

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

A petition of Enos Collins, and Andrew Wright, of Halifax, Merchants, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying a further suspension for six months of the payment of the Duties on a quantity of Sugar, by them imported from the Brazils, in June, 1811, for exportation to the United States of America.

A petition of Matthew Richardson, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Excise duty by him paid on certain articles of Merchandize exported to the Port of Boston in the Months of April, May and June last, amounting to £ 31 12.

A petition of Hugh Denoon, Robert Pagan and James Milnes, Magistrates at Pictou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying payment of Expences incurred by them, for the securing and conveying to the Goal at Halifax, one Matthew Reynolds, who was apprehended on suspicion of being an Alien, amounting to £ 32 12.

A petition of the Reverend Alexander M'Donald, Hugh Denoon and others, Magistrates and Inhabitants of the District of Pictou and its Vicinity, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying for a further aid, towards completing the Pier at Arisag Point on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Binney, Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, pursuant to the order of the House, presented to the House, an account of all the Securities for duties due the Province, specifying the date and amount of each Security, and by whom payable, with the payments made thereon, and the dates of such payments.

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

Mr. Lawson reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council to examine the public accounts, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Treasurer of the Province.*

His Account to the 31st December last, has been received, and is correct; there is a balance in his hands of

£ 4,979 0 11

*Collectors of Impost and Excise.*

*Halifax.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct; there is a balance of Bonds in his hands for collection of

£ 19,961 19 7

ditto for appropriated Wine Duty 1,045 0 0

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Balance