

Majesty's Quit Rents, and applied to the use of the Colony, together with a further sum, being part of the Quit Rent fund, as appears by a Minute of the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury bearing date the seventh day of August one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six, a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

"And no part of the said sum except about one hundred and fifty pounds, having been yet paid or expended for the use of the Colony; the House of Assembly humbly requests that your Excellency may be pleased to make application for the same, either to his Majesty's Ministers, or the Parliament of the United Kingdom, as in your Excellency's wisdom shall seem meet.

"RALPH BRECKEN, Speaker.

"Assembly Room, September 29, 1812."

*Extract of the Minutes of the Treasury, 7th August, 1776.*

"My Lords are of opinion, that the arrears of the Quit Rents now due, and the growing Quit Rent until the 1st of May, 1799, to which time, his Majesty has relinquished the same, for the benefit of the Island, should be applied, in the first place to the payment of arrears of Salaries, due to the officers on the civil establishment of that Island, up to the first day of January next, and if after discharging and satisfying the arrears of Salaries, to the first day of January, 1777, there shall remain any surplus, their Lordships order, that the same be applied to the making of Roads, and other Public Works, within the Island. And my Lords direct the former, as well as the present Receiver General of the Island, to apply all such sums of money, as shall be in their hands to the above purposes and to take all proper means to enforce payment of the arrears and the accruing Quit Rents, and recover the same. And my Lords, direct, that such of the Civil Officers, as shall have received any money out of the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, granted by Parliament, for the benefit of the Island, after receipt of their arrears, do refund the Sums, they shall have so received, in order that the whole of that sum, may be applied, to the purposes for which the same was granted."

On Motion of Mr. *Solicitor General*, seconded by Dr. *M'Aulay*, the House came to the following Resolution.

*Resolved*, that it be an instruction from this House to the Committee of Correspondence, to transmit to the Colony Agent, a copy of an Address, this day ordered to be presented to His Excellency, relative to a Parliamentary Grant, and sundry arrears of Quit Rents, which were to be expended in this Island under the order of His Majesty's Government; together with such information, on the subject, as the said Committee can obtain, and most earnestly to request the solicitation and assistance of the Colony Agent, towards effecting the object, in said Petition contained.

On Motion, of Mr. *Solicitor General*, seconded by Dr. *M'Aulay*, that a Committee be appointed to draw, during the recess, a Bill for the purpose of raising an Assessment upon Land and Houses, and a bounty upon grain and produce and that such Committee be required to correspond, if they shall think proper, from time to time, with the country Members, for the purpose of procuring their sentiments on the subject, previously communicating to them, the heads of such Bill, and the Bill shall be presented to the House, the first day after the recess or prorogation, the same was carried *nem. con.* and Mr. *Solicitor General*, Dr. *M'Aulay*, Mr. *Nelson*, Mr. *Dockendorff*, and Mr. *Hyde*, were accordingly appointed.

*Ordered*, On Motion, of Mr. *Solicitor*, seconded by Mr. *Nelson*, that *Lemuel Cambridge*, *Charles Worrel*, *George Birnie*, *Fade Goff*, and *Charles Stewart*, Esquires, having absented themselves from their duty, and failed to attend as Members of