, 1794.

The Senate fitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholfon, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennfylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholion, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned the further hearing of the cause until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

## Tuesday, March twenty-fifth, 1794.

The Senate sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments—

John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Senate proceeded in the trial of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the articles of accusation and impeachment, for high misdemeanors, exhibited against him by the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c. and,

After some time,

Adjourned during pleafure.

Friday,

# Friday, April eleventh, 1794.

The Senate sitting for the purpose of trying impeachments— John Nicholson, Comptfoller General of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the bar.

The Speaker of the Senate faid-

John Nicholfon, It has been resolved, That if two-thirds of the Senators present should not find you guilty on any one of the articles of accusation and impeachment, exhibited against you by the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Senate should declare the same and discharge you;

And the question, on the said articles, having been separately put, and two-thirds of the Senators present not having found you guilty on any one of them, It is declared, That you are not guilty of all or any of the misseemeanors charged upon you in the said articles of accusation and impeachment, and you are accordingly discharged.

ADJOURNED,