

On motion of Mr. Weldon.—The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Partelow in the Chair of the Committee.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had passed several other Resolutions, which he read, and they being handed in at the Clerk's Table, were there again read, and are as follow :—

Resolved, that there be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £100, to pay the Quarter Master General for his services from the date of his appointment, until the end of the year 1829 ; and a further sum not exceeding £100, to enable the Quarter Master General to take care of the Arms sent out for the use of the Militia Forces.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief, a sum not exceeding £500, for defraying the expenses which may be incurred for the protection of the Revenue the ensuing year.

To Thomas P. Marter, Tide Surveyor at the Port of Saint John, for his services from the 1st day of February, 1828, to the 1st day of February, 1829, the sum of £75, and this allowance to be discontinued thereafter.

And the Chairman further reported, that he was directed to ask leave to sit again. Ordered, that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Secretary Odell delivered the following Message :—

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE to the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,

“ 30th January, 1829.

“ HOWARD DOUGLAS.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor acquaints the House of Assembly, that in consequence of the want of money in the Treasury to meet several urgent demands upon it, he was under the necessity of applying to the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of New-Brunswick, in whose hands the Casual Revenue was deposited, to make advances out of the same, for the payment of the several warrants drawn for grants of 1826 and 1827, with an understanding that the same should be replaced out of the first monies coming into the Treasury.

“ The Bank consented to make the requisite advances, but having made a closedeposit of the Crown money, applied their own funds, to the payment of warrants, amounting to £7,387 : 10, a list of which is herewith transmitted ; which warrants were lodged in the Bank, there to remain until the same were taken up by the Treasury.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor further informs the House, that the amount of the said warrants still remains due to the Bank, the Directors of that Institution, having, in compliance with the Lieutenant-Governor's request, agreed to extend the time for payment in full confidence that the Legislature would make provision for the interest upon the sums so advanced for the Public Service.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor considering that the public have derived much benefit from these advances, and that many necessary appropriations must have remained unpaid to this day, had the Bank required payment, as was first stipulated, recommends to the House of Assembly, that interest should be paid on the amount of the said warrants, from such time as the House may consider proper under all the circumstances of the case.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor takes this opportunity of communicating to the House of Assembly, certain regulations which were made by His Excellency and His Majesty's Council, during the last Summer, to enforce a more strict observance of the provisions of the Revenue Laws.

“ 1. In cases where it can be done without inconvenience, the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, to send a notice to the principal of any instalment becoming due on a Bond, a week or ten days before the time of payment ; and if not paid to notify the surety immediately.

“ 2. A strict attention to the Revenue Law in future to be enforced ; and that it be incumbent on the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to send to the Attorney-General all Bonds, any part of which has been one month over due and remaining unpaid.