

which, is solely chargeable to the Transient Poor, who are either Cast upon the adjacent Shores through Misfortune, or seek Refuge in the Harbour of *Halifax*, upon the Approach of Winter; when it is almost impossible to send them away, and if it were practicable, would be attended with an Expence, still more intolerable, than their Support through the Winter. That the Petitioners, have too high a Sense of the Justice and Liberality of this House, to suppose it will hear with indifference the Recital of Facts, so obvious and demonstrable, and which effect, so materially and unequally, a Class of Inhabitants, that contribute in so great a Degree, to the Revenue of the Province; and praying, that the House will be pleased to take their Case into Consideration, and grant such Aid, as in its Wisdom, may seem best calculated to operate to the Petitioners relief.

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

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

TUESDAY, 18th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pyke*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the regulating of public Houses, &c. and presented a Bill, for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licences, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion, the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act, for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts, and for granting new Trials in Causes brought up from Inferior Courts*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed, to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Schwartz*, reported, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of his Majesty's Council, to examine the public Accounts, and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.

TREASURY.

The Treasurer's Accounts have been received up to the 31st *March* last; properly stated and correct, with Vouchers for all Charges and Discharges. The Balance in the Treasury at that Period, arising from the various Duties and Taxes was - 13,793 18 8

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST & EXCISE HALIFAX DISTRICT.

Their Accounts for the four Quarters, to the 31st *March* last, has been received properly stated and correct, there remained in their Hands at that Period, for Collection; subject to the usual Drawbacks on Articles exported, Securities to the Amount of 20,779 13 6

LUNENBURG DISTRICT.

No Returns have been received, from this District.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Collector of this District, has transmitted his quarterly Returns to the 31st *March* last, and are correct. He has remitted to the Treasury since the 31st *May* 1798, only £190, and there appears by his Account Current, as stated to the 31st *March* 1799, to be a balance due from him of - - - 1,221 8 0

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