

Wednesday 21st December, 1785.

Joseph Aplin Esq; take the Oath and his Seat.

Joseph Aplin, Esq; Member for the Town of Barrington took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Transient poor Bill and Impost Bill not agreed to by the Council.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Maintenance and Support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen and Soldiers, and other distressed Persons, who have no fixed Place of Abode.* Not agreed to. Also with the Bill intituled, *An Act to revive, alter and continue the several Laws relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors,* which Laws expired the Thirty First of December 1784. Not agreed to.

Petition of John Harris presented

Mr. Smith presented a Petition from John Harris, relating to *Pierson Road,* Ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Mr. Jessen presented.

Mr. Dight presented a Petition from D. Christopher Jessen, Esq; praying some Allowance for his Losses sustained during the late War, Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House having according to the Order of the Day proceeded to take into Consideration the Petitions on the Table.

Petition of John Sargent, read

The Petition of John Sargent, Gauger at *Shelburne* was read, and thereupon resolved, That he be allowed the Sum of *Forty Pounds,* for his Service in that Office for the Year past.

Petition of John O'Brien read.

Petition of John O'Brien, Landwaiter at *Shelburne,* was read, and the Consideration thereof deferred to a future Day.

Petition of John Nevil read

The Petition of John Nevil, late Goaler, read and dismissed.

Petition of B. Creamer read

The Petition of *Beltbezer Creamer,* read and dismissed.

Petition of John Toler read.

The Petition of John Toler, late Tide Waiter at *Halifax,* was read, and deferred to a future Consideration.

Petition of John Prince read

The Petition of John Prince was read, and thereupon resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Forty three Pounds and Ten Pence,* should be paid to him out of the public Monies in the Treasury, pursuant to the prayer of his Petition.

Petition of John Prince sent to the Council.

The Petition of John Prince with the above Resolve of the House, was sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

Petition of Robert Collins, read.

The House proceeded on the Petition of Robert Collins, and deferred the further Consideration thereof until To-morrow.

Government Estimate for 1786 received

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor with the Estimate of Expences of Government for the Year 1786, and thereupon it was agreed, that the House should proceed in the Consideration thereof To-morrow, and that in the mean Time the Estimate should lay on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

Petition of Arthur Gould, and John Newton received.

The Petition of Arthur Gould, and John Newton, Esqrs; Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax,* recommended to the Consideration of the House by his Excellency the Governor, was received, and Ordered to lie on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

The House adjourned till 11 o'Clock, To-morrow.

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