

That the Committee have not had any proof laid before them of the facts stated in the Petition, and therefore recommend the deferring the consideration of the Petition, until the Petitioner shall have procured satisfactory proof of the damage sustained by him, and particularly the information, by Certificate, of William Smith, Esq; of Douglass, who acted as the Commissioner when the Road was made.

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately, in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following :

An Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg, and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts.

An Act to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

It is my duty to present to your Excellency, for your Assent, the Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted during the last and present Sessions ; they are liberal beyond example, and I trust will fully produce the desired effect of promoting the general prosperity of the Province.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the year 1804, and the year 1805, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the last and present Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech :

GENTLEMEN,

It is with unusual pleasure I find it in my power to close this two long protracted Sessions ; with assurances that the very extensive Grants you have made shall be faithfully applied, as far as the means may enable me, which are diminished already by a loss of nearly one third of the Revenue of the current year, by your detention of the Bills to so late a period, which, I am sorry to observe, operate to the detriment of many in favor of a few.

J. WENTWORTH.

And afterwards the President of His Majesty's Council said,

GENTLEMEN,

It is his Excellency's Will, and Pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the Seventeenth Day of April next, to be then here holden : and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Seventeenth Day of April next.