

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of certain conscientious Persons from being obliged to take Oaths in the usual Forms, " was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-Morrow.

Bill to relieve certain conscientious Persons read a second time.

Mr. *Day* presented a Petition from the Freeholders of the Township of *Newport*, praying a Repeal of the Turnpike Law, which was *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition from Freeholders of *New-perd* presented.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

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Wednesday, 14th June 1786.

The Petition of *Thomas Watson*, Esqr; praying to be allowed to take his Seat as a Member for the County of *Cumberland*, was received and read, and the House thereupon resolved to take the same into Consideration in a Committee of the whole House.

Petition of *Thomas Watson* Read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House and Mr. *Fillis's* having taken the Chair.

House resolve itself into a Committee.

Mr. *Watson* was called on, and examined before the Committee, as also the Secretary of the Province, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it appearing to this Committee that in the Writ which was issued at the Request of the House of Assembly, for a Member for the County of *Cumberland*, in the Room of *Christopher Harper*, Esqr; the Words *two Members* had been erroneously inserted by a Clerk in the Secretary's Office, instead of the Words *one Member*, and that *Thomas Watson* the Petitioner had been elected and returned under such Mistake (the County of *Cumberland* being fully represented by *John Butler Dight*, Esqr; and Mr. *Philip Marchinton*) the said *Thomas Watson* cannot be received as a Member for that County in Consequence of such Election.

Report of that Committee,

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Watson* be allowed a reasonable Compensation for the Expences incurred by him in Consequence of such Election.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fillis*, Chairman of the Committee reported the above Proceedings of said Committee, which were agreed to unanimously by the House.

Agreed to by the House.

A Petition from *Henry Folger*, in Behalf of several distressed Families from *Nantucket*, was presented to the House and read, and thereupon *ordered*, that a Committee of three Members be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, to request he would be pleased to make Application to Major General *Campbell* to allow the several Families mentioned in the above Petition to be accommodated in some of the vacant Military Buildings belonging to Government, until they can be better provided for; Mr. *Leckie*, the Solicitor General, and Mr. *Marchinton*, were appointed for that Purpose.

Petition from *Henry Folger* Read,

The Solicitor General acquainted the House, that Mr. *Pyke* and Mr. *Marchinton* and himself had waited on His Excellency the