

subject, in such cases as the House deemed absolutely necessary to render them more clear and concise, and have also pursued the same course during the present Session, and hope, by a continuation in that course, to effect the object desired; and that the House will, at the next Session, make such a review of the temporary Laws as they hope may prove satisfactory to His Excellency.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Albro, Mr. Bingay, Mr. Blair and Mr. Church, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to issue Treasury Notes, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter an Act, passed in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill requiring the Collectors of Light-Duties in this Province not to exact or take greater Duties on Ships or Vessels, owned by Inhabitants of the United States of America, than are payable on British Ships, and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill, and also, a Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to issue Treasury Notes, be now read a second time, and the said Bills were severally read a second time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bills above mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bills to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bills severally to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Issue of Treasury Notes, to a certain amount, and lending the same to the Governors of Dalhousie College, and for securing the re-payment thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act authorizing the lending a Sum of Money to the Governors of the Dalhousie College, and for securing the re-payment thereof.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter, received by him this day, from the Honorable Michael Wallace, Vice-President of the Provincial Agricultural Society, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows, viz,

HALIFAX, 5th April, 1823.

SIR,

I BEG leave to communicate, for the information of the Honorable the House of Assembly, that the Provincial Agricultural Society, at their last Meeting, found several important objects unprovided for in the distribution of the late Grant of £1000, and came to the following Resolution, which I have the honor of submitting to your notice, viz,

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Resolved,