

“ the minutes of the Council of the 8th of August,
 “ 1776, that the Governor, with the Lieutenant
 “ Governor, Hugh Finlay, Thomas Dunn, John
 “ Collins, and Adam Mabane, being the only
 “ members present, appointed the said five mem-
 “ bers a board of Privy Council; and ordered,
 “ that they examine and report upon the provin-
 “ cial accounts down to the first of May last; the
 “ military contingent accounts for the defence of
 “ the Province, to the time of discharging the
 “ militia of the city of Quebec; the Indian con-
 “ tingent accounts, including the bills drawn at
 “ Oswegatche, Niagara, Detroit, and Michilima-
 “ kinac; and all other accounts which may be
 “ laid before them by his Excellency's orders;
 “ that they enquire into the state of the Province
 “ with regard to provisions, both in wheat and
 “ live stock, which it is capable of furnishing to
 “ his Majesty's troops, over and above the con-
 “ sumption of the inhabitants; and that they
 “ forthwith give their opinion to his Excellency,
 “ upon the propriety of stopping the exportation
 “ of those articles.

“ That they take into consideration the fees of
 “ the different offices, and of the attornies of the
 “ different courts of justice in the Province, and
 “ cause a list thereof to be made out, and laid be-
 “ fore his Excellency.

“ That