

Mr. Lawson presented to the House an Account of Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, between 1st January, and 31st December, 1822.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the several Papers following, viz.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, the Agent of the Province, to the President of His Majesty's Council and Mr. Speaker, dated London, the 9th March, 1822, on the subject of opening the Ports in the West-India Islands to American Vessels, and enclosing Copy of a Correspondence between the Committee of British Merchants in London, connected with the Trade, Fisheries, &c. of His Majesty's Colonies in North America, and His Majesty's Ministers, on the said subject; also,

A Copy of a Letter from the President of His Majesty's Council and Mr. Speaker, to Mr. Atcheson, dated Halifax, 17th April, 1822, enclosing a Copy of an Address from His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, to His Majesty, on the before-mentioned subject; and also, a Copy of an Address to His Majesty, relative to a Duty of Sixpence per gallon on Rum, imported into Canada, from the North American Colonies.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Papers do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

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

*Tuesday, 18th February, 1823.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Petition of George Smith, and others, Ship-Owners and Merchants, residing in Pictou, interested in Foreign Trade, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House: and the same was read by the Clerk, praying to be relieved from the payment of Light Duties, for the support of the Light on Cranberry Island, by Vessels coming round Cape North, to the Ports in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and the House having taken into consideration that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which relates to the Fisheries of the Province, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report on, the State of the Fisheries, and the best mode of encouraging the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Grassie, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Smith, Mr. Blair and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution, and that the said Committee do make a Report to this House on Saturday morning next, the 22d instant.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday next, consider further the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Wednesday, 19th February, 1823.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Resolution of Monday last, the Bill to repeal part of an Act, passed in the last Session, entitled, An Act to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or Public Roads of the Province, was read a second time.

*Resolved*,