

Year 1797, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord 1797, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, 10th July, 1797.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Belcher, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Resolution of the House of Thursday last, respecting John Thomas, Esq; Collector of Impost and Excise at Liverpool, and also Renald McKinnon and Charles McNeil, Esqrs. late Collectors of Impost and Excise at Shelburne; that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to say, he would comply with the Request of the House, agreeable to the said Resolution.

Mr. Sterns, reported from the Committee appointed on Saturday to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

To HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, Baronet, L.L.D.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the Commons of Nova Scotia in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

The illicit Trade carried on from this Province to the United States of America under cover of the Permission given by your Excellency's Proclamation, which permits the Importation of certain Articles from thence under particular Circumstances, is a Practice the House of Assembly have for some time past observed with Regret. From its extent and serious Effects on the Revenues of the Province, and the Commerce with the Parent State and her Colonies, as well as its manifest Violation of the Acts of Parliament, the House conceived it necessary to attempt a Remedy, and accordingly prepared and passed a Bill for that purpose, a Copy of which is hereunto annexed. This Bill was returned by his Majesty's Council, not agreed to, accompanied with a written Message, stating the Reasons, which induced the Council to reject it. To those Reasons and the answer returned by this House, together with a Petition from the principal Merchants of the Province, the House beg leave respectfully to refer your Excellency for your further Information on this important subject, and humbly request, should your Excellency see fit to continue by Proclamation the licenced Trade between this Province and the United States, that you will be pleased to put the same under such Restrictions and Limitations, as may be most efficacious to prevent the Evils complained of.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by a Committee of this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Belcher, Mr. Howe and Mr. Perkins, be a Committee for the above purpose.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do wait on His Excellency, to know his pleasure, when he will receive the said Address.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord, 1797, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.