

venue, and the pleasing Progress made in the Reduction of the late very burthensome Debt of the Province, and you will adopt such Measures as may appear best calculated to continue and secure the permanent Credit of the country, the Extension of its Agriculture and Fisheries, as well as for the improving the Communications between the Country, and Metropolis, by making and repairing Roads and Bridges, and by such other Means as may be deemed expedient.

I shall have great Satisfaction in contributing to those important Ends, and you may rely on my ready Co-operation with you in every Act which may tend to the Honour and Interest of His Majesty's Government and the Protection and Prosperity of his People.

The Importance of the Season of the Year to the Farmer and Men of Business, and the Necessity of an unremitted Attention to the Means of Defence, will point out to You, the Propriety of hastening your Deliberations, and I flatter myself, that the Confidence we have in each other and the general Welfare of the Province will enable you soon to accomplish the necessary Affairs of the Session.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Stuart*, be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

*Resolved*, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Friday the 16th Instant.

*Charles Morris*, Junr. Esq; returned duly elected for the County of *Halifax*, and Mr. *Daniel Eaton*, returned duly elected for the Township of *Onslow*, severally took the usual Oaths and their Seats.

The Treasurer pursuant to Order, presented an Account of all Monies received by him into, and Payments made from the Provincial Treasury, from the 1st *March*, 1796, to the 31st *May*, 1797, inclusive.

*Ordered*, That the said Account, do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *M'Monagle*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Stuart*, be a Committee of this House, for the examining the Public Accounts jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and reporting thereon; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at One of the Clock.

Wednesday, 7th *June*, 1797.

A Message was received from the Council, informing the House, that they had appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House to examine and report on the public Accounts, and that their Committee would be ready to meet the Committee of this House, on the said Business in the Committee Room of the Council on Friday next, at Ten of the Clock.

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

Mr. *Sterns*, reported, from the Committee appointed yesterday, to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read