

*Ordered*, That a Bill be prepared for remedying the same.

Bill ordered thereon

The Collectors of the Duties of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, laid before the House by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor,

Accounts laid before the House by the Collectors of Impost and Excise.

The Accounts of the Impost and Excise Duties for the several Quarters, beginning the first of *April*, 1776, and ending the Thirty First of *March*, 1777.

The Lists of Masters of Vessels and others who have paid Impost and Excise Duties, together with the Sums they have paid and Arrears on the different Articles.

An Account Current with Government to the 31st *March*, 1777.

Lists of Permits granted for Rum, &c. sent into the different Districts of the Province for the several Quarters, beginning the 1st *July*, and ending the 31st *March*, 1777.

An Account of the Light-House Duty collected from the 1st *April*, 1776, to the 31st *March*, 1777.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine the public Accounts.

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Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

**Tuesday June 10th, 1777.**

*John Chipman*, Esq; returned Member for the Township of *Cornwallis*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

According to Order,

A Bill for continuing the several Acts, relating to the Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

Bills presented

A Bill for the making perpetual an Act made in the 11th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to avoid the double Payment of Debts.

And a Bill in Amendment of the several Acts for regulating Juries,

Were presented to the House,

And the same were read a 1st Time,

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had Yesterday attended his Honor the Lieutenant Governor with their Address, to which his Honor was pleased to give the following Answer.

The Lieutenant-Governor's Answer to the Address of the House.

" GENTLEMEN,

" *I Thank you for your Address, the just Sense you entertain of the Happiness you enjoy under Laws framed on the Principles of the British Constitution, together with the dutiful Attachment to the King's Government, and your Confidence in the Measures of my Administration, gives me a sensible Pleasure, and be assured, that I cannot receive a higher Gratification than to be enabled to advance your Welfare and Prosperity.*

Mr. Morris from the Commissioners appointed by his Honor the Lieutenant Governor to farm the Duties of Impost and Excise arising in the Districts of *Canso*, of *Liverpool*, of *Yarmouth*, of *Passamaquady*, and the River *St. John*, presented to the House a Report of the Proceedings of the said Commissioners therein, and the same was read, and is as follows, viz.

Report of the Commissioners appointed to farm the Duties at Canso, &c.

That the said Commissioners had advertised for Sale the said Duties as the Law directs, and that on the Second Day of *December*, 1776, the Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors,