

Dutchess Ancient Document 11948  
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“The Jurors upon their Oaths present that James Pritchard of Poughkeepsie precinct in Dutchess County Keeping a publick Inn or Tavern and being an ill disposed person and little regarding the Laws of this State on or about the sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven did publickly set up and keep within his house a Billiard Table to the Common nuisance of the People of the State of New York and to the evil example of all others in like cases offending against the force of the statute in that Case made and provided and against the peace of the people of the State of New York and their Dignity.”

On reverse side of document:

“May 1787  
The People}  
V  
James Pritchard} Ind<sup>t</sup>

Discharg’d

Witness  
John Vankleck  
Nicholas Power

A True Bill P<sup>d</sup>

Lewis Dubois foreman  
Filed May 17<sup>th</sup> 1787”