

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1822.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time, a bill, "for the establishment and improvement of the great roads of communication through the Province, and to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the same."

Ordered that the same be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. *Smith*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to alter the time of holding the return Courts of the Common Pleas in the County of Westmorland."

Which was read a first time.

The order of the day being read, the House according thereto resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a bill, "for the better securing the navigation of the inner Bay of Passamaquoddy."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported that they had made progress in the bill to them referred, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. *Chipman*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report on the subject of Confined Debtors, brought in a bill, "in amendment of the Laws now in force for the support and relief of Confined Debtors, and for the relief of Debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their persons."

Which was read a first time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, in further consideration of a bill, "to prevent the importation or spreading of Infectious Distempers within this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell* took the Chair of the Committee.

Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*, by the Secretary:

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"13th FEBRUARY, 1822.

"G. S. SMYTH.

"The *Lieutenant-Governor* acquaints the House of Assembly, that he has received directions from Earl Bathurst, His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, to recommend that in future a clause should be inserted in all Colonial Acts, for the purpose of exempting from duties all articles whatever, and in whatever manner imported, which may be expressly for the use of His Majesty's Army, Navy, and Ordnance, under such regulations as may be thought necessary for guarding against frauds which may be attempted under cover of such exemption.

"He is further directed to recommend to the Legislature, that the bonds given by Assistant Commissary General Price, for the duty upon rum imported into this Province for the use of His Majesty's troops, may be cancelled.

"G. S. S."

Mr. *Campbell* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell*, from the Committee, reported that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded:

Resolved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed for three months. Which was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr.