

Read a first time, "A Bill to give effect to and prevent the evasion of an Act intituled an Act for the organization of the Militia of this Province."

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon "A Bill to regulate the Grand Manan Fishery."

A MESSAGE from the COUNCIL.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Justice Bliss* delivered the Message.

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"The Council have agreed to the Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes out of this Province for a limited time."

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

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Mr. *Agnew* from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made several amendments thereunto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

Ordered that the report be accepted; and that the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

On motion, resolved that the order of the day for taking into consideration the report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws have expired or are near expiring, be discharged, and that the House will go into consideration of the said Report on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Humbert* by leave, presented a Petition of *Henry Smith* and *Jedediah Slason*, of Fredericton, in the County of York; and also a Petition of sundry freeholders of the County of York, and Electors of Representatives for the same County in General Assembly, complaining of an undue election for the same County.

Ordered that the Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK,

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

"14th FEBRUARY, 1817.

"H. W. HAILES.

"The PRESIDENT taking into consideration the great augmentation of public business before His Majesty's Council, arising from the numerous applications made to them by individuals from all parts of the Province, and by various duties imposed on them by Acts of the General Assembly; and impressed with the necessity, in order to promote the general interests of the Province, of disposing of such business with all possible dispatch, and considering that no recompence whatever is made to the Members attending for these important purposes, recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly the making of a suitable provision for a Quorum of the Council, in order to enable him, with the more confidence, to call upon those gentlemen to give their time and attention to those highly important provincial duties, the discharge of which, must otherwise necessarily be greatly impeded and delayed."

"H. W. H."

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, by order of His Honor the PRESIDENT, delivered to the House a Report of the Commissioners for building the Secretary's and Surveyor General's Offices; also a Report of the Committee appointed to carry into effect the Grant of £1000, for introducing Settlers into the Province, with sundry papers relating to the same.

Ordered that the two Reports and other Papers lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A MESSAGE from His Honor the PRESIDENT, by *Xenophon Jouett*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the