

to-morrow, to answer such Questions as may be asked him, relative to the Council Books reported to have been lost.

Ordered, on motion, That William Townshend, Esq. member of his Majesty's Council, be requested to attend this House to-morrow, to answer such questions as the House may think proper to ask relative to the Council Books, reported to have been lost.

Mr. Plaw, Deputy Surveyor General appeared at the Bar with some Plans, and informed the House, That his Principal, Thomas Wright, Esq. was prevented by illness from attending at the Bar according to order.

Ordered, on motion, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House as a Committee of Ways and Means: Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Solicitor-General took the Chair, and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Solicitor-General, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £605. 10s. 6d. ought to be raised in order to Pay each Militia-man the Pay of his rank, while called out to attend the Musters appointed by the Militia Laws of this Island.

Ordered, that the Report be agreed to.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means; Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Solicitor-General took the Chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, Mr. Solicitor-General, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolutions, viz. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be brought into the House, to raise, by way of Assessment on the Lands of this Island, the Sum of £1610. 10s. 6d. for the Service of the Militia, and to finish the Public Buildings.

On Motion that the report be agreed to, the House divided, and there appeared

For the Report, Messrs. BRECKEN, STEWART, ROUBEL, M'AULAY, and RANKIN.

Against it, Messrs. HOLLAND, SOLICITOR-GENERAL, MURRAY, E. COFFIN, and B. COFFIN.

The House being equally divided, the Speaker voted in favour of the Report.

Ordered, on motion, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to raise, by way of Assessment on Lands, the Sum of £1610. 10s. 6d. for the Service of the Militia, and to finish the Public Buildings—Messrs. M'AULAY, ROUBEL, and BRECKEN, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourned till Ten o'Clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1810.

THE House met according to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

A Letter from J. F. Holland, Esq. relative to the Post-Office, was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Lobban, late Clerk of the Council, attended at the Bar of the House, and was Examined as follows, viz.

Q. Did you Act as Clerk of the Council?

A. I did.

Q. Were the Council Books ever in your Possession?

A. They were not; they were always in the Possession of Governor Des Barres.

Q. Where were the Books kept?

A. I don't know what part of the Governor's House they were kept in, they were brought to me when I wanted them.

Q. Had you any occasion to look on the Locations of the Loyalists' Lands?

A. I had many a time.

Q. Did you see any Books containing Locations of Loyalists' Lands in the year 1785?

A. As to Date I will not be positive, but I took an Extract from a Council Book of the 6th of November, 1784, which was at the Commencement of a Book about the Size of a Quire of Paper.

Q. Do you recollect if that was the time—when the Government of the Island was changed from the Governor to the Lieutenant Governor?

A. I do not recollect.

Q. Do you recollect Mr. Townshend ever applying to you concerning the Minutes of Council?

A. I recollect a circumstance taking place, in which Mr. Townshend applied to me respecting the Time he was called to the Council.